

## OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



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The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides this Community Support Letter for its majority owned tribal company Quick Current-Iowa LLC for their Empower Rural Iowa Grant Application number 526596.

Specifically, and has been previously memorialized by Tribal Resolution Nos. 23-12 and 22-114; the Omaha Tribe supports Quick Current-Iowa's construction and operation of both its Middle Mile network as well as its Last Mile service offerings to the targeted supported areas. These areas are areas of need for our community and Tribal members.

While the Iowa application portal requires the selection of only one technology, and the primary technology to service households pursuant to this application will be a Licensed Wireless system that utilizes Skylark Wireless technology and the Tribally owned licensed spectrum to provide 100 by 100 Mb speeds, Quick Current-Iowa will also service designated Community Anchor Institutions with fiber-based services at Speeds of 1GB. To the degree possible, we request that such fiber-based services will also be reflected in the scoring of the application.

Throughout the areas of interest, which are NOFO 8 Areas (Albaton, Salix, Whiting, and Onawa) high-speed fiber-based broadband and high-speed licensed wireless broadband at the speeds mentioned above are currently unavailable.

We believe that this application deserves additional merit as Quick Current-Iowa is committed to train and employ local residents and tribal members to install and operate the networks and services which are subject to this application and the recently awarded Middle Mile NTIA Grant Application GRN-001447.

Further, the rates charged by Quick Current-Iowa are designed to be affordable and promote adoption. They have committed to be part of the ACP program and, perhaps more importantly, are promoting Digital Identity and Literacy adoption and hope to be included formally in Iowa's Digital Equity plan.

Sincerely,

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