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Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
Broadband Deployment Fund
500 E Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701-1643

RE: Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge Applicant

Recently I have become aware that Grafton Telephone Company plans to submit an application to the Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge grant being administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

For the better part of a century, Grafton Telephone Company has provided outstanding telecommunications services to customers in the communities they serve.

Grafton has made significant investments toward providing better, faster and more robust broadband services to rural customers and communities. Further, they are an established business in the community, and have invested significantly in the philanthropic, social and economic well-being of the communities they serve.

I would like to affirm that Grafton Telephone Company is an active and contributing member of the Illinois Telecommunications Association (ITA).

Sincerely,



Matt Johnson
President