Executive Summary & Grant Rationale

Your response to the outline below should be no longer than two pages.

This information may be made public.

After you’ve completed the preceding application and reviewed the AWARDING GRANTS – Selection Criteria & Weights pages that follow this page, please reflect on your application responses and provide a brief executive summary and grant rationale that includes:

- Brief project description/summary (less than 150 words)
- A general geographic location of the project (not census blocks) and total number of passings estimated to be made as a result of the grant project
- A brief description of the applicant’s involvement in the project to date and how the applicant (and/or partners) intends to manage and sustain the project
- A statement on how broadband improvements will advance the quality of life and strengthen economic development opportunities in the communities in the project area

Brief Executive Summary of this Project

Hoosier Broadband is one of the largest independent leading broadband Internet service providers in the state of Indiana. Since 2004, we have provided Internet service to over 2,000 Hoosiers who primarily have no other access. We are applying for the OCRA grant to fund equipment upgrades to our towers located in south east Sheridan and to deliver broadband to the unserved areas. This OCRA grant proposal has been carefully evaluated and optimized, both technically and operationally, for cost effective delivery of broadband using our existing infrastructure. **Upgrading our towers in the proposed areas will allow us to pass 467 homes and businesses with broadband.** With this new fast and reliable service in the unserved areas, Hoosiers will be able to work from home, educate their children with “E-Learning” options, provide access to telemedicine and healthcare communication, keep informed with news and, last but not least, provide access to constant and ubiquitous entertainment for quality of life enhancements. Hoosier Broadband will help the economic development of unserved areas which will allow Hoosiers to remain competitive well into the 21st century.