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427424 - Empower Rural Iowa, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CSLFRF")-NOFA #007 - Final Application

435827 - WiaTel FTTP Expansion

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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202 Cedar Street

City*

Lawton
City

Iowa
State/Province

51030
Postal Code/Zip

Phone:*

712-944-5711
Phone

Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Western Iowa Telephone Association

Organization Type:*

Other

DUNS:

Organization Website:

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Vendor Number

Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Heath Mallory
Title* Chief Executive Officer
Organization* Western Iowa Telephone Association
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If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Plymouth County, Woodbury County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra
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Business Organization - NOFA #007

Please list the business legal name as it is used by federal and state taxing agencies, banks, and for other legal purposes.

Business Legal Name* Western Iowa Telephone Association
Doing Business As: WiaTel
Are you a local government, non-profit, and/or cooperative?* Yes
Identify your organization as a local government, non-profit, or cooperative Cooperative

Physical Address

Street * 202 Cedar Street
City* Lawton
State* IA
United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)
Zip* 51030

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

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Street or P.O. Box* 202 Cedar Street

City* Lawton

State* IA

United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)

Zip Code* 51030

Applicant Business Structure and Eligibility

Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.

Communication Service Provider* Yes

Are you the entity that will be performing the proposed work, or an entity with a substantial ownership interest in the entity that will be both performing the proposed work and offering/Facilitating last-mile connection to homes and businesses?*

Yes

Identification of whether the Applicant is a subsidiary of one or more parent companies.

Are you a subsidiary of one or more parent companies?*

No

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Requirements

All eligible applicants are also required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>). Please upload a PDF of your organization's status.

SAM.gov* [WiaTel SAMS.png](#)

A DUNS number is a unique nine-character number used to identify your organization. The federal government uses the DUNS number to track how federal money is allocated. Please visit this website for additional information: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>

DUNS Number* 009862020

Enter your organization's Federal Tax Identification Number.

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* 42-0699794

Eligibility and Demonstrated Experience

This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; history of organization; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #007; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #007.

Demonstrated Experience* [WiaTel Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

Name Dr. Keith Schrunck, Vision Care Clinic

Telephone Number 712-873-3440

Name Deb Vohs

Telephone Number 712-873-3956

Name Jodi Petersen, City Clerk, City of Merville

Telephone Number 712-873-3545

Broadband Grants Core Application - Exhibits B, C, D, and D.1

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Applicants must ensure the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 2.2.6.6. and 7.18 of the NOFA #007.

DISCLAIMER: An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 7.18.1 of the NOFA #007, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 7.18.4 of the NOFA #007.

NOTE: Applicants are ONLY required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the NOFA #007, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding fair information practices rules available at 129 IAC 2.

Full Unredacted Copy*

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Public Redacted Copy

Wireless projects must demonstrate infrastructure deployed as a function of the project contains adequate backhaul capabilities to support stated broadband delivery speeds to the entire coverage area listed in Exhibit B. See Exhibit I - Wireless Project Design.

Are you implementing a wireless project?*

No

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Have you read and do you accept the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement (Exhibit E)?*

Yes

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)*

[Exhibit F Signed.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[Exhibit G Signed.pdf](#)

Product Pricing Form - Exhibit L

Please upload Exhibit L Product Pricing Form. The attachment should be a PDF (remember to sign) and be titled "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit L.

Exhibit L Product Pricing Form*

[Exhibit L Signed.pdf](#)

Executive Project Summary NOFA #007

No costs may be incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Estimated Project Construction Start Date*

06/01/2022

The project must be completed no later than September 30, 2026.

Estimated Project Completion Date*

09/30/2026

Has construction on the project begun?*

No

By stating federal funds are necessary to proceed, the applicant is confirming that the project would not be built out to these eligible areas and completed by September 30, 2026 without this funding.

Are federal funds necessary for the project to proceed?*

Yes

Are you applying for a project that will facilitate 100/20 Broadband?*

No

Please include the technology type, facilitated speed and the project area. You may also include information regarding any middle-mile subcontractors that will be facilitating middle mile services.

Briefly describe your project. *

WiaTel's total fiber network infrastructure project costs for the WiaTel East Expansion are \$2,606,102.40. Upon project completion, WiaTel's goal is to

By checking this box Applicant certifies, to the best of it's knowledge, that neither Applicant nor any other known Communications Service Provider or other entity has been awarded federal funds for the construction of 25/3 wireline broadband or faster, which funds may include but are not limited to RDOF, ACAM, or other sources of federal funding, for previous or current Broadband infrastructure projects in the Eligible Area(s) forming this basis of Applicant's proposed Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this certification does not apply to projects that may have received other sources of American Rescue Plan Funding.*

Yes

Total Project costs are defined as the total costs/expenditures comprising a Project, and for which the Applicant/Grantee may seek reimbursement from the Office. Refer to Section 1.5.2 (Total Project Costs).

Does your total project cost exceed \$10 Million?*

No

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 60%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost + Request %)
Conduit (DC1)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper (DC2)	Mainline and Drop Fiber - Materials & Installation (66.7 Mainline Miles)	\$2,401,840.32	\$0.00	\$2,401,840.32	60.0	\$1,441,104.19
OSP Engineering (DC3)	Engineering	\$10,565.28	\$0.00	\$10,565.28	60.0	\$6,339.17
Design Engineering (DC4)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt. (DC5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Tower (DC6)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna (DC7)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring (DC8)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Trenching (DC9)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing (DC10)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment (DC11)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment (DC12)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment (DC13)	FTTP Electronics	\$193,696.80	\$0.00	\$193,696.80	60.0	\$116,218.08
Customer Premise Equipment (DC14)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Other (DC15)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$2,606,102.40	\$0.00	\$2,606,102.40		\$1,563,661.44

Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **positive impact** on minority persons? *

Yes

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.

The proposed WiaTel East Expansion will positively impact minority persons by enhancing broadband speeds in unserved areas of Plymouth and Woodbury Counties.

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Plymouth and Woodbury Counties have a 9.8% and 28.9% minority population, respectively. These populations of individuals within the grant area will benefit as a result of the fiber broadband infrastructure. The proposed project will eliminate any disadvantage resulting from lack of access to reliable, high-speed broadband.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Persons with a Disability, African Americans, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaskan Native Americans

Could the proposed grant program or

No

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policy have a disproportionate or
unique **negative impact** on minority
persons? *

I hereby certify the information above is
complete and accurate to the best of my
knowledge.*

CEO
Title

Heath
First Name

Mallory
Last Name

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