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## News & Updates

### Students Selected for Statewide Broadband Council

ICN has a new group of Iowa high school students to serve on its Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC). Throughout the school year, the students will meet with ICN Leadership and hear directly from leaders of Iowa technology companies. There will be a range of topics discussed including broadband in schools, cybersecurity, automated transportation, and wireless technology.

[View the list of students selected.](#)

### Introducing: Cloud Connect

Our [Cloud Connect](#) service offers a private, direct, and secure transport connection to cloud/content providers that does not travel across the public Internet.

Express routes available include: AWS / Google / Azure

[Learn about the new service.](#)

### Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month continues to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. We want to provide some [helpful tips](#) for how you can protect yourself at work and home during the month-long campaign in October and through the year.

[Read Tips](#)

### Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Filing Window Opens Sept 28!

#### Customer Notice for K-12 Education & Libraries

*The second Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Filing Window opens on September 28, 2021 and will close on October 13, 2021.*

**Who's Eligible:** Schools and libraries – including primary and secondary schools – that provided off-site broadband service and connected devices to

### Broadband News

[Emergency Connectivity Fund \(ECF\) Demand Highest for Laptops](#)

[New K-12 Cybersecurity Standards Released](#)

[Emergency Broadband Benefit still has \\$2.7B out of \\$3.2B available](#)

[Revisiting FirstNet, the Public Safety Network Born from 9/11](#)

[The latest push for broadband in Iowa](#)

[House budget legislation includes \\$10 billion in federal NG911 funding](#)

[Governor Reynolds announces broadband grant recipients of \\$100M investment](#)

[Protecting Both Privacy and Security in Higher Ed](#)

[Shane Dwyer to Serve as Iowa Chief Information Security Officer](#)

[5 Million Households Signed Up for the Emergency Broadband Benefit — Here's How to Apply](#)

students, staff, and patrons who would otherwise lack access during the COVID-19 health emergency.

**What's Covered:** The funding will reimburse reasonable costs of eligible equipment such as Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, devices that combine a modem and router, connected devices, and eligible broadband connections.

[Learn about ICN's Hotspot Service](#)

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## Highlights from Social Media

### ICN Industry of the Month

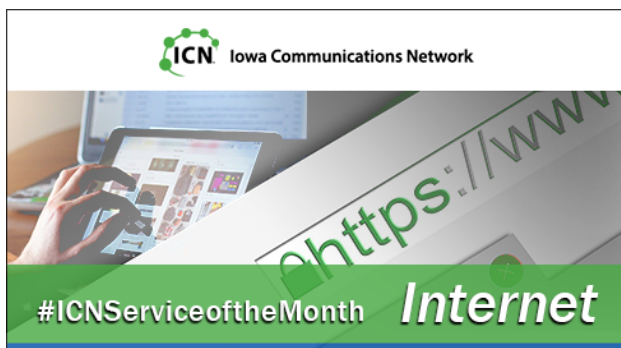
Our *ICN Industry of the Month* focus is Public Safety. Earlier this year, we announced that [ICN is partnering with FirstNet, built with AT&T, on behalf of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department](#) to use #FirstNet as the backup connection for Iowa PSAPs providing 9-1-1 services to Iowans. <https://icn.iowa.gov/public-safety>



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### ICN Service of the Month

The *ICN Service of the Month* is Internet. Our blended and redundant infrastructure delivers a symmetrical Internet connection, meaning data speeds are the same when uploading & downloading content from the Internet. <https://icn.iowa.gov/data/internet>



[HHS issues \\$25.5B in COVID-19 relief funding aimed at rural, small providers](#)

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[States to offer digital driver's license via Apple Wallet app](#)

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[30 State and Local Government IT Influencers Worth a Follow in 2021](#)

[What to Know About Student Privacy on School-Issued Devices](#)

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