



## **Metronet Demonstrated Experience For Gilbertville, Iowa**

Recently named the fastest internet service provider in Iowa by Ookla Speedtest Intelligence, Metronet is the nation's largest independently owned 100-percent fiber-optic internet service provider. Headquartered in Evansville, Ind., the customer-focused company provides symmetrical multigigabit-speed internet and phone service to businesses, residents, schools, and governments in more than 250 communities in 16 states.

Over the last five years, Metronet has invested more than \$100 million in Iowa, bringing world-class internet infrastructure to more than twenty communities in the state. Metronet's first investment in Iowa came in 2019, when the company began installing more than 980 miles of fiber in Davenport, ultimately making it a Certified Gigabit City. The following year, the company expanded to Bettendorf, where it installed more than 320 miles of fiber, and then invested more than \$25 million to build a network in Ames. In 2021, the company began providing service to residents in Clive, Gilbert, Grimes, Johnston and Urbandale. Last year, Metronet began providing service to customers in Ankeny, Coralville, Des Moines (an investment of more than \$70 million), Hampton, Iowa City, Jewell, Mason City, Polk City, Saylorville, Sheffield and Waterloo — the last amounting to an investment of \$24 million. And in 2023, residents and businesses in Altoona, Iowa Falls and Sioux City began having Metronet as an option for ultrafast internet service.

The Iowa communities with which Metronet has partnered can now boast that world-class internet infrastructure is fueling their economic growth, their global competitiveness, and their citizens' quality of life.

Metronet has been delivering gigabit internet service to existing markets in parallel with building new ones for all its 18 years of existence, amassing enormous expertise in network design, construction, operations and maintenance, marketing, and customer service. Now with more than 2,500 associates, the company possesses the scale required to manage the construction, operation and maintenance of an FTTP network in Gilbertville.