



STATE OF IOWA

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EXHIBIT H - NOFA #004
Form 22 – Request for Confidentiality
Alterations to this document are prohibited

Either Section I OR Section II of this Form 22 (Form) must be completed and included with your Application. This Form is required whether the Application does or does not contain material or information for which confidential treatment is requested. Failure to submit a completed Form 22 may result in rejection of your Application.

*****The below form is to be completed, signed, and submitted ONLY if Applicant DOES NOT request confidential treatment of any materials or information submitted in its Application.***

I. Confidential Treatment is not Requested. By signing and submitting this Form 22, Applicant certifies that a request for confidential treatment of materials or information contained in its Application is not requested.

Authorized Representative's Signature Date

Name (Printed) Title

Lehigh Valley Cooperative Tel. Assoc. #004
Entity NOFA Number

****The below form is to be completed, signed, and submitted ONLY if Applicant requests confidential treatment of any materials or information submitted in its Application, as permitted by the NOFA.**

II. Confidential Treatment is Requested. An Applicant requesting portions of its Application be maintained in confidence must complete this form and submit it with its Application. Applicants should read and familiarize themselves with chapter 22 of the Iowa Code regarding release of public records before completing this Form. Applicant should refer to Section 1.25 (Disposition of Applications/Public Records) of the NOFA for instructions regarding how to request confidential treatment of portions of its Application.

1. **To request confidential treatment, an Applicant must provide the following information in the table below. You may add additional lines if necessary or add additional pages using the same format as the table below.**

- 1.1. Clearly identify which specific materials or information within which specific sections of the Application Applicant seeks confidential treatment;
- 1.2. Enumerate the specific grounds in Iowa Code Chapter 22 or other applicable law which support treatment of the material as confidential;
- 1.3. Justify why the material should be maintained in confidence;
- 1.4. Explains why disclosure of the material would not be in the best interest of the public.

| SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR WHICH YOU SEEK CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT | SPECIFIC LEGAL GROUNDS SUPPORTING SUCH TREATMENT | JUSTIFICATION AS TO WHY MATERIAL SHOULD BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE | WHY DISCLOSURE OF THE MATERIAL WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC |
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| Attached Bank Statement Demonstrated Experience Information. This statement exhibits financial. | 22.7 Section 3 22.7 Section 25 | Information serves no public good and contains financial information. | Information serves no public good. |
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2. **Additional Acknowledgement(s):** Applicant acknowledges the following:

- An Applicant that submits an Application containing confidential material or information at any time during or after the Application process may be required to submit public/redacted copies of its Application, which are clearly labeled the “**REDACTED COPY**” or “**PUBLIC COPY**” at the top of every page of the Application, and which has all claimed confidential information excised. **Check box to indicate acknowledgement.**
- Completion of this Form is the sole means of requesting confidential treatment. **Check box to indicate acknowledgement.**
- Completion of this Form and the Office’s acceptance of Applicant’s Application does not guarantee the Office will grant Applicant’s request for confidentiality. **Check box to indicate acknowledgement.**

- The Office may reject an Applicant's Application entirely, or deny a request for confidential treatment, in the event Applicant requests confidentiality and does submit a fully completed Form 22 or requests confidentiality for portions of its Application that are improper under the NOFA. **Check box to indicate acknowledgement.**
- Failure to provide the information required on this Form may result in rejection of Applicant's submittal to request confidentiality or rejection of the Application. **Check box to indicate acknowledgement.**
- Applicant has not requested confidential treatment with respect to information the following specific exhibits, sections, or information in the NOFA:
- Any data or information supplied through the Project Worksheet.
 - Any data or information supplied through the Qualitative Attributes Form.
 - Any non-cost related data or information supplied through the Budget Plan.
 - Any non-cost related data or information supplied through the Outside TSA Infrastructure Worksheet.
 - The estimated or actual Total Project Cost, including but not limited to as stated in the Budget Plan or Outside TSA Infrastructure Worksheet.

3. Applicant's point of contact for inquiries from the Office concerning the confidential status of information identified as confidential above (may be same as Authorized Contact for NOFA generally):

- 3.1. Name James E Suchan
- 3.2. Address 9090 Taylor Road, City Lehigh, State IA, Zip 50557
- 3.3. Telephone number (515) 359-2211
- 3.4. Email address jsmgr@lvcta.com.

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|  | <u>11-17-2020</u> |
| Authorized Representative's Signature | Date |
| <u>James E Suchan</u> | <u>CEO</u> |
| Name (Printed) | Title |
| <u>Lehigh Valley Cooperative Tel. Assoc.</u> | <u>#004</u> |
| Entity | NOFA Number |

Demonstrated Experience

This form requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in the provisioning of Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their proposed Project, such as, for example community partnerships and service; number of years in business; number of years' experience provide the types of services sought by this NOFA; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant an explanation of the benefits, if any of being a newer provider. Market entrant; or the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA.

As stated in the Application Business Information question, Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association (Lehigh Valley) has over 100 years of proven history of providing exceptional telecommunication services. Lehigh Valley's continuous goal is to provide members and communities with the best technology available.

Lehigh Valley currently has 8 employees. The resume of CEO James Suchan is included to provide further evidence of Lehigh Valley's ability to successfully implement the proposed Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion Project.

Lehigh Valley is a financially viable organization with the capability to meet all financial requirements outlined in this project. Lehigh Valley has a history of continued business success and meeting financial obligations within the communities they serve. In support of Lehigh Valley's financial viability, the company has included bank statement with this application.

JAMES SUCHAN

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Professional Summary

Results-driven Executive with 40 years of progressive experience in the Telecommunications Industry. Exceptional leader, change manager and complex problem solver. Proven skills in operations oversight, policy development and process improvements. Telecommunications Manager focused on leading day-to-day operations and major projects. Quality-minded, decisive and persistent in following through with objectives. Excellent communication, organizational and budget administration skills.

Skills

- Policy development and optimization
- Financial leadership
- Shareholder accountability
- Market strategies
- Business planning
- Contract Management
- Business administration
- Negotiation
- Project Management
- Cash Management
- Business Development
- Policy Development
- Relationship Management
- Account management
- Program Management
- Risk Assessments
- Process improvements
- Financial Oversight
- Product development and expansion
- Business alliances
- Corporate leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Capital expenditures
- Profit & Loss
- Budgeting
- Operating budgets
- Staff Management
- Organizational leadership
- Market understanding
- Risk management
- Financial Management
- Productivity performance
- Operations management
- New market penetration
- Market research and analysis
- Business Management
- Operational Oversight

Work History

CEO 01/1998 to Current

Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association – Lehigh, IA

- Led operational oversight and budgetary supervision for all broadband projects.

- Devised new promotional approaches to boost customer numbers and market penetration while enhancing engagement and driving growth.
- Maintained effective staff and resource utilization rates to balance financial and operational obligations.
- Monitored use of best practices at all levels and implemented corrective actions to bring employees into compliance.
- Determined vision and strategic direction for broadband deployment and coordinated resources to achieve targets within optimal timeframes.
- Built productive relationships with industry partners and competitors to support strategic business objectives.

Telecommunications Technician

01/1980 to 01/1998

Webster Calhoun Telephone – Gowrie, IA

- Diagnosed and resolved complex integrated customer issues for implementation, add-on, maintenance and support of voice, data, VoIP and CTI applications.
- Planned layouts and ran cable into buildings and through walls, attics and crawl spaces.
- Analyzed user-generated trouble tickets to determine causes of problems and took appropriate action for resolution.
- Read blueprints and schematics to correctly place equipment.
- Responded to service requests during and after business hours.
- Developed expertise in communication systems cabling, circuitry and wiring through various projects for public utility companies.
- Maintained excellent attendance record, consistently arriving to work on time.

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| 10/01/2020 | Beginning Balance | | |
| | 83 Deposits/Other Credits | + | |
| | 117 Checks/Other Debits | - | |
| 10/31/2020 | Ending Balance | | 31 Days in Statement Period |

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