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## **Demonstrated Experience NOFA #7**

East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative has provided landline telephone service under other legal names since 1905, and solely as a cooperative since 1964. Internet service has been provided to all cooperative members since the 1990's when dial-up Internet service was introduced.

Our General Manager has been in the telecom industry since 1989, and EBTC's Plant Manager along with our four other technicians average over 29 years of experience working in the telecom industry. One technician has been employed for over 43 years while the second-least-experienced technician has been employed for 16 years. Because of recent fiber projects, we have hired another experienced technician effective Oct 1, 2020.

We have completed Fiber-To-The-Home projects in the rural Aurora-Stanley exchange, our Quasqueton rural service area due to a NOFA 3 CARES Act Grant this year, and also this year we have just finished the Winthrop rural ACAM area.

West Union Trenching from West Union Iowa was the contractor for these projects and we have received cost estimates from them for this project.

East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative partners with, collaborates with, and donates to many organizations both inside and outside of our service area. EBTC also has a \$125,000 USDA revolving loan fund (RLF) and has assisted many start-ups and expanding businesses over the years. EBTC currently has one outstanding RLF loan to a local business.

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