

525289 - Colo Telephone NOFA8

Application Details

Funding Opportunity: 512252-Empower Rural Iowa - Capital Projects Fund NOFA #008
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Program Area: Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa
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Stage: Final Application

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Initially Submitted By: R Bellon
Last Submit Date:
Last Submitted By:

Contact Information

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Colo Iowa 50056
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
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Agency:

Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: Colo Telephone

Organization Type*: For-Profit – Privately Held

DUNS: 10-734-77916
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Tax Id:

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

Organization Website: http://colotel.org

Address*: 303 Main St

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Colo Iowa 50056
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

Phone*: (515) 377-2202 Ext.
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Fax: ###-###-####

Benefactor:

Vendor Number / ID:

Cover Sheet-General Information

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Authorized Official

Name*: Shane Bellon

Title*: General Manager CTO

Organization*: Colo Telephone
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Address*: 303 Main St

City/State/Zip*: Colo Iowa 50056
City State Zip

Telephone Number*: 641-377-2202

E-Mail*: shane@colotel.org

Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Name*: Shane Bellon

Title: General Manager CTO

Organization: Colo Telephone

Address: 303 Main St

City/State/Zip: Colo Iowa 50056
City State Zip

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**County(ies) Participating,
Involved, or Affected by this
Proposal*:** Story County

To find your district, click on the "Congressional Map" link. On the left hand side of the page, click on the drop-down list and click on "State of Iowa". Then, enter an address for the county/ies you serve in the Search bar. Click "Enter." This will provide you with your Congressional District, Iowa Senate District and Iowa House District.

**Congressional District(s)
Involved or Affected by this
Proposal*:** 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 25,26
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 49,51
Iowa House Map

Business Organization NOFA #008

Business Organization - NOFA #008

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*: Colo Telephone Company

Doing Business As:

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

**Identify your organization as a
local government, non-profit, or
cooperative :**

Physical Address

Street *: 303 Main St

City*: Colo

State*: Iowa

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

Zip Code*: 50056

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box *: PO Box 315

City*: Colo

State*: Iowa

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

Zip Code*: 50056

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

Upload a PDF document that describes the relationship between all parent companies to one another and the subsidiary and a visualization of the relationship. Please name and upload file "Application Number - Applicant Name - Business Organization".

Business Organization Chart:

Capital Projects Fund Requirements

All eligible applicants are 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*: EntityInformation-20230822-085750.pdf

A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is a unique 12-digit number used to identify your organization (this has replaced the DUNS number). The federal government uses the UEI to track how federal money is allocated. Please visit this website for additional information: <https://www.sam.gov>

Unique Entity Identifier*: W5V3TMLXEQ3

Enter your organization's Federal Tax Identification Number.

**Taxpayer Identification Number
(TIN)*:** 42-0190810

Enter your organization's FCC FRN number.

FCC_FRN*: 003-7317-59

Enter your organization's FCC-assigned Provider ID. Follow the link below to a list of these ID's by provider. The ID is listed in the column labeled "HOCONUM" or Holding Company Number.

FCC Provider ID*: **130310**

FCC Provider ID Table

Executive Project Summary NOFA #008

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No costs may be incurred prior to March 15, 2021.

Estimated Project Construction **04/01/2024**

Start Date*:

The project must be completed no later than September 30, 2026.

Estimated Project Completion **09/30/2026**

Date*:

Has construction on the project **No**
begun?*

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 **Yes**
the project to proceed?*

Are you applying for a project **Yes**
that will facilitate 100/100
Broadband or greater?*

Are you applying for a project
that will facilitate less than
100/100 but greater than 100/20
Broadband?*

Will your project be scalable to
a minimum of 100/100
Broadband within three years of
project completion?*

Explain why you are not
deploying a minimum of 100/100
and provide the plan as to how
you intend to reach a minimum
of 100/100 speed from both a
technology and deployment
perspective, to occur within 36
months.:

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. *:

The project Colo Telephone is proposing will provide fiber to the premise Broadband internet service along with voice services to unserved and underserved locations in the Story County Biz 12 area. With this proposed project and the buildouts current

By checking this box, Applicant Yes
certifies, to the best of its
knowledge, that neither
Applicant nor any other known
Communications Service
Provider or other entity has
been awarded federal funds for
the construction of 100/20 fixed
terrestrial 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. *:

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).

Is your project requesting \$5 Yes
million or more in grant funds?*::

For the relevant project all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of the Chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the Davis Bacon Act), for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State in which the work is to be performed, or by the appropriate State entity pursuant to the corollary State prevailing-wage-in construction law (commonly known as "baby Davis Bacon Acts")

I certify the project will conform No
the requirements listed above:

If your project will not conform to the requirements identified by the Department of Treasury consistent with the Davis Bacon Act, your organization may elect to provide project employment and local impact reports detailing the number of employees of the contractors and sub-contractors working on the project; the wages and benefits of the workers and the project classification; and whether those wages are at rates less than those prevailing. Grantees must maintain sufficient records to the substantiate this information upon request.

I elect to provide project Yes
employment and local impact
reporting instead of complying
with requirements established
by the Department of Treasury
consistent with the Davis Bacon
Act for this project.:

I certify that this project includes a project labor agreement, meaning a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement consistent with section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158(F)).:

No

If the grantee does not have a project labor agreement, then they must provide a workforce continuity plan detailing: How the grantee will ensure the project has ready access to sufficient supply of appropriate skilled and unskilled labor to ensure high quality construction throughout the life of the project; how the grantee will minimize disruptions that would jeopardize timeliness and cost-effectiveness of the project; and how the grantee will provide a safe and healthy workplace and avoid delays associated with workplace illnesses, injuries, and fatalities; Whether workers on the project will receive wages and benefits that will secure an appropriately skilled workforce in the context of the local or regional labor market; and whether the project has completed a project labor agreement.

I elect to provide a project workforce continuity plan at the time of award.:

Yes

If the Applicant proposes to Facilitate Broadband service within a Broadband Intervention Zone, provide a description of how any Community Broadband Capital offered by a Community Applicant through the Invitation to Qualify may be used (Refer to the corresponding Broadband Intervention Zone documentation at <https://ocio.iowa.gov>).

Community Broadband Capital:

Story County received \$18.9 million in total funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Knowing that funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. The Board prioritize investment in broadband infrastructure as one of the uses for the ARPA funding, committing local match monies for OCIO's NOFA #006. On August 22, 2023, the Board of Supervisor again took action to provide a cash match for Colo Telephone's grant application of \$500 per each eligible location to which service is provided through the grant, up to \$30,000. As part of the Board's action, they also are setting aside funding to establish a fund to help hook up low- or moderate-income households in unincorporated Story County, working with local providers.

Beyond the financial contributions, Story County has committed staff resources from Planning and Development, Story County Assessor's Office, Board of Supervisors office, and others have all been assigned responsibilities to help move broadband forward within Story County. Story County adopted Economic Development Process and Policies to clearly define the prioritization of potential tax increment financing (TIF) revenues. Within these policies, five types of economic development projects may be considered through the County's Urban Renewal Area Program, one encapsulating broadband projects - Communication and Utility Infrastructure Expansion. At such time this program opens up again for funding (FY24/25), Colo Telephone Company will working with Story County to identify potential funding opportunities.

Regarding ROW, our experience has been that the permitting process in Story County is simple, timely and straightforward. Colo Telephone Company will continue to coordinate with the Story County Engineer/Secondary Roads Department to ensure work is completed efficiently, minimizing the need to move utilities for future road improvements and other relocation projects.

A Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) is a project specific agreement between a developer and a broad community based coalition that details the project's contributions to the community and ensures community support for the project. The agreement gives the local government the power to enforce the community benefits terms.

Does your project have a **No**
Community Benefit Agreement?

*:

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #008

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 #008; 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 #008.

Demonstrated Experience*: **Experience.doc**

References

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Name: | Matt Riese |
| Telephone Number: | 515-382-7724 |
| Name: | Dave Deyoe |
| Telephone Number: | 515-291-3289 |
| Name: | Randy Vier |
| Telephone Number: | 303-517-9058 |

Minority Impact Statement

Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant **No**
program or policy have a
disproportionate or unique
positive impact on minority
persons? *:

Describe the positive impact
expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the
existence of the proposed
program or policy.:

Indicate the group(s) positively
impacted.:

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

No

Describe the negative impact expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy. :

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.:

Explain how you provided consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.:

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

Yes

General Manager
Title

Shane
First Name

Bellon
Last Name

Budget NOFA #008

Project Budget

| Category | Description | Total Estimated | Requested Grant | Grant Request |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Cost \$ (from Exhibit D) | Support % (from Exhibit D) | (Est. Cost * Request %) |
| Conduit | Conduit | | 80.00 | |
| Fiber/Copper | 84 miles main line 9.85 rural drop 2.06 town drop | | 80.00 | |
| OSP Engineering | OSP Engineering | | 80.00 | |
| Design Engineering | Design Engineering | | 80.00 | |
| Construction Mgmt. | Construction Mgmt. | | 80.00 | |
| Tower | | | 0.00 | |
| Antenna | | | 0.00 | |
| Boring | Boring | | 80.00 | |
| Trenching | | | 0.00 | |
| Knifing | Knifing | | 80.00 | |
| Switching | | | 0.00 | |
| Equipment | | | | |
| Routing Equipment | | | 0.00 | |
| Optical Equipment | OLT shelf, line cards, and SFPs | | 80.00 | |
| Customer Premise Equipment | XGS/AE ONT and RG | | 80.00 | |
| Other | Splicing Hand hole, peds, grounding, misc | | 80.00 | |
| Total | | \$6,650,028.25 | | \$5,320,022.60 |

Central Forms NOFA #008

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

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 #008.

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 #008, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 7.18.4 of the NOFA #008.

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 #008, 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 (XLSM)*: **525289 - Colo Telephone NOFA8 - Core Application.xlsm**
Core Application NOFA#008

Public Redacted Copy (PDF): **525289 - Colo Telephone NOFA8 - Core Application-Redact.pdf**

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

Please upload in PDF format and title as "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit I"

Please Upload a Completed Exhibit I : Exhibit I - Wireless Design Worksheet

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
Exhibit E - Grant Agreement NOFA#008

Exceptions to Broadband Program Grant Agreement:

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Please ensure Exhibit F is signed, in PDF format for upload, and titled "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit F".

Exhibit F - Certification Letter (Public)*: 525289 - Colo Telephone NOFA8 - Exhibit F.pdf
Exhibit F - Certification Letter

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Please ensure Exhibit G is signed, in PDF format for upload, and titled "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit G".

Exhibit G - Request for Confidentiality - Form 22 (Public)*: 525289 - Colo Telephone NOFA8 - Exhibit G.pdf
Exhibit G - Request for Confidentiality

Product Pricing Form NOFA #008

Pricing for Covered Speed Package

Select the Covered Speed Package. (NOFA 3.1.7.3)

Covered Speed Package*: 100/100

Applicants must provide a price for a product with the applicable Covered Speed proposed in their Project, meaning the Applicant must state a price for a service package offering 100 megabits per second download and 100 megabits per second upload (or 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload as applicable). (NOFA 3.1.7.3)

Monthly Non-Promotional Price of the Covered Speed Package*: \$80.00

Pricing for Highest Speed Package Offered

Enter the maximum download speed (in mb/s) offered to locations within your project area.

Maximum Download Speed Offered*: 1000

Enter the maximum upload speed (in mb/s) offered to locations within your project area.

Maximum Upload Speed 1000

Offered*:

Enter the monthly price of the maximum speed package offered to locations in your project area.

Monthly Non-Promotional Price \$255.00

of the Maximum Speed

Package*:

Low-Cost Option

Enter the download speed (in mb/s) of the low-cost option offered to locations within this project area.

Low-Cost Option Download 100

Speed (in mb/s)*:

Enter the upload speed (in mb/s) of the low-cost option offered to locations within this project area.

Low-Cost Option Upload Speed 100

(in mb/s)*:

Enter the monthly price of the low cost option offered to locations within this project area.

Monthly Non-Promotional Price \$80.00

of the Low-Cost Option*:

Speed Tiers and Pricing

| Speed Tier | Download Speed (mb/s) | Upload Speed (mb/s) | Monthly Non-Promotional Pricing (including fees) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Tier 1 | 100 | 100 | \$80.00 |
| Tier 2 | 250 | 250 | \$100.00 |
| Tier 3 | 500 | 500 | \$155.00 |
| Tier 4 | 1000 | 1000 | \$255.00 |

Community Support Letter

Convert the Community Support Letter to PDF format and upload file here.

Community Support Letter*: **LOS NOFA 8 STORY COUNTY.pdf**