



United States  
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## Rural Development



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# RD Apply – Highlights

*Better with Broadband in Bend, Oregon*

# What is RD Apply?

RD Apply is a new online application intake system for Rural Development.

- Currently used by RUS Electric, **Telecommunications**, and Water and Environmental Programs
- Converts the old paper application process to a new secure electronic system
- Establishes consistency across programs

# How does RD Apply benefit me?

## RD Apply provides:

- Customized applications that match your interests and requirements
- Secure access to multiple users on your application team
- Automated system validation checks to ensure consistency across forms
- Application status indicators based on minimum program requirements
- System integrated Tool Tips to guide applicants
- Automated system notifications

# How does RD Apply benefit me?

RD Apply offers you:

An **adaptable** application experience that merges your specific loan requests with your company's personal characteristics.

## Application Questionnaire

What type of funding opportunity are you applying for?

- Farm Bill Broadband Loan
- Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan

- Upgrade Existing Network
- Expanding Existing Network
- Building a New Network
- Acquisition
- Refinance

Is your company requesting Interim Financing for this project?

- Yes
- No

What type of Farm Bill funds are you applying for?

- Cost of Money
- 4%
- Other Guarantee

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### Application Questionnaire

Does the applicant have a subsidiary operation?

Yes

No

Does the applicant rely on services provided by an affiliate operation?

Yes

No

Is your company a start-up company?

Yes

No

Are you using non-loan funds during the forecast period?

Yes

No

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# How does RD Apply benefit me?

RD Apply lets you define the **structure** of your application...and determine **who has access** to it.

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with tabs: Interview, Customer, Loan Request, Service Area(s), Construction, Acquisitions, Financials, Competition, and Environmental. Below the tabs are buttons for Documents and Summary/Submit. A green bar labeled 'Interview Recap' spans the width. Below this is a table with columns 'Question', 'Answer', and 'Actions'. Two yellow callout boxes point to the 'Construction' and 'Financials' tabs, stating: 'You can give your Engineering Consultants access to this tab' and 'You can give your Financial Consultants access to this tab' respectively. The table contains two rows of questions with corresponding answer buttons and a 'Modify' button.

Question	Answer	Actions
Which Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Rural Development (RD) Program Area are you requesting funds from?	Telecommunic	
Is this your entity's first application with Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Rural Development (RD)?	Yes	Modify

# How does RD Apply benefit me?

RD Apply offers you:

An **automatic** check for basic errors in your application.

Data successfully saved.

The data has been successfully saved but there are errors you need to fix before you can submit:

Acquisition amount cannot be greater than 50% of the Loan Amount Requested.

At least one Technology Type selection is required.

Construction Investment Workbook Summary RUS Funded Total Budget Costs \$0.00 must match the Nature of Network changes \$3,000,000.00 on the Loan Request screen. The total does not include Acquisitions, Refinance and Other that are entered on the Loan Request screen.

Total fields must match.

4 Percent is required.

# How does RD Apply benefit me?

## RD Apply offers you:

A **basic checklist** identifying required forms that you still need to complete and/or attach before application submission.

Environmental Documents Summary/Submit

Each section of the application is presented with a status of  when the data has passed validation edits and a status of  when the data has failed validation edits. If the status is , a row for each validation issue appears under the section header. The first column has the name of the data that has the issue and the second column describes the issue. Customers may press the hyperlink related to the page name to correct the issue. Once each section has a  status, the application may be submitted to the USDA for review by a person in your organization with the authority to submit.

	<a href="#">INTERVIEW</a>
	<a href="#">CUSTOMER</a>
	<a href="#">LOAN REQUEST</a>
	Construction Investment Workbook Summary RUS Funded Total Budget Costs \$0.00 must match the Nature of Network changes \$100,000.00 on the Loan Request screen. The total does not include Acquisitions, Refinance and Other that are entered on the Loan Request screen.
	<a href="#">SERVICE AREA(S)</a>
	 <a href="#">CONSTRUCTION</a>
	 <a href="#">FINANCIALS</a>
	 <a href="#">COMPETITION</a>
	 <a href="#">ENVIRONMENTAL</a>
	 <a href="#">DOCUMENTS</a>
	 <a href="#">Attachments</a>
	10 more document(s) required for submittal.
	 <a href="#">Certifications</a>
	5 more document(s) required for submittal.
	 <a href="#">Licenses &amp; Agreements</a>
	12 more document(s) required for submittal.

Submit

# When can I start using RD Apply?

## NOW

- Infrastructure Loan Program
  - By October 2016, plan to use RD Apply exclusively

## EARLY 2016

- Farm Bill Loan Program
  - For the next application window, plan to use RD Apply exclusively

## 2017 AND BEYOND

- Other Telecom Programs (e.g., Community Connect and Distance Learning and Telemedicine)
- Future Telecom Funding Programs

# RD Apply Webinar Schedule

Want a walkthrough of the system? Join us for our live navigation of RD Apply at the following webinars:

**February 10**

11:30-1 p.m. (PST)

**March 8**

7-8:30 a.m. (PST)

**February 23**

7-8:30 a.m. (PST)

**March 23**

11:30-1 p.m. (PST)

Each webinar is limited to the first 100 participants.

Check out the Telecom Programs homepage for registration details.

Questions?



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