

Jefferson Telephone Company, DBA Jefferson Telecom, celebrated 80 years of business in 2018. Jefferson Telecom serves Jefferson, Cooper, and Farlin, Iowa. Founded in 1938, Jefferson Telecom is now in its fifth generation of family involvement.

Dial up internet was first introduced in 1996 to local customers, and high speed internet was available in 1999. In 2001, Jefferson Telephone Company upgraded their system by burying fiber optic cable through the rural areas replacing buried copper cable. The project helped to provide high speed Internet to the rural area and developed a backbone for future technology upgrades. Jefferson Telecom is now 100% Fiber to the Home, providing broadband speeds up to 1 Gig to its approximately 2,000 in town and rural subscribers. In 2020, Jefferson Telephone Company was recognized by NTCA as a Gig-Capable Smart Rural Community Provider. Additional services include IPTV and local and long-distance phone service, and we have operated as an agent for U.S. Cellular for over 30 years.

Jefferson Telecom leadership has helped bring Pillar Technology and national recognition to the community. Recently, the city of Jefferson received the Prometheus Award as being named the Technology Community of the Year by the Technology Association of Iowa.

Additionally, the staff of Jefferson Telecom have been instrumental in key projects in the community such as the building of the Greene County Community Center, bell purchases for the Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower, Sierra Community Theatre, and annual donations for graduating student scholarships, Bell Tower Festival, Relay for Life, Main Street, and many other organizations.

Broadband has become an essential part of many people's lives. Jefferson Telephone Company strives to ensure every customer has a great experience and receives reliable broadband to further telework, telemedicine, and distance learning. During the pandemic it has become evident how paramount the need for reliable broadband is and this is why we want to connect every residence in Greene County with a high quality, reliable internet connection.

If Jefferson Telecom is awarded NOFA #007, we intend to start the project as soon as possible. Due to the low supply of fiber optic cable, electronics, and contractors, and based on current forecasts, we are anticipating a later project start date (2024) than would be our normal business practice.