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.