



OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE  
STATE OF IOWA

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State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0004  
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July 14, 2025

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
LOCAL

Subject: Extensive Rodent Damage to Cable along 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Winneshiek  
County on November 26, 2024  
Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated January 8, 2025  
AOS Claim ID: 3956

The Department's request included a supplemental allocation request of \$1,688.94 because additional damages were identified. We recommend Executive Council approval of the supplemental allocation of \$1,688.94, which increases the allocation to \$14,535.94. In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the invoices and supporting documentation for final payment related to this loss. We have found the items to be in order as shown below:

Documented request		\$ 14,535.94
Executive Council allocation (Revised)		\$ 14,535.94
Less:		
Previous payments	\$ 0.00	
This payment	<u>14,535.94</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 14,535.94</u>
Remaining Executive Council allocation		<u>\$ 0.00</u>

We recommend that reimbursement be made in the amount of \$14,535.94. This represents full and final payment on this allocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN



June 23, 2025

Executive Council  
State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA  
LOCAL

*Attn: Kristi Onstot*

Reimbursement Request – 29C.20

Invoice Number: 64525065

Tenant #: EXEC00000001

OSP Log #: 96250407

Cost to repair ICN fiber in Winneshiek County \$ 14,535.94

Along 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue

November 26, 2024

*See attached detail*

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Net Amount Due:	\$ 14,535.94
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~Payment Due Upon Receipt~  
Please send a copy of this invoice with remittance.  
Please remit payment within 30 days to:  
Iowa Communications Network

**ICN Accounting String:**

**Fund: 0645 DEPT: 336 ORG: 2700 REV: 0709 APPR: 0000**



June 23, 2025

Ms. Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council of Iowa  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Re: Request for Additional Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Onstot,

Request additional allocation of \$1,688.94 for the November 26, 2024 damage in Winneshiek County in addition to the previous amount allocated in our January 8, 2025 letter (attached). Total allocation requested for this damage is \$14,535.94 based on the actual costs to repair this damage.

If you have any questions regarding this claim, please call my office at 515-725-4666 located in the Grimes State Office Building.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mulhall  
Executive Director

cc: Office of Auditor of State (Tammy Hollingsworth)  
ICN Operations Division (Dave Augspurger)  
ICN Finance Division (Kammy McHone)



May 20, 2025

**Actuals for ICN Fiber Cable Damage: Outside Plant Log #96250407**

This invoice is for the relocation of a damaged ICN cable along 285<sup>th</sup> Ave in Winneshiek County. The damaged cable was the result of rodent chewing through the cable and the Executive Council was notified of the ICN's intent to submit this as a claim for reimbursement on November 26, 2024. Repair required approximately 510-ft of new cable be placed via directional bore between two existing maintenance splice locations. Additionally, the existing maintenance splice locations required new handholes be placed.

*Actual costs for this project are listed below:*

<b>Contracted Labor and Materials</b>	
Construction Labor	\$10,347.50
Construction Materials	\$1,798.44
Splicing Labor	\$2,390.00
ICN Provided Materials	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Engineering Design	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,535.94</b>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**Dave Augspurger**  
**Sr Telecom Specialist | OSP Lead**  
Outside Plant  
Iowa Communications Network  
400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319  
515-725-4604 office  
515-229-2013 cell  
[daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us](mailto:daugspurger@icn.state.ia.us)

Budget FY	Ref Doc	Ref Doc ID	Fund	Unit	Object	Object Class	Appropriation	Vendor Customer	Vendor Name	Vendor Invoice	Doc Record Date	Posting Am	Line Descriptio	Check Number	Doc Accounting
2025 GAX		25JE023610	0645	2700	2516	409	0000	00002123093	Erich M Gamm	2025051	05/29/25	558.44		000001000066678	3
2025 GAX		25JE023610	0645	2700	2519	409	0000	00002123093	Erich M Gamm	2025051	05/29/25	11,587.50		000001000066678	2
2025 GAX		25JE023610	0645	2700	2519	409	0000	00002123093	Erich M Gamm	2025051	05/29/25	2,390.00		000001000066678	4
												\$ 14,535.94			





800 Highway 150 S  
West Union, IA 52175  
(563) 422-5900  
bore4u.com

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/1/2025	2025051

**Bill to:**

Iowa Communications Network  
Grimes State Office Bldg  
400 East 14th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

	P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	96250407	Net 30	2025.006
Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Project Date: March 21, 2025 Project Location: 2281 285th Ave, Ridgeway Reel #: 2024-12-008 Start: 24250 End: 23588 Total: 662			
Drill 1.25" duct	510	12.00	6,120.00
HDPE 1.25"	510	0.42	214.20
Expose existing fiber-120ft	1	2,400.00	2,400.00
Install hand holes	2	500.00	1,000.00
24x36x34 hand holes	2	620.00	1,240.00
Install 12 fiber in duct	662	1.25	827.50
12 fiber	662	0.52	344.24
Splice case prep	2	350.00	700.00
Splicing (8 burns)	8	55.00	440.00
Splicing Mobilization	1	1,250.00	1,250.00
<b>APPROVED</b> <i>By Jacob Jordan at 8:54 am, May 20, 2025</i>			
VENDOR: West Union Trenching INVOICE: 2025051 AMOUNT: \$14,535.94 LOG #: 96250407 AFE: 1958 BILLABLE: Y FY: 25 P.O.: 010182			
<b>Total</b>			\$14,535.94
<b>Payments/Credits</b>			\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>			\$14,535.94



OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE  
STATE OF IOWA

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February 6, 2025

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Council  
LOCAL

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Iowa Communications Network (ICN)  
Claim Dated January 8, 2025  
AOS Claim ID: 3956

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The amount requested may include costs that will be covered by a monthly maintenance contract for technician services that are not additional expenses to ICN. The actual claim for reimbursement should only be for expenses that exceed the technician hours per the maintenance agreement.

Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation for the requested amount of \$12,847.00, subject to audit of actual invoices and supporting documentation and demonstration that no costs covered by the maintenance contract have been included.

Sincerely,

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Brian R. Brustkern, CPA  
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Ryan Mulhall, Executive Director, ICN  
Kammy McHone, Finance Division, ICN  
Dave Augspurger, Operations Division, ICN  
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management



January 8, 2025

Ms. Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council of Iowa  
State Capitol  
LOCAL

Re: Emergency Allocations of Funds

Dear Ms. Newton,

On or about November 26, 2024 the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) received physical damage to ICN Communications equipment in Des Moines, Iowa. An email was sent to the Office of the Auditor of State and the Executive Council. This letter represents a claim for \$12,847.00 in accordance with Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa for an emergency allocation of funds to repair damages sustained. Paid invoices will be included upon completion of repairs.

It was determined ICN equipment was damaged due to rodent chew along 285<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Winneshiek County, IA. Enclosed are the damage assessment and cost estimate to restore that damaged equipment to normal operating condition.

If you have any questions regarding this claim, please call my office at 515-725-4666 located in the Grimes State Office Building.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mulhall  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Office of Auditor of State (Tammy Hollingsworth)  
ICN Operations Division (Dave Augspurger)  
ICN Finance Division (Kammy McHone)