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RE: 2024 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D) is pleased to extend its support to Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.'s 2024 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program application for fiber optic broadband infrastructure deployment in rural York County between Lushton and McCool Junction.

This project will address a significant need for rural broadband access: based on data provided by the Nebraska Broadband Office, just 71% of locations in York County are served. This project will measurably increase that number by connecting an additional 53 unserved locations. Not only will this connectivity bring immediate benefit to residents and businesses in the area, but it will also set the stage for future economic growth, resident attraction, and sustainability for years to come.

Glenwood's steadfast commitment to digital inclusion and equity through their previous participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program and comparably low monthly rates ensures all York County residents, and especially those unserved rural locations impacted by this project, will be able to afford quality broadband service.

Glenwood's continued engagement with the York County Commission and their commitment to building a public-private partnership sets a valuable precedent for continued efforts to connect rural Nebraskans to reliable, high-speed broadband. This collaboration moreover serves to minimize potential barriers to deployment. Just as with previous rounds of funding, SEND D backs this project proposal with enthusiasm and urges the Public Service Commission to approve this application.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oliver Borchers-Williams".

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