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Strada Communications awarded Round 2 Connect IL Grant

Rapids City, IL – Strada Communications applied for, and was awarded, the Connect Illinois Broadband grant opportunity through the Illinois Department of Commerce Office of Broadband. Strada’s mission is to provide 100% Fiber Optic internet and phone service to our rural communities where access to reliable and affordable internet services are either limited or completely unavailable.

Scott Searl, co-owner of Strada Communications, is looking forward to reaching the rural areas in Rapids City, Port Byron, Cordova, Lyndon, Prophetstown, Hillsdale, and Erie. “We are excited to partner with the State of Illinois to help our local communities gain access to our internet services. We understand having a reliable internet connection is a basic need and are anxious to get started!”

When the Connect Illinois Broadband grant’s terms are finalized and accepted, these builds will begin in the fall of 2022 through the summer of 2024. More information will be released on specific timelines for each community and the Strada team will offer time for each area’s residents to learn more about the services.

A map of our 2022-2024 expansion (red) and current infrastructure (pink, blue & yellow) is included on the following page, and more information will be released regarding timelines and build schedules. Strada will continue to explore additional grant opportunities to service our rural areas not covered by this round of funding.

