



Exhibit M - Large project Worksheet (NOFA #008)

Purpose:

This form, labeled “EXHIBIT M – LARGE PROJECT WORKSHEET (NOFA #008),” requires an Applicant to justify the quantity of Eligible Service Locations to which the Applicant collectively, including all entities attached or connected to the Applicant, proposes to Facilitate Covered Speeds when that quantity is in the top 25% of all Applicants to this NOFA (“Large Project Threshold”). See NOFA #008, Section 2.2.6.10 for additional information.

It has been determined by the Office that your submitted application(s) falls within the Large Project Threshold and seeks justification for the number of Eligible Service Locations to which service will be facilitated. The Office may use the information in the determination of whether or not to disqualify an application exceeding the Large Project Threshold.

Given the limited timeframe available for project construction under this NOFA, the Office believes that buildout commitments must be of a reasonable size and distributed among various communication services providers to guarantee project completion by the end of the Project Period. Applicants who are unable to complete projects risk the reversion of funds to the federal government by the Office, leaving Eligible Service Locations without funding to construct new broadband service.

Applicants should provide additional information to the Office to justify the large number of Eligible Service Locations contained within the proposed project(s) and the ability to complete the project(s) according to the project completion requirements of this NOFA (See NOFA #008 Section 1.3).

Organization Name:

Are there unique construction or project management methods that allow for rapid network deployments to large project areas?

Does your technology or network architecture designs facilitate serving the number of Eligible Service Locations identified in the application within the identified timeline?

Provide prior experience and/or examples of completing comparably sized broadband projects on a materially similar timeline.

Provide completion timeframes on previous Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grants.

Identify any key relationships, partnerships, third-party agreements, or other resources that will allow your organization to overcome supply chain issues, labor shortages, and facilitate expeditious network deployment.

Applicants may also provide any additional information, documents or data sets that might further justify the Large Project Threshold of the proposed project.

All narrative and additional information should be submitted in a single PDF format and attached in reply to this correspondence in the Iowa Grants Online system named as: "Application Number - Applicant Name – Exhibit M." Submissions outside of the Iowa Grants Online system will not be considered

Applicants should not submit proprietary or confidential information in association with Exhibit M.

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7-Sep 2023

Re: Citizens Mutual Fiber

To Jack Henderson,

This is to confirm that OFS will support TAS and Citizens Mutual Fiber for the 2024 – 2026 fiber expansion project.

Volumes and timing to be mutually agreed to.

Sincerely,

Doug Bookout

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Bookout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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5-Sep-23

RE: 2024 Projects for Citizens Mutual Telephone

To Whom it May Concern

This letter is to confirm that KLK Construction, Inc. has scheduled CMTC fiber projects for Year 2024 and the ensuing years. Due to the amount of projected mileage, KLK will dedicate one complete plow crew and drilling crew to any and all of their projects. A second crew will be available as projects increase, along with our subcontractors.

At the current time of this letter, we are anticipating completed at least 150 miles per year for CMTC.

If any questions are needing to be answered please contact myself - Tom Layman(641)780-4915. I would glad to validate any and all concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Layman' in a cursive script.

Tom Layman

September 6, 2023

RE: Citizens Mutual NOFA 8 Construction Commitment

To Whom it May Concern,

Cicco Construction is a local utility contractor based out of Centerville, Iowa. Cicco is a locally owned, multi-generational business in operation for over 50 years. We have been a fiber optic construction contractor for Citizens Mutual for the past three years and value our business relationship. Should Citizens Mutual be awarded their NOFA 8 grant, we are committed to completing a minimum of 50 miles of fiber optic construction per year.

Furthermore, we urge the OCIO to approve their grant application. Their application covers an area just north of where we are located. This project would be good for the residents as well as keeping money in the local area by employing a local contractor. We are committed to taking any steps to ensure the project is a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave McCann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave McCann
Owner
Cicco Construction

September 6, 2023

RE: Citizens Mutual Construction

To Whom it May Concern,

Archer Skid Loader Service, LLC is committed to constructing a minimum of 50 miles of construction per year if Citizens Mutual is awarded their broadband grant. We are a local contractor based out of Pulaski, Iowa. We started working for Citizens Mutual by providing contract directional boring service initially and have evolved into providing all aspects of buried fiber optic construction. We are currently working for Citizens Mutual on projects related to their current broadband grants and are ready to continue to build future projects should they receive additional funding.

As a local contractor, we take pride in our quality of work and the economic benefit we provide to the area by employing local people. Besides bringing broadband to needed areas of southern Iowa, these projects are important to our business and employees. We are ready to support Citizens Mutual in successfully completing their project within the required timeframe.

Sincerely,



Amos Archer
Owner
Archer Skid Loader Service, LLC