

# LENOWISCO PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

July 27, 2021

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D  
Director, Office of Broadband  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
600 East Main Street, Ste 300  
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Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of LENOWISCO Planning District Commission (LENOWISCO) and Scott County Telephone Cooperative's (SCTC) intent to submit an application for the FY2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). The "LENOWISCO District-Wide Broadband Project" will continue the deployment of reliable, high-speed broadband to rural distressed areas in Lee, Scott and Wise Counties and the City of Norton. Once completed, 100% of the planning district will have access to adequate, reliable and affordable broadband service.

LENOWISCO and SCTC intend to request funding of \$24 million, to construct a \$30+ million project with an 80/20 match to connect approximately 6,000 to 7,000 unserved/underserved locations. The proposed project will serve communities beginning at the state line in western Lee County, moving NE along US 58/58ALT, throughout Wise County along US 58 and US 23 corridors and back to serve the few remaining underserved areas in rural Scott County. SCTC has identified 6,000 to 7,000 locations throughout the LENOWISCO footprint, estimated to require an investment of \$30+ million, including consideration of recent increased material and labor costs. This proposed project will further expand the prior FY20 and FY21 VATI-funded projects. SCTC has existing operational backbone fiber with capacity throughout the district to be used and expanded to serve all proposed locations.

Duane Miller will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:  
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LENOWISCO and SCTC understands that this VATI Application Notice is required in order to submit an application for the 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this notice is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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