

# Project: Broadband Acceleration Grant Yr 2 - Public Comment

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## Please provide your name:

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## Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)

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

Ideatek - Reno County

## I am submitting comments to express

Support for a project

## Please provide your comments in the text box below.

On behalf of the City of South Hutchinson in Reno County, I am writing to express support for the Ideatek/Reno County project. Even though this project is not located in our city limits, our governing body passionately supports increasing access to highspeed, quality broadband for all residents in our region.

The digital economy significantly reduces barriers to entry for residents looking for jobs, employers seeking to grow and expand their businesses, and for students seeking access to higher learning and vocational training. Additionally, it increases governmental transparency and promotes connectedness between members of our communities. Without quality access to the internet, our neighbors and communities cannot tap into the power of the internet and benefit from these opportunities.

Our entire region will benefit from expanded access to the internet, including South Hutchinson, even if this project is outside of our city limits. For these reasons, we are enthusiastic supporters of this initiative and urge you to strongly consider this application.

**Please provide supporting documentation to support your comments. Concerns related to overbuilds should include explicit data such as Census block and address specific data. Submit multiple files as a single ZIP file.**

n/a

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City of South Hutchinson