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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?	Yes
Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments:	PGB Fiber dba Pioneer Communications
Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)	Internet provider in proposed service area

I am providing
comments related to
the following
application
(comments must be
filed individually for
each project):

IdeaTek_Route83Corridor

I am submitting
comments to
express:

Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing
concerns about the
project:

Proposes to serve an area that already has service
Proposes service to an area in which construction is already underway

Please provide your comments in the text box below:

PGB Fiber, LLC hereby respectfully submits public comments to portions of Ideatek's "Route 83 Corridor" project proposal for the Kansas Broadband Capital Projects Fund grant.

We have several concerns with how Ideatek is proposing to use CPF grant funds to construct fiber mainline in a loop around Garden City (see supporting documents Exhibit 1). We believe that this representation is not fully accurate as Ideatek has fiber network nearer to the proposed route which was previously funded via the CARES CERG program (see supporting document Exhibit 2, 4, 5, 6, 7).

A large portion of this proposed route would be a duplication of public dollars utilized in the CARES CERG grants as the proposed mainline route also overlaps fiber optic routes that PGB Fiber has already installed or will have completed in 2022, a large portion which was funded via CARES CERG funding and completed in 2020 (see supporting document Exhibit 3 & 8).

Per Ideatek's proposed service area map they intend to construct a fiber line located from the northeast edge of Garden City south on Jennie Barker Rd., west on Spruce St, and west on Chestnut St. to west Fulton St. & 9th St. This would in fact provide redundant service to an already completed fiber optic network built by PGB Fiber and capable of 1Gbps/1Gbps speeds today with scalability to 10Gbps/ 10Gbps speeds in the future.

While PGB Fiber respects Ideatek's effort to provide service for residents of rural Southwest Kansas, we do not believe that the goals of the CPF grant program to serve the unserved are met by overbuilding existing mainline infrastructure in this urban area. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require any additional supporting documentation.

Attached are supporting documents for your evaluation that include:

- **Exhibit 1 – Areas of concern**
- **Exhibit 2 - Ideatek network**
- **Exhibit 3 - PGB network**
- **Exhibit 4 - Finney County Fiber Optic Network RFP**
- **Exhibit 5 - Ideatek's RFP response**
- **Exhibit 6 - Finney County/ Ideatek construction agreement**
- **Exhibit 7 - Minutes from Finney County Commission meeting**
- **Exhibit 8 – PGB CERG Information**

Upload supporting documentation - multiple files should be submitted as a .ZIP file.

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By submitting the Public Comment Form (the "Form") and any supporting evidence, you attest

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