

## Broadband Operations Experience

C-M-L Cooperative Telephone Association (CML) has 26 years of broadband experience in Iowa. The network consists of more than 171.32 miles of fiber in Cherokee and O'Brien Counties in the state of Iowa. CML serves the communities of Cleghorn, Meriden, Archer and Larrabee plus businesses in Cherokee with voice, video and high-speed data services.

Iowa's mission critical businesses in Cherokee County rely on CML's operations. The company supports the region's emergency responders, wireless carriers, health care, banking, agriculture, manufacturing, government, and education.

CML's accomplishments:

- **BIP Recipient** - The U.S. Department of Agriculture entrusted a BIP Grant to CML to provide a FTTH network in Meriden and Archer. Still, much of CML's work is quietly supplying the connectivity to improve the lives of everyday citizens businesses across the region.
- **Iowa Network Services (now Aureon) Founding Member** – In 1989, CML and most small ILECs across Iowa constructed a new fiber network to connect the small ILECs networks to a Centralized Equal Access switch in Des Moines. This allowed rural customers to gain the benefits of competition for long distance voice services. The Aureon network has continued to invest in rural Iowa communities and now offers redundant middle mile connections to its members for high-speed internet, advanced voice and video services.
- **FiberNet Communications Founding Member** – In 1993, CML and 5 neighboring ILECs constructed a redundant middle mile fiber network to connect the ILECs networks to the Aureon network to transport voice, video and high-speed data service to and from its local distribution network.
- **FiberComm Communications Founding Member** – In 1995 CML and 5 neighboring ILEC's constructed a fiber based local network in Sioux City to connect small and medium sized businesses to voice and high-speed data services. FiberComm has expanded its service area to neighboring communities in South Dakota and Iowa.
- **We connect rural, small businesses and residents** – Our fiber allows businesses and residents to access distance learning, remote work, small business access to worldwide markets, emergency services, shopping and entertainment all over a secure network.
- **Community Involvement** – Established an Revolving Loan Fund (\$360,000.00) to target community development projects with job creation. The RLF program was started with assistance from an USDA Rural Economic Grant (\$300,000.00).