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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

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Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **IdeaTek Telcom, LLC**

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Which of the following best describes you?  
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

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I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one):

**SCTelcom Pratt County 2**

I am submitting comments to express

**Support for a project**

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

**IdeaTek submits this information in response to SCTelcom's Pratt County 2 proposal to the January 2021 Broadband Acceleration Grant. We continue to encourage all funding partners including the Kansas Department of Commerce to look towards long-term infrastructure investment that will solve the digital divide in Kansas for the foreseeable future. Fixed wireless as a short term economical solution and fiber as a long term final solution are equally important to invest in even when those efforts are somewhat duplicative at times. We are in support of the approval of this project for the reasons provided in the attached information.**

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

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**Abby Stockebrand**

By submitting this form for public comment and evidence to support your comment, you are accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted and that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You agree to be contacted by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce should the need arise. Furthermore, by making this submission, you understand that Kansas Department of Commerce and the Office of Broadband Development reserve the right to publicly publish your comment and evidence provided. Falsification of information will result in rejection of future public comment submissions and could result legal action. Please type your name and today's date in the text box below.

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## Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant: Public Comment

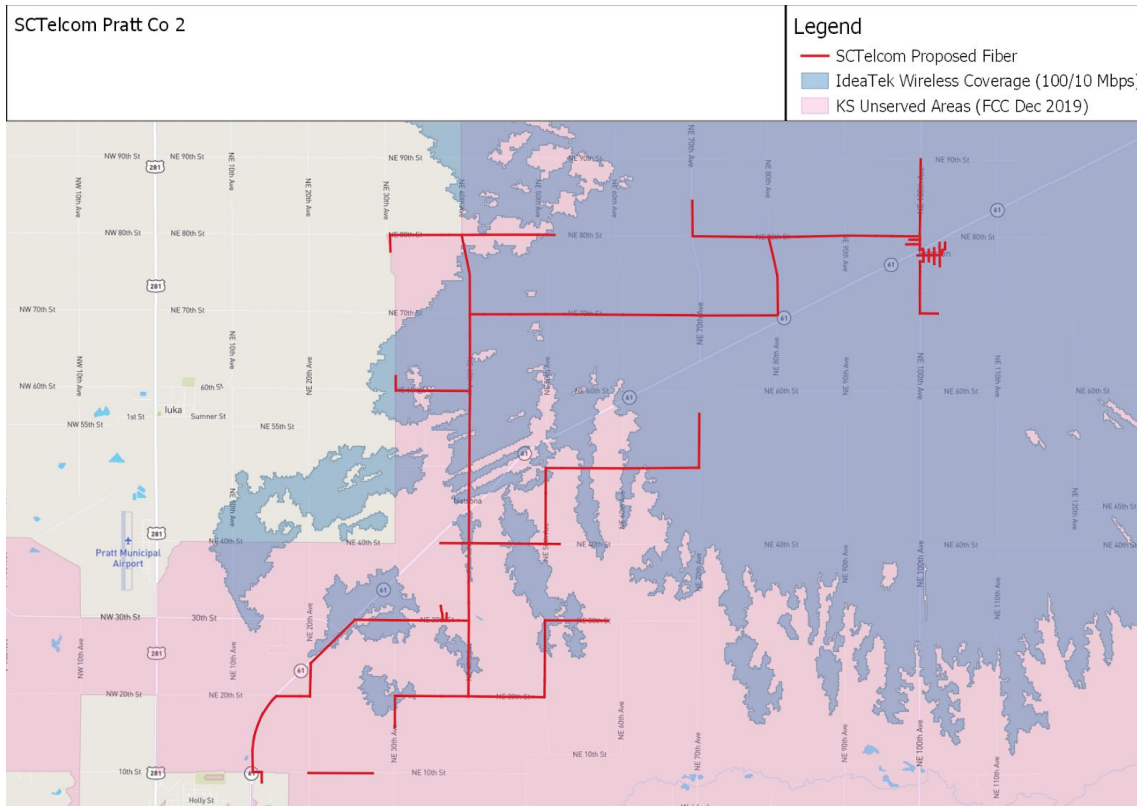
January 29, 2021

Application: SCTelcom - Pratt County 2

IdeaTek submits this information in response to SCTelcom's Pratt County 2 proposal to the January 2021 Broadband Acceleration Grant.

We are providing a *positive* public comment to this application for the following reasons:

1. We believe that fiber optic infrastructure investment is the only scalable, long-term infrastructure investment that currently is available to stop the cycle of "catching up and falling behind" that occurs in rural broadband infrastructure through investments in fixed wireless or satellite broadband.
2. We also believe that fiber fed fixed wireless internet deployment is a reasonable short term investment when fiber investments cannot be obtained.
3. While our CERG Grant #54 does cover a significant portion of this proposed fiber investment, our grant provided fixed wireless service in this area and it does not cover the entire application service area or fully address the factors noted above for fiber investment.



### Summary

We continue to encourage all funding partners including the Kansas Department of Commerce to look towards long-term infrastructure investment that will solve the digital divide in Kansas for the foreseeable future. Fixed wireless as a short term economical solution and fiber as a long term final solution are equally important to invest in even when those efforts are somewhat duplicative at times. We are in support of the approval of this project for the reasons listed.