

FARMERS MUTUAL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MOULTON IA**DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE NOFA #008**

FMCTC was founded in 1905 for the purpose of providing telecommunication services to patrons of rural Moulton IA.

For the past 118 years, FMCTC has gone through and successfully managed all the phases of internet offerings including dial-up, digital subscriber line (DSL), and fiber broadband internet. The investment in a robust fiber to the premise network was completed in 2008 and 2009. Completing this project significantly increased the number of broadband subscribers. With fiber to the premise technology, 100% of the households in the Moulton serving area are eligible for broadband internet with gig service availability.

FMCTC was the recipient of Iowa's NOFA #003 for a small project in 2021. This project constructed fiber to 35 new homes in Appanoose County. It was designed to help those in need of reliable internet access due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FMCTC is currently in the construction phase of a USDA ReConnect 2 project that will bring fiber broadband internet access to approximately 1,000 households in Appanoose County. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2024.

FMCTC staff keeps updated on new technology by attending educational conferences and trainings periodically. Investments in infrastructure upgrades are made on an ongoing basis as well.

Management staff experience ranges from 11 years of service up to 19 years of service. The General Manager has 17 years of service in the industry. She has successfully managed a previous USDA/RUS project and a NOFA #003 project. The company is currently involved in a USDA ReConnect 2 construction project. The Network Plant Manager has 19 years of service at FMCTC. He has hands on experience with past and current fiber construction projects and has the experience to manage a fiber expansion project.

FMCTC is a NCTA (National Cooperative Telecommunications Association) Gig Certified service provider.

FMCTC is well positioned to provide future broadband services in the rural communities of Appanoose County, Iowa.