

NOFA #008 Program

Broadband Affordability

August 8, 2023

OCIO  
NOFA #008  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

Western Iowa Telephone Association d/b/a/ Wiatel is committed to providing broadband services that are affordable. In applying for an award under the OCIO NOFA #008 Program, Wiatel 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) Wiatel 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 trustee for Banner Township in Woodbury County, IA, I believe that Wiatel's service offerings are affordable within their NOFA #008 award community.

Very truly yours,



Heath DeStigter  
Trustee  
Banner Township