

Resolution 2019-032

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF VISTABEAM FOR THE WYOMING BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANT WITH THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,875.00 FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF FIXED WIRELESS EQUIPMENT TO DELIVER BROADBAND SERVICE TO THE CENTENNIAL AND ROB ROY RESERVOIR AREAS IN ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING.

WHEREAS, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet and e-connectivity is imperative for Albany County, Wyoming (County) residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors;

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity are changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy;

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity create opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, business, agriculture, and government;

WHEREAS, countries, states, counties, tribal nations and municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fiber, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, knowledge development;

WHEREAS, County must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships such as with Vistabeam in the effort to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high-speed internet throughout the County;

WHEREAS, Vistabeam proposes the extension of its existing fixed wireless network into the Centennial area and the area around Rob Roy Reservoir in Albany County, Wyoming including the installation of two semi-portable towers and the purchase of one existing tower in the proposed service areas, a fixed wireless broadband network using LTE based equipment and unlicensed wireless in 5ghz, high capacity licensed microwave feeds for each project site and enough CPE radios to serve all customers in the area;

WHEREAS, this project includes equipment at four new tower sites. Each tower site will have Cambium ePMP3000 access points, capable of delivering up to 100MB speeds to end users. The towers will also have BaiCells LTE equipment that is capable of delivering up to 50MB speeds to end users;

WHEREAS, to supplement grant funds for the total cost of this project, Vistabeam intends to pursue commercial financing for the Wyoming Broadband Development Grant with the Wyoming Business Council.

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

Section 2. That the County acknowledges that access to the internet and e-connectivity is a crucial part of the County's mission to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management and planning thereby, promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations.


Section 3. That the Albany County Board of Commissioners support Vistabeam's application for the Wyoming Broadband Development Grant with the Wyoming Business Council in the amount of \$196,875.00 for the deployment of fixed wireless equipment to deliver broadband service to the Centennial and Rob Roy Reservoir areas in Albany County, Wyoming.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 19 day of November, 2019.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING


By: Terri Jones, Chairperson

ATTEST:


By: Jackie R. Gonzales,
Albany County Clerk