

Roxanne White

From: Chris Dodd
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Roxanne White; Lyle Korver
Subject: FW: Strong consideration to support rural business in search of fiberoptic internet that is being supported by the state of Iowa to help Evertek serve Northwest Iowans receive internet service to compete on the world stage economically
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I have had multiple call with Darrin Schmidt from Holstein who owns Holstein Manufacturing and wants our service. He falls within the Non-NoFA territory and I have spoke to you guys previously about it. We had a long conversation yesterday and I explained the cost and why we could not serve him at this point but suggested he reach out to the OCIO. He did and got the following response, and I wanted you guys to know about it.



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From: Darrin Schmidt <darrin.hfab@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:43 PM
To: cdodd@evertek.net
Subject: Fwd: Strong consideration to support rural business in search of fiberoptic internet that is being supported by the state of Iowa to help Evertek serve Northwest Iowans receive internet service to compete on the world stage economically

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From: Grant Support <grantsupport@networkbetter.com>
Date: Thu, May 18, 2023 at 2:40 PM
Subject: RE: Strong consideration to support rural business in search of fiberoptic internet that is being supported by the state of Iowa to help Evertek serve Northwest Iowans receive internet service to compete on the world stage economically
To: darrin.hfab@gmail.com <darrin.hfab@gmail.com>
CC: Grant Support <grantsupport@networkbetter.com>, Grants, OCIO <ociogrants@iowa.gov>

Hi Darrin,

Pleasure to chat with you and thank you for reaching out to OCIO.

As mentioned on the call, your location and neighboring area are eligible for future grant funding. The Office anticipates the next round of funding being released over the coming months, and would provide opportunity for Evertek, WesTel, or any other provider to bid on your area and receive grant funding to build fiber to your location.

Evertek and WesTel have grant funding from the last round (NOFA 7) to build out near you, but not quite to you. They would both be good options to contact regarding participation in the next grant round in order to build to your location.

Links:

Iowa Broadband Availability Map - [Broadband Availability Map - Version 5 | Office of the Chief Information Officer \(iowa.gov\)](#)

- This allows you to search by address to see what services are available to your address and neighboring area, as well as indicating previous funding incentive (indicating buildout is funded by grant monies and planned for construction in the near future).

Previous grant funding to your area - [NOFA 006 and NOFA 007 Dashboard \(arcgis.com\)](#)

- When you zoom into your location, you will see where Evertek and Westel have been awarded funding to build all around you. Unsure whether your area was ineligible based on previous map versions, but a provider will be able to get funding to build to your location with future grant monies.

WesTel (West Iowa Telephone) - [Get More Out of Your Money » WesTel Systems](#)

Feel free to reach out with any additional questions,

Grant Support Team



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From: **Darrin Schmidt** <darrin.hfab@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 17, 2023 at 7:28 PM

Subject: Fwd: Strong consideration to support rural business in search of fiberoptic internet that is being supported by the state of Iowa to help Evertek serve Northwest Iowans receive internet service to compete on the world stage economically

To: <ociogrants@iowa.gov>

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From: **Darrin Schmidt** <darrin.hfab@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 17, 2023 at 7:25 PM

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To: <ociogrants@iowa.org>

Dear OCIO,

Holstein Mfg. which is located at [5368 110th St.](#), 4 miles North of Holstein, Iowa 51025 and 5 miles north of the intersection of U.S. Hwy 20 and U.S. Hwy 59 in Ida County Iowa is trying to partner with Evertex, an internet service company to provide our company and rural neighbors with the ability to thrive with high speed internet.

According to the map provided to me our immediate area is an area of 5 Square miles that is unable to be serviced by Evertex or any other service company. However, this 5 mile square area is a well populated area with probably 15 families and an international that relies on the high speed internet for the receipt of orders and drawings that we use constantly. Also our phones are on a voice over IP which allows the office number to ring to my cell phone number during nights, weekends, and situations where we do not have office help to answer the phone. High speed internet puts us on a level playing field or maybe above the field because of our Iowa work ethic and location in the United States.

Evertex says that it is not cost effective for us to get high speed internet even though the internet fiber has the opportunity to possibly run down US Hwy 59 which is 1/4 mile from our manufacturing facility. They said the cost was \$33,000 per site. I would like to point out that our business needs high speed internet like everyone else. I do point out that everyone should have access to the high speed internet if others in our area are going to have that access.

My question to those in the state that make these decisions, Why would our little 5 square my area be excluded from continuing our success and not having access to high speed internet even though our business will generate over 3 million dollars this year.

I just found this out today and would like to everyone who is going to read this message please contact me to help our company, my family, my friends, and neighbors get access to high speed internet for the decades to come..

Thank you,

President

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