

## **SPECIAL MEETING of the WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Friday, August 14, 2020 | 1:00 P.M. | via Zoom Webinar**

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*WPMA Notice: This Special Meeting of the Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors is called for the consideration of the award of broadband development contracts under the ConnectWyoming program.*

### **AGENDA**

#### **1:00 p.m.      CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

- Pledge of Allegiance video – *all attendees and panelists will be muted*
- Roll call of members present

#### **1:10 p.m.      COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE –** CEO Josh Dorrell, Project Manager Marcio Paes-Barreto

#### **1:30 p.m.      CONNECTWYOMING PROGRAM SUMMARY AND CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS –** Broadband Manager Ryan Kudera, Community Development Director Julie Kozlowski

- Executive Summary on Program Background, Application and Evaluation Methodology
- Review of recommended projects
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of staff recommendations

#### **3:50 p.m.      OTHER BOARD MATTERS AND ADJOURNMENT**

- **Next Regular Meeting of this Board:** September 9-10 by Zoom Webinar
  - Virtual Community Tour Wednesday September 9th 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (public session)
  - Quarterly Business Meeting September 10 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - Final Agenda and Materials pending



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**TO:** WBC Board of Directors

**FROM:** Julie Kozlowski, Community Development Director

**DATE:** August 14, 2020

**RE:** Broadband Infrastructure/CARES Act project funding recommendations

Governor Mark Gordon made CARES Act funding available for broadband improvements across the state to ensure that Wyomingites have the ability to telework, learn from home and have access to telemedicine.

Broadband providers were given the opportunity to submit projects that would provide or address service to unserved and underserved areas. Projects were considered for funding if they did not compete with existing providers that offer service of speeds of at least 25 megabits per second download and 3 megabits per second upload, as defined by Wyoming statute.

The Wyoming Business Council received 81 applications totaling \$174 million. Applications were reviewed by a committee consisting of Business Council staff and Board of Directors, as well as the Broadband Advisory Council and the Governor's office. Applicants were required to submit a map detailing proposed service areas. The maps submitted were compared to FCC mapping to determine whether an area was currently served and if so at what speeds. If portions of an application were ineligible, applicants were offered the opportunity to revise their application information to be more precise in their proposed coverage.

Currently, 37 applications are being recommended for funding totaling \$86,133,229. Staff appreciates your consideration of the attached information and is pleased to answer any questions.

<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Awarded</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b><u>Charter</u></b>	Powell	\$128,699.65	Fiber service to unserved census blocks
	Riverton	\$967,498.88	Fiber service to unserved census blocks
<b><u>ACT</u></b>	Highway 85	\$26,654,376.80	Fiber build along Highway 85 for redundancy. Will provide transport for other carriers.
<b><u>All West</u></b>	Border	\$113,500.00	Fiber build to unserved census blocks
	Cokeville	\$2,405,000.00	Fiber build to unserved census blocks
	Smith's Fork	\$25,500.00	A build to serve 8 customers
<b><u>Range</u></b>	Aladdin	\$1,897,095.00	Fiber build to serve the residences and businesses of Aladdin
<b><u>RT</u></b>	Shoshoni	\$3,525,000.00	Fiber build to serve each location in Shoshoni
<b><u>Silver Star</u></b>	Region A Lincoln County	\$9,261,805.00	Fiber build for the rural areas that are unserved
	Region B Lincoln County	\$5,219,506.00	Fiber build for the rural areas that are unserved
<b><u>Visionary</u></b>	Recluse, Rozet, Moorcroft, Buffalo	\$1,291,803.12	Fixed wireless build
	Esterbrook	\$635,855.00	Fixed wireless build to serve Esterbrook
	Orin Junction	\$436,005.59	Fixed wireless build
	LaGrange	\$262,571.00	Fixed wireless build
	Yoder	\$521,201.26	Fixed wireless build
	Veteran	\$136,655.33	Fixed wireless build
	Horseshoe Bend	\$361,291.63	Fixed wireless build
	Linch, Sussex, Mayworth	\$624,108.30	Fixed wireless build
	Highway 59 Gillette-Douglas	\$6,073,527.08	Fiber build to connect Douglas and Gillette

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<b><u>Visionary</u></b>	Sybillie Canyon	\$669,007.78	Fixed wireless build
	Arvada, Clearmont, Leiter, Ucross	\$603,841.75	Fixed wireless build
	Dayton, Ranchester	\$1,121,708.33	Fixed wireless build
	Bondurant, Boulder, Cora, Daniel	\$2,361,015.31	Fixed wireless build
	Painted Hills	\$518,257.82	Fixed wireless build
<b><u>Vistabeam</u></b>	Albany County	\$1,166,771.00	Fixed wireless build to serve rural areas of Albany County
	Converse County	\$323,144.00	Fixed wireless build to serve rural areas of Converse County
	Goshen County	\$1,247,431.00	Fixed wireless build to serve rural areas of Goshen County
	Niobrara County	\$484,344.00	Fixed wireless build to serve rural areas of Niobrara County
	Platte County	\$231,628.00	Fixed wireless build to serve rural areas of Platte County
<b><u>TCT</u></b>	Project West Cowley	\$1,616,066.00	Fiber build to serve west Cowley
	Basin Business	\$674,531.00	Fiber build for Basin
	Otto	\$820,026.00	Fiber build for Otto
	Greybull/Shell	\$2,684,273.00	Fiber build for Greybull and Shell
	Saddle Hill, Sunshine, Wood River	\$579,370.00	Fiber build for north of Meeteetse
	Cody Exchange	\$1,780,879.00	Fiber build to towers
	Powell Exchange	\$2,008,067.00	Fiber build to towers
<b><u>Wind River Internet</u></b>	Ethete, Ft. Washakie, Arapahoe	\$6,701,868.00	Fiber build throughout the Wind River Reservation