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

**436871 - F&B Communications FTTH Rural Durant
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa**

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Last Name

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PO Box 309

City*

Wheatland
City

Iowa
State/Province

52777
Postal Code/Zip

Phone:*

563-374-1236
Phone

501
Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

563-374-1930

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

F&B Communications, Inc.

Organization Type:*

For-Profit – Privately Held

DUNS:

02-169-3510

Organization Website:

www.fbc-tele.com

Address:

103 N. Main Street
PO Box 309

City: Wheatland
City

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52777
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Phone: 563-374-1236

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Benefactor

Vendor Number

Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Kenneth Laursen
Title* General Manager
Organization* F&B Communications, Inc.
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
Address* 103 N. Main St.

City/State/Zip* Wheatland Iowa 52777
City State Zip
Telephone Number* 563-374-1236
E-Mail* ken@fbc-tele.com

Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Name* Kenneth Laursen
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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Cedar County, Muscatine County, Scott County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 2nd - Rep Marianette Miller-Meeks
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Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 37, 44, 46
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 73, 88, 91, 92
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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* F&B Communications, Inc.

Doing Business As:

Are you a local government, non-profit, and/or cooperative?* No

Physical Address

Street * 103 N. Main St.
City* Wheatland
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* 52777

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * P.O. Box 309
City* Wheatland

State* 3 of 5

IA

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

Zip Code* 52777

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* [436751 - FB Communications SAM registration.pdf](#)

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* 021693510

Enter your organization's Federal Tax Identification Number.

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* 42-0241560

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* [436871 - FB Communications Broadband Operations Experience for NOFA 7 WTC-FB.pdf](#)

References

Name	Jeffrey Kaufmann, Ph.D, Cedar County Board of Sup.
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Name	Jeff Jacobi, Current Residential and Business Cust
Telephone Number	(563) 374-1247

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

Applicant requests that 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

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* [436871 - FB Communications Broadband_Grants_Core_Application_NOFA007.xlsm](#)

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)* [436871 - FB Communications exhibit_f_-_certification_letter_nofa_007 Signed.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [436871 - FB Communications exhibit_g_-_request_for_confidentiality_-_form_22_nofa_007_12 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* [436871 - FB Communications exhibit_l_-_product_pricing_nofa_007 Signed.pdf](#)

Executive Project Summary NOFA #007

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

Estimated Project Construction Start Date* 04/01/2022

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. *

FTTH project for rural Durant with speeds up to 1G down and 1G up. F&B intends to partner with WTC Communications. If awarded, F&B and WTC intend to form a legal partnership and request funds be issued to the formed entity.

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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

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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)	Average for Conduit	\$892,294.50	\$37,647.00	\$929,941.50	60.0	\$557,964.90
Fiber/Copper (DC2)	Average for fiber/drops/middle mile	\$1,142,136.96	\$48,188.16	\$1,190,325.12	60.0	\$714,195.07
OSP Engineering (DC3)	Staking to CAD	\$71,383.56	\$3,011.76	\$74,395.32	60.0	\$44,637.19
Design Engineering (DC4)	Design and layout	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00	60.0	\$7,200.00
Construction Mgmt. (DC5)	Contracts, inspection and as-built	\$789,653.66	\$105,917.66	\$895,571.32	60.0	\$537,342.79
Tower (DC6)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna (DC7)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring (DC8)	Boring	\$630,841.68	\$33,127.92	\$663,969.60	60.0	\$398,381.76
Trenching (DC9)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing (DC10)	Plowing mainline and drops	\$1,046,678.00	\$42,684.00	\$1,089,362.00	60.0	\$653,617.20
Switching Equipment (DC11)	Switch line cards	\$136,880.10	\$0.00	\$136,880.10	60.0	\$82,128.06
Routing Equipment (DC12)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment (DC13)	CSFP/SFP/SFP+	\$25,564.88	\$0.00	\$25,564.88	60.0	\$15,338.93
Customer Premise Equipment (DC14)	ONT	\$47,790.00	\$0.00	\$47,790.00	60.0	\$28,674.00
Other (DC15)	Peds, HH, Splice case, ped prep, NID'S	\$413,000.00	\$413,000.00	\$826,000.00	60.0	\$495,600.00
Totals		\$5,202,223.34	\$689,576.50	\$5,891,799.84		\$3,535,079.90

Minority Impact Statement

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

No

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

No

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

Yes

*
General Manager
Title
Kenneth
First Name
Laursen
Last Name

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