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IOWA UPDATES BROADBAND MAP AND OPENS CHALLENGE PROCESS

They need your help to continue bringing reliable, high-speed internet to northeast Iowa.

This month, the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer published a new version of the Statewide Broadband Availability Map. The public is encouraged to provide input by completing a short online survey into whether the Map accurately reflects broadband internet coverage. The Map is to inform eligibility of locations for future grant funding. The information collected will help communities secure grants for the future development of internet resources, impacting economic development, entrepreneurship, and educational opportunities in our region. **Please complete this survey by Aug. 31, 2022.**

Access the survey at <https://geosurveys.iowa.gov/admissing/> OR acskyways.com/map-challenge with a phone, tablet, or computer to perform a speed test and report conditions of service at your home or business. *Note: It is a good idea to have your internet bill handy to answer some of the questions regarding monthly charges and current speeds.* The best time of day to run your speed test is from 6-8:00 a.m. and 5-10:00 pm; you may submit more than one test to show different speeds throughout the day.

Helpful Tips when completing the survey:

1. **Address:** When you enter your street address, you will need to include street or road, etc., your city, state, and zip code.
2. **Add Internet Provider:** The questions on page two asks, "Have you contacted any providers that can serve or claim to serve this address? This may include your current internet provider?"
Note: If you click "No," your speed test will not run.
3. List your current internet provider.
4. Follow the prompts to go through the questions.
5. Please go through the short survey until you click on the SUBMIT button.

If you have questions regarding or completing the speed test survey, please contact **Brenda Hackman**, manager of economic development and community relations, at bhackman@acrec.coop.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping to continue bringing reliable, high-speed internet to northeast Iowa.

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