

## **Windstream Demonstrated Experience**

### **Empower Rural Iowa (CSLFRF)– NOFA #007**

Windstream, formed through the spinoff of ALLTEL's wireline business and merger with VALOR Communications Group in 2006, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to business and enterprise clients. Windstream supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber-optic network spanning approximately 125,000 miles.

Windstream has deployed over 33,000 digital subscriber line access multiplexers (DSLAMs) throughout its footprint supporting over 4 million serviceable locations, and providing residential service in 18 states including: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas.

Beginning early 2020, Windstream embarked on a multi-year program to invest 2 billion dollars of capital to bring fiber-backed gigabit services to millions of households across its footprint. As a result of these ongoing investment strategy and recent additional network enhancements, Windstream passed 967,000 premises with fiber across our footprint, by the end of September, 2021, including 826,000 Consumer premises and 141,000 Small Business premises. In addition, we added over 15,000 net new broadband subscribers, and ended the third quarter with over 145,000 consumers on 1 Gbps facilities.