

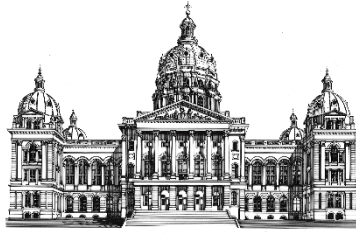
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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in recommendation of Alpine Communications for the Empower Iowa OCIO NOFA#008 grant. Alpine's desire is to bring broadband service to the rural communities of Volga, Wadena and Strawberry Point. More and more Iowans are realizing that a small community is a great place to live and raise a family. The option of working from home makes this a reality. But high-speed internet is a must. I appreciate Alpine reaching out to these rural communities to enhance the lives of current citizens, and give the communities the ability to attract industry and a growing population.

Alpine is proposing an affordable pricing of \$85 for 100 Mbps down and 100 Mbps up. They participate in Federal programs that allow those in a lower income profile to apply for lifeline credits of \$9.25/month and the Affordable Connectivity Program of \$30/month.

Alpine Communications has managed fiber networks in the area since 1997, making them well versed in providing service in the Clayton County area. It is my honor to recommend Alpine Communications for the Empower Iowa grant. I trust you will find them to be a worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Anne Osmundson".

Representative Anne Osmundson
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