In a funding partnership with the State of Indiana, Comcast of Indiana/ Michigan, LLC, or its subsidiary, will extend service to 17 unserved businesses in unincorporated York Township in Elkhart County. This Next Level Connections project will enable Comcast to improve unserved levels up to 1 gigabits per second down and 35 megabits up by May 1, 2020. Providing broadband service to this unserved area of Elkhart County will enable businesses to engage in on-line sales and marketing, improve manufacturing processes and efficiencies, increase the area’s attractiveness for entrepreneurs and start-up entities, create economic development opportunities for the County and help in the creation and retention of jobs. Total eligible project cost is $340,598. Applicant match is $79,189.

The proposed project includes unincorporated area of Elkhart County in York Township near the intersection of County Route 2 and State Road 13. Proposed service area includes businesses located on County Road 2, County Road 4, State Road 13, Greenfield Pkwy and Lovejoy Drive. The number of passings in the area included for service is 17.

While Comcast continues to review opportunities to expand our network, as the Broadband Grant Program recognizes, there are areas in the State that do not fit the traditional economic model of prudent investment. The Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program has opened up opportunities to serve communities currently unserved by broadband service. With the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program’s support, the economics of deploying broadband infrastructure to these areas would make the project feasible, which would allow the State and Comcast to work together to reach a common goal – bringing the best in-class communications services to this area. Comcast proposes to deploy a new broadband plant in Elkhart County’s unincorporated York Township. Comcast commits to maintain our network in a state of good operation and repair consistent with applicable industry standards, as exemplified by the multiple Operator of the Year awards Comcast has earned and the numerous patents for award-winning technology that we hold.

Comcast has changed the Internet experience for millions of customers by providing some of the fastest and most reliable Internet service in the nation. Our network structure offers the most flexibility now and into the future. We can surgically add speed, capacity and fiber to our networks in a smart and economically feasible way. Our existing network is built for innovation and will only get better as new technologies emerge.

For businesses to retain and attract the necessary workforce, it is critical for businesses to have access to fast and reliable Internet. Comcast has increased speeds 17 times over the past 17 years. This new workforce and business community needs high-speed Internet access. With up to 1 Gbps Internet speeds becoming available to entrepreneurs in Elkhart County, it provides York Township businesses access to vast online resources and worldwide marketplace.

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