

NOFA #008 Program

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Broadband Affordability

Control Number 524409

August 11, 2023



OCIO

NOFA #008

200 E. Grand Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50309

**Re: NOFA #008 –Broadband Affordability**

Dear Sir/Madam:

OmniTel Communications is committed to providing broadband services that are affordable. In applying for an award under the OCIO NOFA #008 Program, OmniTel Communications pledges to demonstrate its affordability measures of existing and proposed broadband services, consisting of the following:

- (a) Broadband pricings offered are affordable to the target markets. As a benchmark, the FCC's Urban Rate Survey and Data Resources is reviewed in ensuring affordable rates.
- (b) Will provide information about pricing and speed tiers being offered.
- (c) Will include at least one low-cost option offered at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning.
- (d) OmniTel Communications is eligible and are committed to applying to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Program and/or the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides low-income consumers with discounts on broadband services.

As a result, Madison County Development Group believes that OmniTel Communications' service offerings are affordable within their NOFA #008 award community.

Very truly yours,

Tom Leners

Executive Director

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**Re: NOFA #008 –Broadband East Central Madison County (ITQ Rank 24)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to support Omnitel's bid for the Madison County Tract listed above. Omnitel has an excellent reputation in Madison County for high quality service and affordable fiber connectivity by already serving hundreds of local addresses. This tract is adjacent to served areas by Omnitel.

Madison County Development Group understands that the lack of broadband service is a true impediment to the future of our growing county. Education, employment, and entertainment opportunities are locally substandard due to the lack of adequate service. Adding service to this area will provide equal opportunity for our citizens and business owners.

Thank you for considering this fine provider's application. Please call me if you have any questions.

Tom Leners

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tom Leners'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'T' and 'L'.

Executive Director

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