



ReConnect NOFO 5 Workshop

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ReConnect Round 5 Workshop – Day 1

1:00-5:00 p.m.	Office Hours
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:45-10:15 a.m.	ReConnect Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Overview
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Application System Overview and Key Application System Updates
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Service Areas and Mapping
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Service Area Eligibility
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-5:15 p.m.	Network Requirements Overview and Live Demo
5:15-5:30 p.m.	Open Q&A
5:30- 5:35 p.m.	Day 1 Closing Remarks



ReConnect Program

Round 5 Notice of Funding Opportunity - Introduction and Overview



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Agenda

- Definitions of Important Terms
- Eligibility
- Funding Types
- Additional Requirements
- Application Scoring Criteria
- Award Terms
- Summary of Changes from Round 4 to Round 5
- Additional Information
- Application Tips
- Q&A

Definitions of Important Terms



Definitions

- **Alaska Native Corporations** means an Alaska Native Regional Corporation or an Alaska Native Village Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1602(g) and (j).
- **Enforceable Commitment** means a legally enforceable obligation by any federal, state, or local agency, utilizing Federal Funds, to fund a broadband project that will provide to all households in the service area at least 100 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream and 20 (Mbps) upstream.
- **Federal Funds** means any federally appropriated funds; or subsidies and fees managed by the FCC to promote universal access.
- **Local Government** means the administration of a particular town, county, or district, with representatives elected by those who live there.

Definitions

- **Persistent Poverty County** is any county with 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-year average, or any territory or possession of the United States
- **Premises** means households, farms, and businesses
- **Socially Vulnerable Community** means a community or area identified in the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index with a score of .75 or higher.
 - For the purposes of this notice, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Hawaiian Census Tribal areas are considered to be Socially Vulnerable Communities.
 - These areas are identified on the GIS layer (Socially Vulnerable Communities) included in the RUS mapping tool located at reconnect.usda.gov.

Definitions (continued)

- **Sufficient access to broadband** means any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service defined as 25 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream and 3 Mbps upstream.
- **System requirements** Facilities proposed to be constructed with award funds must be capable of delivering 100 Mbps symmetrical service to every premises in the Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA). This means that all premises in the PFSA must be able to receive this service at the same time.

Definitions (continued)

- **Tribal Government** means the governing body of an Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community listed pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C. 5130.
- **Tribal Land** means any area identified by the United States Department of Interior as tribal land over which a Tribal Government exercises jurisdiction. A GIS layer of most Tribal Lands can be found on the RUS mapping tool located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>.
- Additional definitions are found in the ReConnect regulation, 7 CFR 1740.2

ReConnect Basic Eligibility



Eligible Entities – 7 CFR 1740.9

- States, local governments, or any agency, subdivision, instrumentality, or political subdivision thereof
- A territory or possession of the United States
- An Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act)
- Non-profit entities
- For-profit corporations
- Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships
- Cooperative or mutual organizations

Eligible Projects – 7 CFR 1740.10

- Fully complete application
- Timely buildout completion (within 5 years)
- Must meet technical feasibility
- Fully funded
- Must meet financial feasibility and sustainability
- Demonstrate the following requirements will be met:
 - Grant-funded facilities will provide broadband service proposed in the application for the composite economic life of the facilities
 - Loan-funded facilities will provide broadband service through the amortization period of the loan

ReConnect Service Area Eligibility Requirements



NOFO 5 Service Area Eligibility

- Service Area Eligibility will be covered in detail this afternoon by Shekinah Pepper
- Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) - Area where the applicant is requesting funds to provide broadband service.
- **At least 90% of households** within a PFSA must lack sufficient access to broadband.
- Applicants must submit evidence that sufficient access to broadband does not exist for 90% of the households in the PFSA, identify all existing providers in the PFSA, and indicate what level of service is being provided. If these areas are found to have sufficient service beyond the threshold, the application may be rejected.

NOFO 5 Service Area Eligibility (continued)

- Areas that have an enforceable commitment are ineligible for ReConnect funds.
 - Areas where an enforceable commitment exists are identified in a GIS layer located in the RUS mapping tool.

NOFO 5 Service Area Eligibility (continued)

Eligible Service Areas:

- Provide broadband access directly to all premises in PFSA
- Service areas of existing RUS borrowers without sufficient access to broadband, as defined in the NOFO, **are eligible** for ReConnect funding. Examples include:
 - Previously constructed Community Connect projects **not** offering sufficient access to broadband
 - RUS Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) projects **not** offering sufficient access to broadband
- Tribal entities proposing service on Tribal Lands may self-certify that sufficient access to broadband does not exist on the Tribal Lands covered under the PFSA.
 - RUS will still perform a service area validation on the PFSA to determine whether sufficient access to broadband exists.
- Applicants who believe that non-rural areas within their proposed service territory are “rural in character” must follow 7 USC 1991(a)(13)(D) in order for such areas to be considered eligible.

NOFO 5 Service Area Eligibility (continued)

- Service Area mapping will also be covered after lunch.
- The public mapping tool can be found on the ReConnect website (<https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>) by selecting the “NEW Mapping Tool” tile.
 - The mapping tool includes the following **eligibility** layers:
 - Non-Rural Areas
 - Pending Applications
 - Protected Broadband Borrower Service Areas
 - Colonia Areas
 - Alaska Native Regional Corporations
 - Alaska Native Village Corporations
 - Enforceable Commitment
 - Tribal Areas

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Ineligible Service Areas

- **Ineligible Service Areas:**

- If prior-funded service areas are providing sufficient access to broadband as defined in the NOFO
 - RUS Broadband Loans including Infrastructure, Community Connect and ReConnect Awards
 - RUS Community Connect Grants still under buildout
 - Service areas of ReConnect Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending
 - RDOF Ready to Authorize Areas

Eligible & Ineligible Costs



Eligible Costs

- Financial Requirements will be covered tomorrow morning by La'Kenya Walter. Chris Proctor will also provide a live demo.
- Award funds may be used for the following purposes:
 - **Construction, acquisition, or improvement of facilities**, including buildings and land, required to provide broadband service
 - **Up to 3%** can be used to fund **post-award monitoring expenses** that are required to mitigate any environmental requirements as long as they are capitalized as part of the project. This cost must be specified in the Professional Services section of the Capital Investment Workbook of the application. This is separate from the 5% allowed for pre-application expenses.
 - **Reasonable pre-application expenses** (not to exceed 5% of the total award).
 - Costs associated with satisfying environmental review requirements are eligible for reimbursement (up to 3% of total award). These costs will count as part of the overall 5% allowable for pre-application expenses.
 - If an applicant applied for funding in ReConnect round 4, pre-application expenses may be eligible for reimbursement under this round of funding if these expenses support the round 5 application (i.e., engineering design, market survey, subscriber projections, etc.).

Ineligible Costs

- Projects proposing to use unlicensed wireless facilities.
- Operating expenses
 - Costs related to obtaining an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILOC) are considered operating expenses, and therefore are ineligible
 - Indirect costs
- To fund grant costs of a vendor that has both designed and is to construct the proposed project.
 - 100% loan applicants wishing to use the same vendor for design and construction must submit supporting documentation that demonstrates the arrangement is the most economical way to complete the project.
 - An applicant applying for a loan, grant, or loan/grant combination can use qualified in-house staff for both design and construction.
- Additional guidance on ineligible costs is defined in the regulation, 7 CFR 1740.12

NOFO 5 Funding Types



Funding Types

	100% Loan	50% Loan-50% Grant Combination	100% Grant
Terms	Max Award: \$50 million Minimum Award: \$100,000 2% Interest Rate	Max Award: \$50 million Minimum Award: \$100,000 UST Interest Rate*	Max Award: \$25 million Minimum Award: \$100,000 25% matching funds**
Application Review	Rolling Basis	Competitive	Competitive
Round 5 Federal Funds	\$200 million	\$200 million	\$150 million
Buildout Speed	100 Mbps symmetrical service (same download and upload speeds) to every premise in the PFSA.		

*The interest rate for the 50 percent loan component will be set at the Treasury rate for the remaining amortization period at the time of each advance of funds. Applicants may propose substituting cash for the loan component at the time of application and funds must be available in the applicant's operating accounts at the closing of the award

**Additional details provided in the following slides.

For Corporations and limited liability entities, the loan and loan/grant combinations must be secured by all assets of the Awardee. Applicants must submit a certification that their existing lender or lienholder on any Awardee asset has already agreed to sign the RUS' standard intercreditor agreement or co-mortgage found on the Agency's web page.

Funding Types (continued)

	100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, and Socially Vulnerable Communities
Terms	Max Award: \$25 million Minimum Award: \$100,000 No matching fund requirement
Application Review	Competitive
Round 5 Federal Funds	\$150 million
Buildout Speed	100 Mbps symmetrical service (same download and upload speeds) to every premise in the PFSA.

Tribal entities applying for a 100% grant that can guarantee project completion don't have to submit NFSAs or 5-year financial projections.

Requirements for Matching Funds – 100% Grant ONLY

- 100% Grant applicants must provide a matching contribution of cash equal to 25% of the cost of the overall project
- Awardees may deposit matching funds into the Pledged Deposit Account on a rolling basis.
- If matching funds are provided by a third party, a commitment letter from the third party must be submitted.
- If the applicant elects to initiate a loan to satisfy the matching requirement, documentation must be included as part of the application indicating the terms and conditions for the loan and that the grant funded assets cannot be used as collateral for the matching funds loan. The loan funds must be transferred into the applicant's accounts by the closing of the award
- Matching funds can only be used for eligible purposes.

100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities

- 100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities eligibility: applicants must meet one of the following criteria
 - Alaska Native Corporations providing service on land owned by the corporation
 - Tribal Governments providing service on Tribal land, lands subject to restrictions on alienation imposed by the United States on Indian Lands; or land that they own, provide services to, or administer.
 - Applicants must submit documentation supporting land ownership, services, or administration.

100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities (continued)

- For the 100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities, an application must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Projects where 75% of the applicant's PFSA(s) are located in areas recognized as Colonias as of October 1, 1989.
 - Projects where 75% of the applicant's PFSA(s) are located in persistent poverty counties.
 - Projects where 75% of an applicant's PFSA(s) consists of Socially Vulnerable Communities.
 - Colonias, persistent poverty counties, and Socially Vulnerable Communities are identified in the application intake system's service area map by corresponding map layers

ReConnect Regulation: Network Requirements



ReConnect Regulation: Network Requirements

- Network Requirements will be covered this afternoon by Chris Collins. Ken Wisemen will provide a live demo.
- **Applicants will need to submit the following:**
 - A network design which includes a description of the proposed technology used to deliver the broadband service
 - A network diagram
 - A buildout timeline and milestones for implementation of the project
 - A Capital Investment Workbook/Capital Investment Schedule showing that the system can be built within 5 years

Network Requirements (continued)

- Professional Engineer (PE) Requirements
 - PE must be certified in at least one of the states where there is project construction
 - Certification must state that the proposed network can deliver broadband service to all premises in the PFSA at the minimum required service level
- Technology neutral
 - Facilities proposed to be constructed with award funds must be capable of meeting the minimum construction requirements of 100 Mbps symmetrical service to every premises in the PFSA.
- Review the regulation (7 CFR 1740.64) for more information

ReConnect Program: Financial Requirements



Financial Requirements

Financial requirements will be covered in detail tomorrow morning by La'Kenya Walter. Chris Proctor will provide a live demo.

Applicants will need to submit the following:

- Audited financial statements
- Detailed information for all outstanding and contingent obligations including a letter from existing lenders that they are willing to share a lien.
- Evidence of all other funding necessary to support the project
- A financial pro forma to include four years of historical data, the current (bridge) year, and five years of projections.

Financial Requirements

- The following applicants are not required to submit the five-year pro forma financial projections or maps of the NFSAs:
 - Tribal entities applying for a 100% grant that are willing to guarantee that the proposed project will be constructed.
 - The guarantee will be demonstrated by the Tribe's audited financials.
 - Tribal entities proposing a guarantee are not required to provide an ILOC.
 - ILOC remains an option for Tribal entities that cannot provide the required lien on grant assets
 - 100% grant applicants that can demonstrate that their last rating from Fitch, Standard and Poor's, or Moody's from the date the application is submitted is a AAA bond rating.
 - Audited financial statements and evidence of the bond rating is required

Financial Requirements

- The following applicants are not required to submit the five-year pro forma financial projections or maps of the NFSAs:
 - Applicants that can demonstrate a current ratio (CR) of 2 or higher, times interest earned ratio (TIER) of 2 or higher, a debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) of 2 or higher, and a Net Worth of 45% or more for the previous two years from the date of application submission.
 - Audited financial statements must support the CR, TIER, DSCR, and Net Worth
 - If an applicant has no outstanding debt, only the CR and Net Worth requirements apply.
 - Publicly traded companies with an investment grade bond rating from Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch.
 - 100% grant applicants who provide an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILOC).

Audited Financials

- The following entities must submit **unqualified, comparative, audited financial statements** (as outlined in 7 CFR 1740)
 - Corporation
 - Commercial Business
 - Limited Liability Company and Limited Liability Partnerships
 - Cooperative
 - Mutual Organization

Audited Financials

- Non-federal entities are subject to 2 CFR 200, and therefore are only required to submit a single audit in compliance with 2 CFR 200.
- Non-federal entities defined as States, Local Governments, Indian Tribes, Nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher learning.

Audited Financials

- An applicant can use the consolidated audit of a parent as long as the parent fully guarantees the loan, or in the case of a grant, guarantees that construction will be completed as approved in the application or will repay the grant to RUS
 - The historical and pro forma financial information must be the applicant's own information provided on a standalone basis
 - If the applicant has more than one parent, then each parent's audits must be submitted, and each parent must fully guarantee the award.
 - A parent company that has subsidiaries applying for funding based on the parent's audited financials can only guarantee **one application** for funding under this notice. If multiple subsidiaries apply based on the same parent audited financial statement, at the agency's discretion, **only one application** can be funded.

Application Scoring Criteria



NOFO 5 - Scoring Criteria

Points	Criteria
25 Points	Rurality of the Proposed Service Area
20 Points	Economic Need of the Community
20 Points	Affordability
20 Points	Labor Standards
15 Points	<p>Tribal Areas including ANCs or Alaska Native Tribal Governments</p> <p>(Note: For non-tribal governmental entities or non-ANC or non Alaska Tribal Governments where at least 50 percent of the geographical area of the PFSA(s) is covered, 10 points will be awarded.)</p>

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NOFO 5 - Scoring Criteria

Points	Criteria
15 Points	Local Governments, Non-Profits, and Cooperatives
15 Points	Socially Vulnerable Communities
10 Points	Net Neutrality
10 Points	<p>Most Unserved Locations Per Square Mile</p> <p>The top ten states are eligible for points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪10 points: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming.▪5 points: Arkansas, Mississippi, Nevada, South Dakota, and West Virginia.
150 Points - Total	

Rurality of the PFSA(s) – 25 Points

- 25 points will be awarded for population densities of 6 or less as measured by the population of the PFSA(s) per square mile **OR** if each PFSA is located at least one hundred miles from a city or town that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants.
- If multiple service areas are proposed, **the density calculation will be made on the combined areas as if they were a single area** and not the average densities.
- A GIS layer identifying rurality can be found in the RUS mapping tool located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

Economic Need of the Community – 20 Points

- Economic need is based on the **county poverty percentage** of the PFSA in the application.
- The percentages must be determined by utilizing the United States Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Program. The points associated with this scoring criterion will be automatically calculated by the mapping tool in the application.
- For applications where **75 percent of the PFSA(s)** are proposing to serve communities with a **SAIPE score of 20 percent or higher, 20 points will be awarded.**

Economic Need of the Community (continued) – 20 Points

- PFSAs located in geographic areas for which **no SAIPE data exist will be determined to have an average SAIPE poverty percentage of 30 percent**. Such geographic areas may include territories of the United States or other locations eligible for funding through the ReConnect Program.
- A GIS layer identifying SAIPE areas can be found in the RUS mapping tool located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- Tribal applicants can request alternative scoring consideration by submitting more granular Tribal specific census data using the census.gov/tribal tool.

Affordability – 20 Points

- Applications can receive 20 points by :
 - Including at least one low-cost option offered at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning
 - Applicants claiming affordability points will be required to upload documentation explaining how the proposed service offering is affordable.

Labor Standards – 20 points

- Applicants requesting these points must include in their application a description of whether and, if so, how the project will incorporate each of the three categories of labor standards and protections:
 1. Strong labor standards
 2. Demonstrated compliance with and plans for future compliance with labor and employment laws
 3. A plan to recruit and support an appropriately skilled, trained and credentialed workforce (including by contractors and subcontractors)

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Labor Standards – 20 points (continued)

- For applicants that commit to strong labor standards, consistent with Tribal Laws when the project proposes to build infrastructure on Tribal Lands, 20 points will be awarded.
- Projects that propose to build infrastructure on Tribal Lands must follow Tribal Laws (such as Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances) to be in compliance with a ReConnect award, regardless of receiving points under this standard.

Tribal Areas – 15 points

- **15 points** will be awarded to **Tribal governments and Tribal Government wholly-owned entities** where at least 75 percent of the geographic area of the PFSA(s) is on Tribal Lands.
- **10 points** will be awarded for **non-tribal governmental entities** where at least 50 percent of the geographic area of the PFSA(s) is on Tribal Lands.
- A certification from the appropriate tribal official is **required** if service is being proposed over, or on, Tribal Lands. Any non-Tribal applicant that fails to provide a certification to provide service on the Tribal Lands identified in the PFSA will not be considered for funding.
- Tribal lands will be analyzed using the GIS layers (Tribal Area (BIA LAR); Tribal Supplemental Area (BIA LAR); and Tribal Statistical Area (BIA)) in the RUS mapping tool located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>.

Tribal Areas – 15 points (continued)

- **15 points** will be awarded to **ANCs or Alaska Native Tribal Governments** where at least **50 percent** of the geographical area of the PFSA(s) is on Census Tribal areas in Alaska
- **10 points** will be awarded to **non-ANC or non-Alaska Native Tribal Government entities** where at least **50 percent** of the geographical area of the PFSA(s) is on Census Tribal areas in Alaska
- Census Tribal areas in Alaska will be analyzed using the GIS layer (Alaska Census Tribal Areas) in the RUS mapping tool located at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- The maximum number of points an applicant can receive for Tribal Areas is **15 points**.

Tribal Coordination

- Vital to coordinate with Tribes early in the application process in order to ensure ample time to obtain the appropriate tribal certification.
- If service is being proposed on or crossing tribal land, a certification from the proper tribal official stating that they are in support of the project and will allow construction to take place on tribal land **is required (7 CFR 1740.60)**. The certification must:
 - Include a description of the land proposed for use as part of the proposed project;
 - Identify whether the land is owned, held in Trust, land held in fee simple by the Tribe, or land under a long-term lease by the Tribe;
 - If owned, identify the landowner; and
 - Provide a commitment in writing from the landowner authorizing the applicant's use of that land for the proposed project
- Any application that does not provide a certification to provide service on the tribal lands identified in the PFSA will not be considered for funding.

Local Governments, Non-Profits, and Cooperatives – 15 points

- 15 points will be awarded for applications submitted by:
 - local governments
 - non-profits
 - cooperatives
- This includes projects involving public-private partnerships where the local government, non-profit, or cooperative is the applicant

Socially Vulnerable Communities – 15 points

- For applications where at least **75 percent of the PFSA(s) are proposing to serve Socially Vulnerable Communities**, as defined in this NOFO, 15 points will be awarded.
- A GIS layer identifying the Socially Vulnerable Communities can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>.

Net Neutrality – 10 points

- For applicants that **commit to net neutrality principles, 10 points will be awarded.**
- A board resolution or its equivalent must be submitted in the application committing that the applicant's networks shall not
 - block lawful content, applications, services, or non-harmful devices, subject to reasonable network management;
 - impair or degrade lawful Internet traffic on the basis of Internet content, application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device, subject to reasonable network management; and
 - engage in paid prioritization, meaning the management of a broadband provider's network to directly or indirectly favor some traffic over other traffic, including through use of techniques such as traffic shaping, prioritization, resource reservation, or other forms of preferential traffic management, either (a) in exchange for consideration (monetary or otherwise) from a third party, or (b) to benefit an affiliated entity.

Most Unserved Locations Per Square Mile – 10 points

- Projects located in states which have the **greatest number of unserved locations per square mile will receive 5 or 10 points.**
- The top ten states are eligible for points.
 - 10 points: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
 - 5 points: Arkansas, Mississippi, Nevada, South Dakota, and West Virginia.
- 75 percent of the PFSA(s) must be located within the state.
- Projects located in more than one state eligible to receive points will automatically receive the higher of the two scores if one of those states is eligible to receive 10 points, but the other state is eligible to receive 5 points.
- Application system will automatically calculate points for this category based on the location of PFSAs

Award Terms



Award Terms

- Review the ReConnect regulation, 7 CFR 1740 Subpart D and the NOFO for award terms including:
 - Interest Rates
 - Terms and Conditions
 - Security
 - Advance of Funds
 - Build America, Buy America
 - Cybersecurity Risk Management
 - Affordable Connectivity Program
- Build America, Buy American Requirements
 - Funding to Non-Federal entities (defined in 2 CFR 200.1) is governed by the requirements of Section 70914 of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) within the IIJA.
 - Funding to entities that are not Non-Federal is governed by the Agency's Buy American requirement at 7 CFR 1787.

Award Terms – Advance of Funds

- For this NOFO, the advance of funds for a 50/50 loan grant combination will be as follows:
 - Funds substituted for the loan component will be expended first
 - Loan funds will be advanced second
 - Grant funds will be advanced third
- The advance of funds for 100 percent grants that require a matching component will be prorated against the amount of matching funds that are required and the amount of the grant funds approved.
 - Example: a request for 10% of grant funds will require evidence of the expenditure of 10% of the matching requirement.

Award Terms – Affordable Connectivity Program

- The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), To ensure that all Americans can access reliable, high-speed internet, this vital service must also be affordable.
- To ensure that rural households can take advantage of the ACP benefit, applicants selected for ReConnect funding will be required to **apply to participate** in the ACP before award funds are disbursed.
- This requirement will also apply to any successor program to the ACP.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Cybersecurity Risk Management

- Applicants selected for ReConnect funding must demonstrate, prior to the signing of the award agreement, effort to consider and address cybersecurity risks consistent with the cybersecurity performance goals for critical infrastructure and control systems directed by the National Security Presidential Memorandum on Improving Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Control Systems (or the current draft of these goals)
 - This can be found at <https://www.cisa.gov/control-systems-goals-and-objectives>

Reporting

- All applications are subject to the requirements contained in 7 CFR 1740 subpart F.
- Non-federal entities are subject to 2 CFR 200, and therefore are only required to submit a single audit in compliance with 2 CFR 200.

ReConnect NOFO 5 Summary of Changes



Summary of Changes

- **90% of households in a PFSA** must lack sufficient access to broadband. The separate grant funding category that previously used this threshold has been removed from the current NOFO.
- Sufficient access to broadband is defined as 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream in NOFO 5.
- Areas that have an enforceable commitment are ineligible for ReConnect funding. These areas are identified on the RUS map.
- Projects proposing to use unlicensed wireless facilities are ineligible for funding under this notice.

Summary of Changes (continued)

- Tribal applicants may request alternative scoring consideration for scoring criterion, "Economic Need of the Community" by submitting more granular Tribal-specific census data using the [census.gov/tribal](https://www.census.gov/tribal) tool.
- For this notice only, the following applicants are not required to submit five-year proforma financial projections or maps of any NFSAs.
 - Tribal entities applying for 100 percent grants that are willing to guarantee that the proposed project will be constructed
 - 100 percent grant applicants that can demonstrate that their last rating from either Fitch, Standard and Poor's or Moody's is a AAA bond rating.
 - The date the rating is issued must be within one year from the date the application is submitted
 - Applicants that can demonstrate a current ratio of 2 or higher, a times interest earned ratio (TIER) of 2 or higher, a debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) of 2 or higher, and a net worth of 45% or more for the previous 2 years from the date the application is submitted.

Summary of Changes (continued)

- For this notice only, applicants are not required to submit a **legal opinion** as part of the application. Applicants that receive an award must still provide the legal opinion as part of closing the award.
- Applicants must provide supporting information to justify the use of **alternative household data**, like utilizing Broadband Serviceable Location data from the FCC or another publicly available source which can be verified by USDA.

Summary of Changes (continued)

- Applicants that are receiving Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) funding are only eligible for a ReConnect 100 percent loan
- Awardees that receive other Federal **or State** funds and ReConnect funding must submit a statement that ReConnect funds have not and will not be reimbursed by another Federal or State award nor used to reimburse another Federal or State award.
 - Awardees must keep separate accounts for each source of funding to track the uses of the funding to support the certification statement submitted with the ReConnect application.
 - Funds cannot be used for duplicative purposes.
- A parent company that has subsidiaries applying for funding based on the parent's audited financials can only guarantee one application for funding under this notice. If multiple subsidiaries apply based on the same parent audited financial statement, at the agency's discretion, only one application can be funded.

Summary of Changes (continued)

Vendor Selection

- Award funds may not be used to fund grant costs of a vendor that has both designed and is to construct the proposed project.
 - If the project has already been designed, then only such costs will be eligible for that vendor and the applicant must procure construction from another entity not related to the vendor.
- If an applicant is applying for a 100% loan and wishes to use the same vendor for design and construction, supporting documentation must be provided that demonstrates that this arrangement is the most economical way to get the broadband facilities constructed.
- An applicant applying for any funding type can use qualified in-house staff for both the design and construction of the broadband facilities.

Summary of Changes (continued)

Evaluation Criteria

- The following criterion were removed in NOFO 5:
 - Wholesale provision of broadband services
 - Level of existing service
- The following criterion was added to NOFO 5:
 - Most Unserved Locations per Square Mile. This criterion ensures RUS prioritizes funding to states with the highest concentrations of unserved broadband service locations (UBSLs) by percentage and area. Projects located in these states can receive 5 or 10 points.

Additional Information



Application Evaluation and Processing

- **100% Loans** will be accepted, evaluated, and processed on a *rolling basis*
- **Combination Loan/Grants** will be evaluated and scored in a *competitive process*
- **100% Grants** will be evaluated and scored in a *competitive process*
- RUS reserves the right to ask applicants for clarifying information and additional verification of assertions in the application
- Applications that have been selected for funding will receive award documents from RUS
- Applicants should review 7 CFR 1740 Subpart F and Subpart G for closing, servicing, reporting, and other Federal award compliance requirements

Service Area Validations (SAV)

- USDA will conduct **Service Area Validations** (SAV) on all PFSA that receive a Public Notice Response (PNR).
 - If an application has 10 PFSA, but only one PFSA receives at least one PNR, then only one PFSA will be validated.
 - PFSA that do not receive a PNR will be considered eligible (assuming they meet all other eligibility requirements).
- **SAVs** on applications will:
 - Check for 25/3 Mbps service in the PFSA
 - Validate other information submitted in the application
 - Consider any public notice responses, which will be posted online for 45 calendar days
 - SAV guidelines can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect> under Forms and Resources

Application Timeline

- Funding Opportunity Announcement
 - Published February 21, 2024
- Application System Opens
 - March 22, 2024
- Application Submission Deadline
 - May 21, 2024 at 11:59 AM ET

Application Tips



Application Tips

- **ALL Applicants** must have several items for the application, regardless of funding type. This includes:
 - An active and current System for Award Management registration including certifications (**SAM** – www.sam.gov).
 - USDA verified (Level II) eAuthentication (or eAuth)
 - Authorized Representative Request (ARR)
 - Application Identification Requirements including a Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - UEI has replaced DUNS and you get your UEI when you register on www.sam.gov
 - Your Cage code is now optional but **may** be listed on the application

Available Resources for Application Help

- **Technical Assistance**

- Register for upcoming workshops/webinars <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/events>
- Subscribe to receive updates about upcoming events on the ReConnect website

- **Resources**

- ReConnect website <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- NOFO: <https://federalregister.gov/d/2024-03484>
- Regulation: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-XVII/part-1740>
- Updated Application Guide <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- Updated Frequently Asked Questions <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

- **Contact Us**

- When working **inside** the application, use the “contact us” button on your screen.
- **Outside** of the application system, use <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us>
- Contact your General Field Representative (GFR): <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr/all>







ReConnect Application System Overview and Key Application System Updates



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New/Update ARR



Authorized Representative Request (ARR)


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Authorized Representative Request

To apply for a ReConnect grant or loan, entities must submit an Authorized Representative Request (ARR) and a resolution. At a minimum, entities must identify a single Representative Signature Certifier on the ARR.

Entity Information

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER * ⓘ

UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) * ⓘ

DUNS NUMBER ⓘ

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Authorized Representative Request

To apply for a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grant or loan, entities must submit an Authorized Representative Request (ARR) and a resolution. At a minimum, entities must identify a single Representative Signature Certifier on the ARR.

✕ Based on the TIN, UEI & DUNS entered, you are not an existing USDA customer and may continue with the Authorized Representative Request below. If you believe this is incorrect, please contact us.

Entity Information

[Clear ARR](#)

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY * ⓘ

HEADQUARTERS OF ENTITY * ⓘ

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ⓘ

123456789

UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) ⓘ

124435512342

DUNS NUMBER ⓘ

Authorized Representatives

Please identify a single Representative Signature Certifier and any Administrators that will be assigned to this account. You can assign one individual as the Representative Signature Certifier and one or more individuals as Administrators. All individuals listed on the ARR must be employed by the Entity and have a [USDA eAuthentication](#) account.

+ Add Representative Signature Certifier

+ Add Administrator(s)

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Add Representative Signature Certifier

Entities must designate a single Representative Signature Certifier. The person in this role must be employed by the Entity and have the authority to authorize certifications and submit information to the USDA on behalf of the Entity.

LOGIN ID * ⓘ

externalmecustomer+joanscreleasetesting@outlook

FIRST NAME *

Joan

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME *

RSCReleaseTesting

EMAIL ADDRESS *

externalmecustomer+joanscreleasetesting@outlook

PHONE NUMBER *

123-456-7890

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Resolution

All entities have to submit an Authorized Representative Request (ARR) and a resolution in order to apply for Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grants and loans. The resolution, or its equivalent, is dependent on the legal structure of the applicant. Sample resolutions for corporations and LLCs are included in the [Forms and Resources](#) section on the USDA website. If the entity is something other than a corporation or LLC, then the content in the sample resolutions can be modified to reflect the entity's legal structure.

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Upload File

Accepted file types include .pdf. File limit is 2GB.

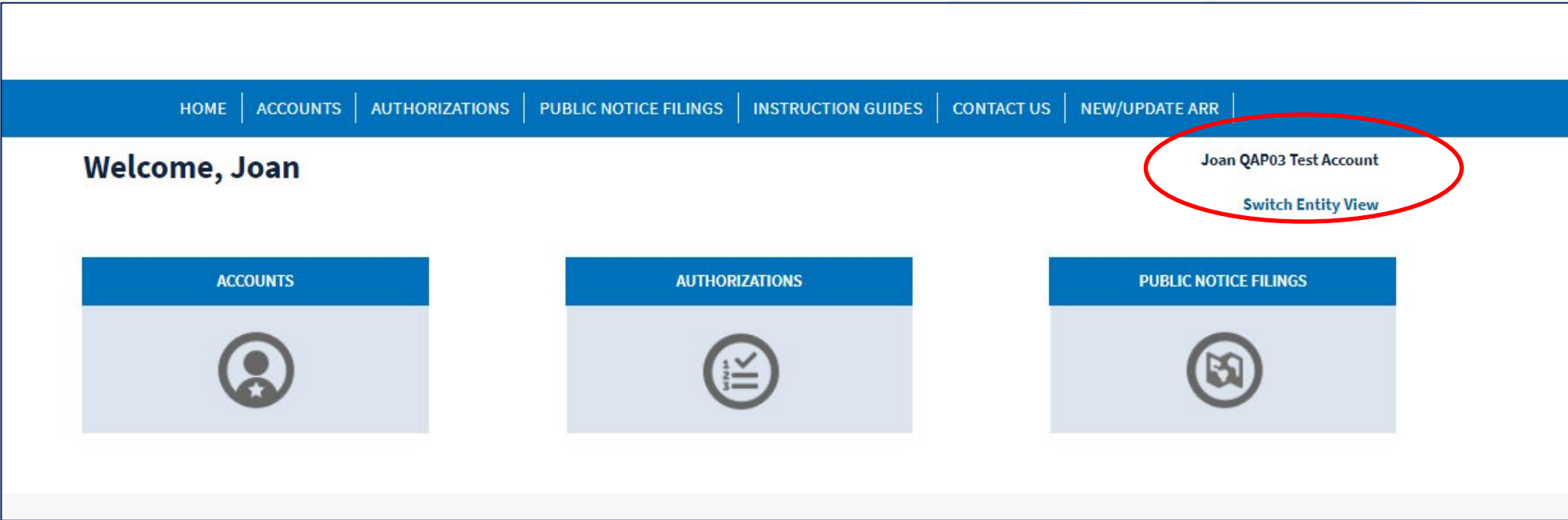
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Or drop files

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Update Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)



Update UEI

The screenshot displays the USDA Rural Development RefConnect Program Portal. A modal titled "UPDATE YOUR ENTITY'S ACCOUNT INFORMATION" is centered on the screen. The modal contains the following fields and text:

UPDATE YOUR ENTITY'S ACCOUNT INFORMATION

ENTITY NAME
[Redacted]

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
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Based on our records, your entity is required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) assigned to, and viewable for, entities registered in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). To learn more about the DUNS-to-Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), please visit <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>.

Questions? [Contact Us](#).

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The background of the portal shows a navigation bar with links: HOME, ACCOUNTS, AUTHORIZATIONS, PUBLIC NOTICE FILINGS, INSTRUCTION GUIDES, CONTACT US, and NEW/UPDATE ARR. The main content area includes a "Welcome" message and a "RefConnect Program Portal" header. The left sidebar has a button for "ACCOUNTS" and a user profile icon. The right sidebar has a button for "PUBLIC NOTICE FILINGS" and a document icon. The footer of the portal includes the USDA Rural Development logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE".

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UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) ⓘ

Users and shared contacts will receive an email notification of the approval or rejection with 1-2 business days. Users and shared contacts will regain access to the Account after the request has been approved. Please only submit one UEI Account Update Request per Account.

To update your Account Information, please click the "Submit Request" button below.


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Account Name	Physical Street Address	Physical City	Physical Zip Code
Joan QAP03 Test Account	123 Anystreet	Anycity	22209


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Account Information

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT
Joan QAP03 Test Account

APPLICANT'S TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
123123123

APPLICANT'S UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI)
123123123123

APPLICANT'S DUNS NUMBER

Physical Address of Applicant

STREET 1
123 Anystreet

CITY
Anycity

STATE
Virginia

ZIP CODE
22209

STREET 2

Correspondence Address of Applicant

STREET 1
123 Anystreet

CITY
Anycity

STATE
Virginia

ZIP CODE
22209

STREET 2

APPLICANT'S BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER
(999) 999-9999

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APPLICANT'S BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER *

(999) 999-9999

ELIGIBLE ENTITY TYPE: *

Limited Liability Company or Limited Liability Partnership ▼

Civil Rights Status *

☒ Not Applicable ☐ Minority-Owned Business ☐ Disability-Owned Business ☐ Women-Owned Business

APPLICANT'S HEADQUARTERS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT *

VA-08 ⓘ

IS THE APPLICANT REGULATED BY A PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION? *

No ⓘ

IS THE APPLICANT REQUIRED TO FILE AN EEO-1 REPORT? *

No ▼

Does the applicant have a CAGE code? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Evidence CAGE Code is not required Uploaded

[Click here to view, update, or add additional documents](#)

Provider ID

ⓘ

Is applicant a start-up operation formed from partnerships of existing utility providers? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Any previously entered information regarding partner companies will be deleted.

Does the applicant own any real property? *

☐ Yes ☒ No





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Resumes of Key Management Uploaded	Click here to view, update, or add additional documents
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Parent Information

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Parent Information

Does the applicant have a parent company? 

☒ Yes ☐ No

Parent Name:

Services Provided:

Add Parent

Parent Name(s) required if Applicant indicates Parent Company

Please navigate to the Account Documents section upon completion of the remaining Account Sections to see a list of needed supporting documentation.

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Affiliate Information

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Affiliate Information

Does the applicant have any financial or operational relationship with any other affiliated companies? These dealings could be in the form of the sharing of assets or staff or providing services to and/or relying on services from an affiliated company. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Affiliate Name:	Services Provided:
Example - Applicant's Affiliate	The Applicant's Affiliate provides voice services only.

Add Affiliate

Please upload financial statements for the affiliate company and the organizational chart.

AFFILIATE COMPANY'S HISTORICAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AFFILIATE'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

AFFILIATE'S SERVICES AGREEMENT

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Subsidiary Information

Does the applicant have a subsidiary? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Subsidiary Name:	Services Provided:
Example - Applicant's Subsidiary	The Applicant's Subsidiary provides video streaming services

[Add Subsidiary](#)

Please upload financial statements, organizational chart and service agreements for each subsidiary listed above

SUBSIDIARY'S HISTORICAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUBSIDIARY'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SUBSIDIARY'S SERVICES AGREEMENT

Does the applicant rely on services and/or employees of the above subsidiary? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

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+ Add User

JR

KEY CONTACT
Joan RSCReleaseTesting
eAuth ID: externaldmecustomer+joanrscreleasestesting@outlook.com
Application Rep Sign Cert
externaldmecustomer+joanrscreleasestesting@outlook.com
123-123-1233

Edit User Details

Replace RepSignCert

JA

KEY CONTACT
Joan AdminReleaseTesting
eAuth ID: externaldmecustomer+joanadminreleasetesting@outlook.com
Application Administrator
externaldmecustomer+joanadminreleasetesting@outlook.com
123-123-1233
Remove as Key Contact

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Remove User

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ADD USER

* LOGIN ID

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

* PHONE NUMBER

* SECURITY ROLE

Please select role

☐ ASSIGN AS A KEY CONTACT

Key contacts may be contacted by USDA for clarifications and/or requests related to the entity's reporting.


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







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
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✓ Account Information	Broadband Operations Experience	experience	_Testing Document.pdf	Joan RSCRelease...	Nov 29, 2023, 10:59 AM	
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✓ Account Information	Evidence CAGE Code is not required	cage no	_Testing Document.pdf	Joan RSCRelease...	Nov 02, 2023, 01:43 PM	
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Funding Opportunity	Application Number	Funding Type	Status	Last Edited	
RUS-REC-2024-1	101002829	50% Loan/50% Grant	In Progress	Jan 24, 2024 5:32 PM	 Edit Application
RUS-REC-2024-1	101002819	100% Grant	In Progress	Jan 16, 2024 12:50 PM	 Edit Application
RUS-REC-2024-1	101002815	100% Grant	In Progress	Jan 16, 2024 12:01 PM	 Edit Application
RUS-REC-2024-1	101002574	50% Loan/50% Grant	In Progress	Dec 20, 2023 10:56 AM	 Edit Application
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Please select the sub-program for your new application


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Please select the funding opportunity for your new application

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Please select the bridge year and funding type for your new application

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Please select the bridge year and funding type for your new application

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100% Grant

100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities

100% Loan

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Start Your New Application

Please answer the following question(s) about your new application

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PLEASE SELECT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ENTITY AND PROPOSED PROJECT: *

IS THE APPLICANT A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY? *

IS THE APPLICANT REPLACING THE STANDARD GRANT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH AN ILOC? *

HAS THE APPLICANT RECEIVED A AAA BOND RATING FROM EITHER FITCH, STANDARD AND POOR'S OR MOODY'S FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED? *


CAN THE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATE A CURRENT RATIO OF 2 OR HIGHER, TIER OF 2 OR HIGHER, A DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE RATIO OF 2 OR HIGHER, AND A NET WORTH OF 45% OR MORE FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED? *

CAN THE APPLICANT GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED? THE APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AUDITED FINANCIALS TO DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. *

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 Application
101003106

Funding Type
100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities


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Uploads Required for All Applications

Please upload the funding request resolution.

FUNDING REQUEST RESOLUTION

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Please upload your organization's audited financial statements from the previous year. If you are required to submit additional years, please navigate to the Project Documents page and select Upload Additional Documents.

APPLICANT'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Please attach a letter from the lender acknowledging the RUS first lien on the assets.

STANDARD INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT OR CO-MORTGAGE CERTIFICATION

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Responses to These Questions Change the Information Required in the Application

Is the applicant a publicly traded company? 

☐ Yes ☒ No


Is the applicant replacing the standard grant security arrangements with an ILOC? 

☐ Yes ☒ No


Has the applicant received a AAA bond rating from either Fitch, Standard and Poor's or Moody's for the previous year from the date the application is submitted?



☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the applicant demonstrate a current ratio of 2 or higher, TIER of 2 or higher, a debt service coverage ratio of 2 or higher, and a Net Worth of 45% or more for the previous two years from the date the application will be submitted? 

☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the applicant guarantee that the proposed project will be constructed? The applicant will be required to submit audited financials to demonstrate the ability to complete this project. 

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the applicant planning on investing any funds to construct broadband facilities in the NFSA during the 5-year forecast period? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Answers to These Questions are Required

HIGH-LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: *

Technology Type (Select all that apply): *

☐ Fiber-to-the-Premises

☐ Hybrid-Fiber-Coax

☐ Fixed Wireless - Licensed

☐ Fixed Wireless - Unlicensed

☐ Satellite (Terrestrial Facilities)

☐ Cellular (Mobile)

☐ Other (Specify)

required

Maximum Download Speed *

Mbps

Maximum Upload Speed *

Mbps

Is the applicant requesting SUTA consideration? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please select the following statement that best describes your entity and proposed project:

☐ My entity is an Alaska Native Corporation (Alaska Native Regional Corporation or Alaska Native Village Corporation), intending to provide service on owned lands.

☒ My entity is a Tribal Government, intending to provide service on owned lands.

☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas recognized as Colonia Areas.

☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas located in persistent poverty counties.

☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas recognized as Socially Vulnerable Communities.

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Executive Summary

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING OPERATIONS: *

DISCUSSION ABOUT KEY MANAGEMENT: *

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY'S WORKFORCE: *

DESCRIPTION OF INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ANY PARENT, AFFILIATED OR SUBSIDIARY OPERATION: *

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: *

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✓ Project Information	Funding Request Resolution		Smoke test document.pdf	Joan RSCRelease...	Jan 30, 2024, 11:44 AM	
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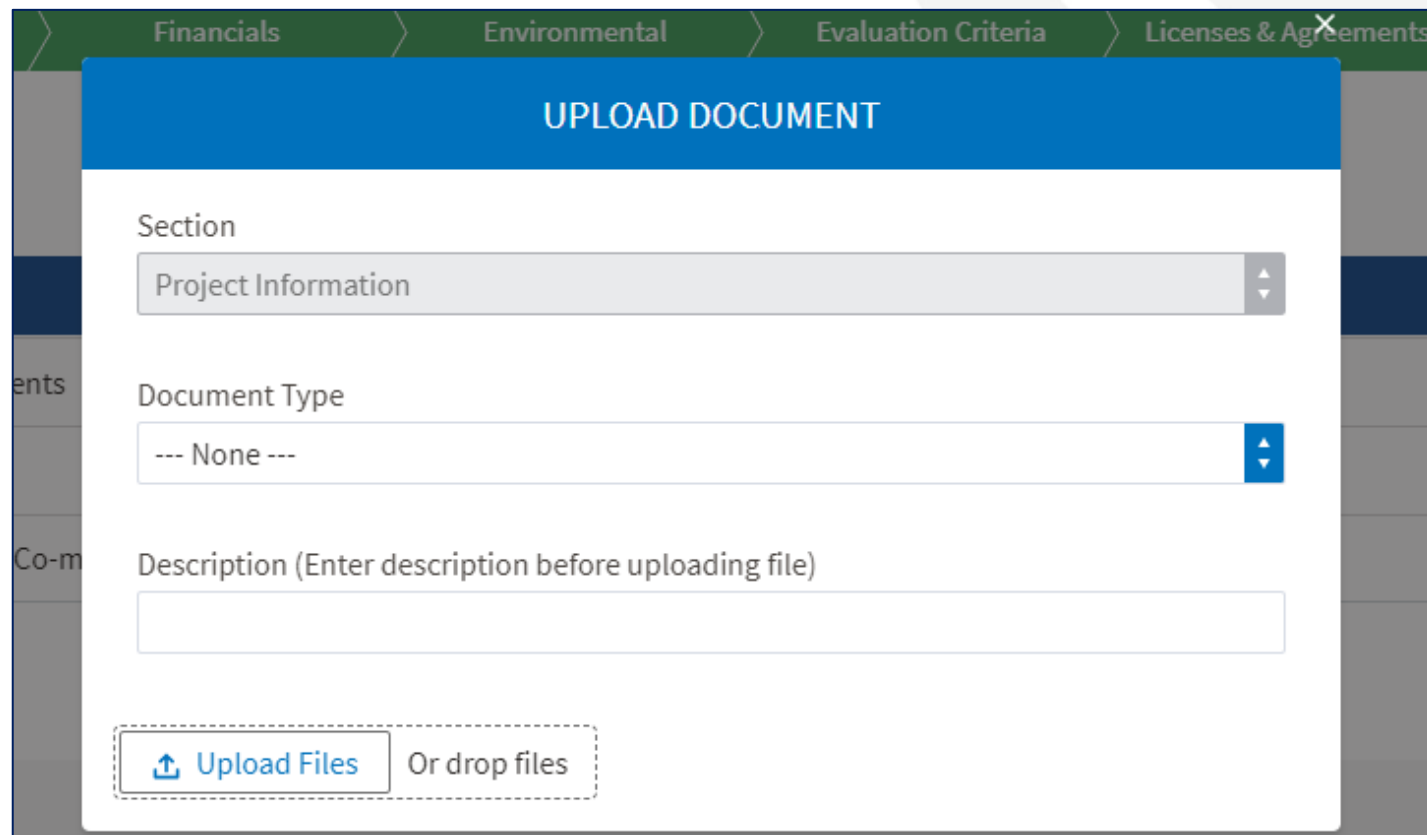
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Existing - Amendment(s) Needed
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The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 C.F.R. § 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

The provisions of appropriate criminal, civil, fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

- ☐ A. We, *Joan QAP03 Test Account* the prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (A.2.) of this certification; and
 4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- ☐ B. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- ☐ Acknowledge that everything above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Certification Regarding Architectural Barriers

All facilities financed with Rural Utilities Service (RUS) loans and/or grants that are open to the public, or in which physically handicapped persons may be employed or reside, must be designed, constructed, and/or altered to be readily accessible to, and usable by, handicapped persons. Standards for these facilities must comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.) and with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), (Appendix A to 41 C.F.R. subpart 101-19.6).

As an applicant of financial assistance from RUS, this organization commits to carry out RUS' established policy to comply with the requirements of the above referenced law to the effect that all facilities must be readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons.

We, *Joan QAP03 Test Account* (the Applicant) hereby certify that, as an applicant under this RUS, Telecommunications Program, we are in compliance, or will be in compliance upon completion of the project, with the above referenced law.

☒ Acknowledge that everything above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Certificate Regarding Flood Hazard Area Precautions

If the project is located in an area subject to flooding, flood insurance must be provided to the extent available and required under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 through 4128). If applicable, the insurance must cover, in addition to the buildings, any machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in the buildings. Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management (3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p.117), and 7 CFR 1970, of this chapter in considering the application for this project.

Please check the appropriate line below:

- ☐ The project is not located in a 100 year flood plain; therefore, no Flood Insurance is required.
- ☒ The project is located in a 100 year flood plain and the required insurance is or will be provided by:

INSURANCE PROVIDER NAME:

TEST PROVIDER

We, *Joan QAP03 Test Account* (the Applicant) hereby certify that, as a prospective recipient under this RUS, Telecommunications Program, we are in compliance, or will be in compliance during construction and/or installation of equipment and upon completion of the project, with the above referenced law.

☒ Acknowledge that everything above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements

"We, *Joan QAP03 Test Account*(the Applicant), the undersigned, certify to the best of our knowledge and belief that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on our behalf, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant or loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, we shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions. See <https://www.gsa.gov/forms-library/disclosure-lobbying-activities> for Disclosure Instructions.
3. We shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Civil Rights Compliance Assurance

(Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975)

The undersigned acknowledges that it is familiar with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) ("Title VI of the Civil Rights Act"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794) ("Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act"), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) (the "Age Discrimination Act"), the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (7 CFR Part 15) and implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (7 CFR Part 15b), the government-wide rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services implementing the Age Discrimination Act (45 CFR Part 90) under which the U.S. Department of Agriculture is operating until such time as it adopts its own implementing regulations (7 CFR Part 15, 7 CFR Part 15b and 45 CFR Part 90 being hereinafter collectively called the "Departmental rules and regulations"), and the rules and regulations of the Rural Utilities Service implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act and the Departmental rules and regulations (7 CFR Part 1786) (the "RUS Regulations").

The undersigned hereby assures the Rural Utilities Service that it will comply fully with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to such Departmental rules and regulations and the RUS regulations which require that no person, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities.

The undersigned further agrees that, in the event of its violation of or failure to comply with any of the requirements imposed by or pursuant to such Departmental rules and regulations, the United States may seek judicial enforcement of compliance with such requirements.

This assurance is executed and supplied to the Rural Utilities Service pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the board of directors of the undersigned.

☒ Acknowledge that everything above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Federal Collection Policies for Commercial Debt Certification

"Is, Joan QAP03 Test Account (the Applicant) delinquent on any federal debt?"

☒ Yes ☐ No

OUTSTANDING FEDERAL DEBT

Note: Example of debts include, but are not limited to, delinquent taxes, guaranteed or direct government loans (more than 31 days past due) and other administrative debts. If YES, please provide explanatory information and upload as the 'Outstanding Federal Debt' attachment.

FEDERAL COLLECTION POLICIES FOR COMMERCIAL DEBT

The Federal Government is authorized by law to take any or all of the following actions in the event that a borrower's loan payments become delinquent or the borrower defaults on its loan: (1) Report the borrower's delinquent account to a credit bureau; (2) Assess additional interest and penalty charges for the period of time that payment is not made; (3) Assess charges to cover additional administrative costs incurred by the Government to service the borrower's account; (4) Offset amounts owed to the borrower under other Federal programs; (5) Refer the borrower's debt to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against any amount owed to the borrower as an income tax refund; (6) Refer the borrower's account to a private collection agency to collect the amount due; and (7) Refer the borrower's account to the Department of Justice for litigation in the courts.

All of these actions can and will be used to recover any debts owed when it is determined to be in the interest of the Government to do so.

☒ Acknowledge that I have read and understand the actions the Federal Government can take in the event that I fail to meet scheduled payments in accordance with the terms and conditions of my agreements.

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Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 Certification

We, *Joan QAP03 Test Account* (the Applicant) assure the U.S. government that we will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq., and with implementing federal regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 24 and 7 C.F.R. Part 21.

Specifically, we assure that whenever Federal financial assistance is used to pay for any part of the cost of a program or project which will result in the displacement of any person:

- a. Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons in accordance with sections 202, 203, and 204 of the Uniform Act;
- b. Relocation assistance programs offering the services described in section 205 of the Uniform Act shall be provided to displaced persons; and
- c. Within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings will be available to displaced persons in accordance with section 205(c) (3) of the Uniform Act.

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Compliance with RUS Award Documents

On behalf of *Joan QAP03 Test Account* (the Applicant), I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:
Existing agreements with, or obligations to investors, will not breach the obligations to the U. S. federal government under the RUS Award Documents, when entered into, including distribution requirements, and that any such agreements that conflict with the Award Documents will be amended before execution, so that such obligations are made contingent to compliance with the RUS Award Documents.

Will provision(s) within existing agreement(s) need to be amended so that such obligations will be in compliance with the RUS Award Documents?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If the answer is Yes, please list the agreement(s) and provision(s) within each agreement that will need to be amended:

☐ Acknowledge that everything above is correct to the best of my knowledge

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- ✓ CERTIFICATION REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS
- ✓ CERTIFICATE REGARDING FLOOD HAZARD AREA PRECAUTIONS
- ✓ CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
- ✓ CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE
- ✓ FEDERAL COLLECTION POLICIES FOR COMMERCIAL DEBT CERTIFICATION
- ✓ UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970 CERTIFICATION
- COMPLIANCE WITH RUS AWARD DOCUMENTS

Certifications (continued)

Representations Regarding Felony Conviction (AD 3030) - For Corporations Only

"Note: You only need to complete this form if you are a Non-profit entity, For-profit corporation, or a Cooperative and Mutual Organization. A corporation includes, but is not limited to, any entity that has filed articles of incorporation in one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, or the various territories of the United States including American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Corporations include both for profit and non-profit entities.

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(a), as amended). The authority for requesting the following information for USDA Agencies and staff offices is in §738 and 739 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. 112-55, as amended and/or subsequently enacted. The information will be used to confirm applicant status concerning entity conviction of a felony criminal violation, and/or unpaid Federal tax liability status.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1985 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0025. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.


Name: JK Wireless LLC

Tax ID# (last 4 digits): 3123


Applicant's Address:

- ✓ CERTIFICATION REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS
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Certification Documents

 Upload Additional Documents


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Application Documents



Application

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Funding Type

100% Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities

Sub Program

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Service Area(s) Information

Network Design


Build-out Timeline and Milestones

Capital Investment Workbook (CIW) 


Capital Investment Schedule 

Capital Contributions 

Network Documents

Local Network Services Revenue 

Competitor Service Offerings

Depreciation Schedule 

Construction Map

Site/Route Descriptions

Environmental Questionnaire

Environmental Documents

Evaluation Criteria

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✓ Project Information	Standard Intercreditor Agreement or Co-mort...	test	Smoke test document.pdf	Joan RSCRelease...	Jan 30, 2024, 11:45 AM	▼
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Key Application System Updates – New for NOFO 5



Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates

- Project Information
- Network
 - Capital Contributions Schedule
- Environmental
 - Environmental Questionnaire

Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Project Information

- Page has been reorganized
 - Uploads required for all applicants
 - Application Creation Questions (read-only)
 - Project Level Questions
- **Remember... changes to the project information page will impact later pages. You must answer “YES” to the NFSA question to have the ability to add NFSAs on your service area map and other sections of the application (network, financial)**

Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Project Information (continued)

Project Information

Uploads Required for All Applications

Please upload the funding request resolution.

FUNDING REQUEST RESOLUTION

⬆

Please upload your organization's audited financial statements from the previous year. If you are required to submit additional years, please navigate to the Project Documents page and select Upload Additional Documents.

APPLICANT'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

⬆

Please attach a letter from the lender acknowledging the RUS first lien on the assets.

STANDARD INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT OR CO-MORTGAGE CERTIFICATION

⬆

● PROJECT INFORMATION

● EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

● FINISH

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Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Project Information (continued)

Responses to These Questions Change the Information Required in the Application

Is the applicant a publicly traded company? 

☐ Yes ☒ No


Is the applicant replacing the standard grant security arrangements with an ILOC? 

☐ Yes ☒ No


Has the applicant received a AAA bond rating from either Fitch, Standard and Poor's or Moody's for the previous year from the date the application is submitted?



☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the applicant demonstrate a current ratio of 2 or higher, TIER of 2 or higher, a debt service coverage ratio of 2 or higher, and a Net Worth of 45% or more for the previous two years from the date the application will be submitted? 

☐ Yes ☒ No

Can the applicant guarantee that the proposed project will be constructed? The applicant will be required to submit audited financials to demonstrate the ability to complete this project. 

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the applicant planning on investing any funds to construct broadband facilities in the NFSA during the 5-year forecast period? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Project Information (continued)

Answers to These Questions are Required

HIGH-LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: *

Technology Type (Select all that apply): *

- ☐ Fiber-to-the-Premises
- ☐ Hybrid-Fiber-Coax
- ☐ Fixed Wireless - Licensed
- ☐ Fixed Wireless - Unlicensed
- ☐ Satellite (Terrestrial Facilities)
- ☐ Cellular (Mobile)
- ☐ Other (Specify)

required

Maximum Download Speed *

Mbps

Maximum Upload Speed *

Mbps

Is the applicant requesting SUTA consideration? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please select the following statement that best describes your entity and proposed project: *

- ☐ My entity is an Alaska Native Corporation (Alaska Native Regional Corporation or Alaska Native Village Corporation), intending to provide service on owned lands.
- ☒ My entity is a Tribal Government, intending to provide service on owned lands.
- ☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas recognized as Colonia Areas.
- ☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas located in persistent poverty counties.
- ☐ My entity intends to provide service to areas recognized as Socially Vulnerable Communities.

DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING LAND OWNERSHIP, SERVICES, OR ADMINISTRATION

Exit Without Saving

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Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Network

- Capital Contributions Schedule
 - Information is required in this section for each capital contribution you plan to leverage during the bridge and forecast years
 - Matching funds, cash substitution for loan portion of a loan/grant combo, and other funds necessary to cover project costs
- Capital Contribution sources identified in the application system
 - Owner/member capital
 - Investor capital
 - State grant
 - Federal grant
 - Matching contributions
 - Other funds

Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Environmental


- Environmental Questionnaires (EQs)
 - EQs are now completed within the application portal through a series of questions

Route Environmental Questionnaires

Route Name	Completion Status	Environmental Questionnaire
route	Not Started	Navigate to the Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire for route

Site Environmental Questionnaires

Site Name	Completion Status	Environmental Questionnaire
site	Not Started	Navigate to the Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire for site

 **Reminder:** All Site and Route Environmental Questionnaires must be completed before starting the Project Environmental Questionnaire.

Project Environmental Questionnaire

NHPA Section 106 Environmental Questionnaire

Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Environmental (continued)

Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire

Unless the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 process has already been initiated with Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Office, or other interested parties, do not initiate the NHPA Section 106 process. Following initial review of the project, RUS will initiate the Section 106 process as needed.

The Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire (EQ) is intended to capture the appropriate environmental information for each proposed site and route included in the application. This information will be used in conjunction with the Project EQ to determine the overall environmental compliance of the proposed project. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will use this information and either complete the environmental review process or determine the appropriate level of additional impact analyses needed, in accordance with [7 CFR 1970 - Environmental Policies and Procedures](#). The RUS will notify applicants if additional information is necessary beyond what was submitted in the EQs.

An applicant may submit to the RUS a copy of any environmental review document that has been prepared in connection with obtaining permits, approvals, or other financing for the proposed project from state, local or other federal agencies. Such material, to the extent determined to be relevant, may be used to fulfill the RUS environmental review requirements.

Please use as much space as needed to respond fully to each question. Up to 10,000 characters are permitted in long text fields. Additional information in support of any response can be uploaded as a document in the Documents tab of the Application System.

Floodplains (Subpart F)

Use the Flood Hazard Zones (FEMA)¹ layer available in the Construction Map to determine potential impact to a floodplain. If the site/route falls within a community not participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or an area of undetermined flood hazard (Zone D), use the Flood Frequency (NRCS)² layer available in the Construction Map to determine the flooding frequency of the area. Detailed guidance related to evaluating impacts to and from floodplains can be found in [RD Instruction 1970 - Subpart F - Floodplain Management](#).

Is the applicant's proposed action located in a floodplain?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

¹The minimum floodplain of concern is the 500-year floodplain. If your project is located in the 500- or 100-year floodplain, it should be considered within a floodplain for environmental analysis.

²The frequency of "Rare", "Occasional" or "Frequent" should be considered within a floodplain for environmental analysis.

Wetlands (Subpart G)

Use the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) layer available in the Construction Map to determine potential impact to a wetland. If the site/route overlaps with a wetland but you believe the Area of Interest (AOI) is not located within a wetland, use the Soil Hydric Class (NRCS) (Wetlands Subpart G) to determine the predominance of hydric soils in an area. Be advised, if any part of the AOI lists a Soil Hydric Class of 'Partially Hydric (1 - 95%)' or 'All Hydric' (96 - 100%), the AOI will be considered to be located in a Wetland. Detailed guidance related to evaluating impacts to wetlands can be found in [RD Instruction 1970 - Subpart G - Wetland Protection](#).

Is the applicant's proposed action located in a wetland?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

³Additional information on the USACE Nationwide Permit Program can be found [HERE](#).

Floodplains (Subpart F)

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Is the applicant's proposed action located in a floodplain?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Does the applicant's proposed action in the floodplain consist of more than buried and/or aerial utilities lines?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Floodplain analysis is required at the project level. Complete the floodplain section of the Project EQ.

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Key NOFO 5 Application System Updates – Environmental

Route Environmental Questionnaires

Route Name	Completion Status	Environmental Questionnaire
route	Complete	Navigate to the Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire for route

Site Environmental Questionnaires

Site Name	Completion Status	Environmental Questionnaire
site	Complete	Navigate to the Site and Route Environmental Questionnaire for site

 **Reminder:** All Site and Route Environmental Questionnaires must be completed before starting the Project Environmental Questionnaire.

[Project Environmental Questionnaire](#)

[NHPA Section 106 Environmental Questionnaire](#)

Start NHPA Section 106 Environmental Questionnaire?

Please confirm you would like to proceed with the NHPA Section 106 Environmental Questionnaire. **Do not begin the Section 106 Environmental Questionnaire unless directed by RUS or if the Section 106 process has already been initiated** with Tribes, the State Historic Preservation Office, or other interested parties. If you have any questions, please reach out to RUS by submitting a question through [Contact Us](#) before proceeding with the S106 process.

[Cancel](#)[Proceed with Section 106 Questionnaire](#)







Service Areas Tab Overview

USDA RUS ReConnect Program



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Rural Development

Agenda

- Service Area Mapping Tool
- Service Area Map Linkages
- Tips
- Available Resources
- Q&A

Service Area Mapping Tool



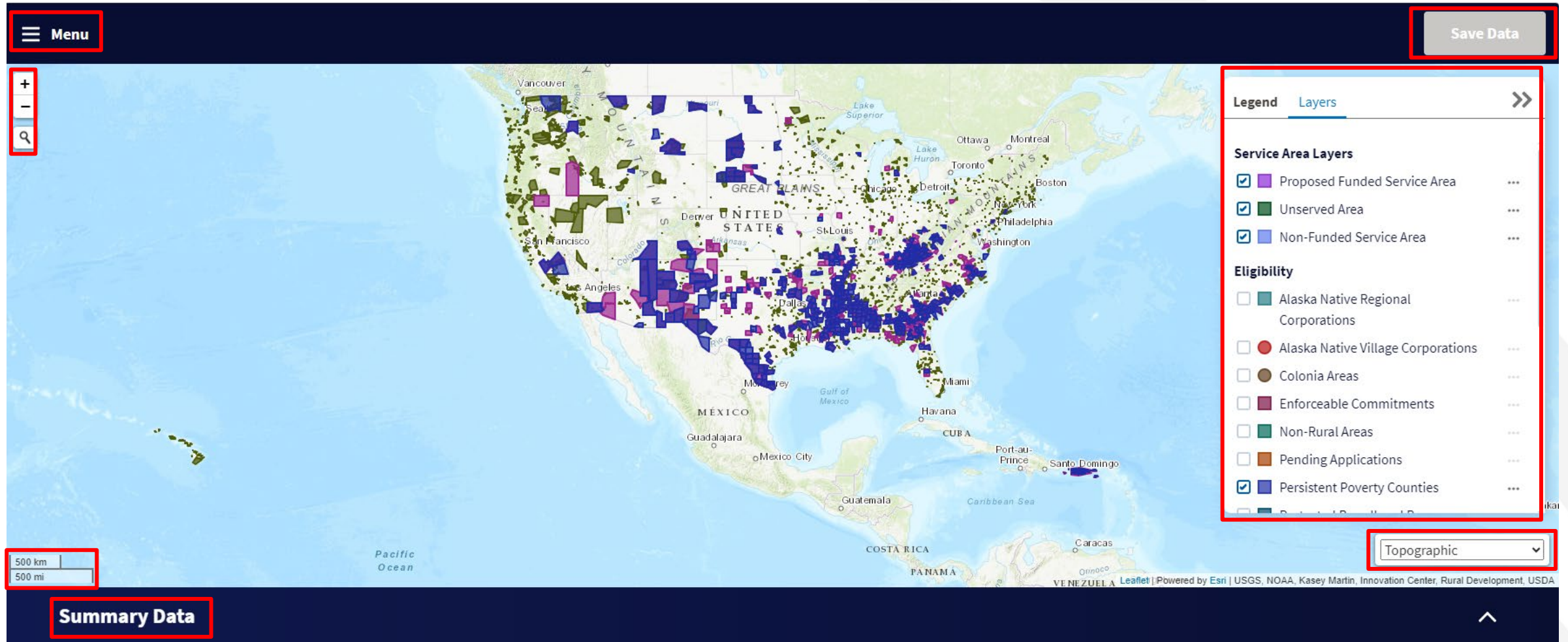
Introduction to Service Area Mapping in ReConnect Application Portal

- The Service Area Mapping Tool is used to draw PFSA's and NFSA's
- A Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA) is defined as the area where the applicant is requesting funds to provide broadband service.
- A Non-Funded Service Area (NFSA) is defined as any area in which the applicant offers service or intends to offer service during the forecast period but is not a part of its PFSA.

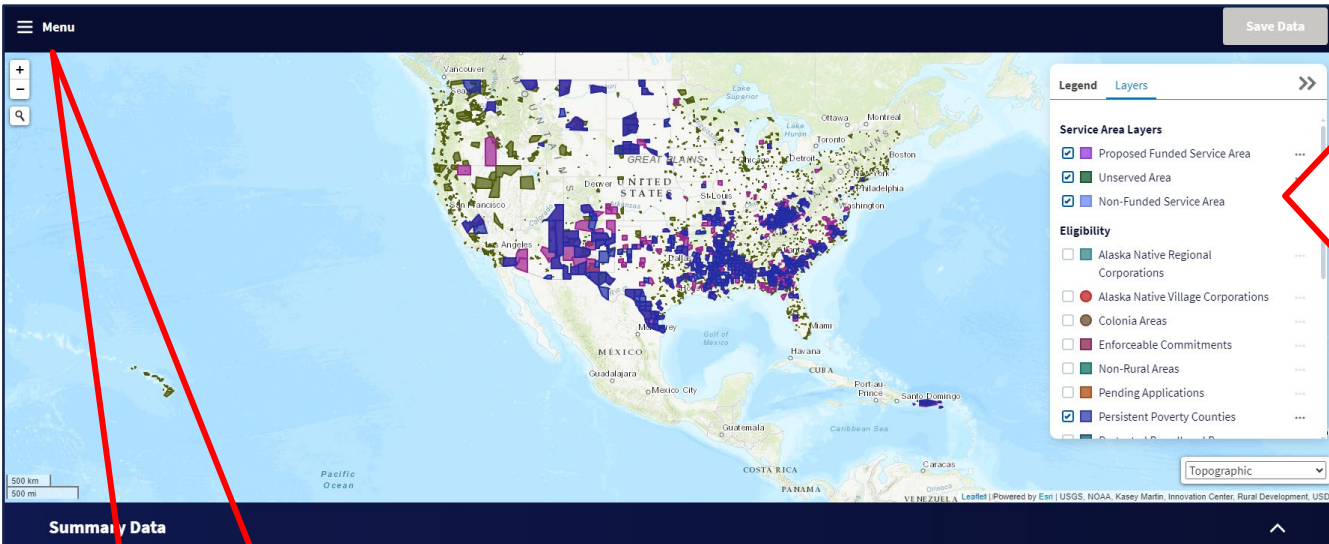
Service Area Mapping Tool

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Service Area Mapping Tool



Service Area Map Legend and Layers



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Menu

Service Area

Service Area (Selected) Data

Summary Data

Map Legend

Map Layers

LegendLayers>>

Service Area Layers

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Proposed Funded Service Area

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Unserved Area

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Non-Funded Service Area

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Eligibility

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Alaska Native Regional Corporations

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Alaska Native Village Corporations

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Colonia Areas

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Enforceable Commitments

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Non-Rural Areas

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Pending Applications

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Persistent Poverty Counties

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Protected Broadband Borrower Service Areas

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Evaluation Criteria

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Economic Need of Community

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Most Unserved Locations Per Square Mile

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Rurality - 100 Miles from a City or Town with At Least 50,000 Inhabitants

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Socially Vulnerable Communities

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Tribal Lands

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Tribal Area (BIA LAR)

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Tribal Supplemental Area (BIA LAR)

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Tribal Statistical Area (BIA)

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Tribal Area in Alaska (Census)

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Adding Service Areas

The screenshot displays a web application interface for managing service areas. The main map shows North America with numerous colored polygons representing service areas. The interface includes a top navigation bar with a 'Menu' button (highlighted with a red box) and a 'Save Data' button. A left sidebar contains a 'Service Area' menu item (highlighted with a red box) and other options like 'Service Area (Selected) Data', 'Summary Data', 'Map Legend', and 'Map Layers'. The right sidebar features a 'Service Areas' tab (highlighted with a red box) and a '+ Add Service Area' button (highlighted with a red box). Below this, there are sections for 'Proposed Funded Service Areas' and 'Non-Funded Service Areas', both indicating that no areas have been created and providing instructions to click the 'Add Service Area' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Summary Data' section and a map style selector set to 'Topographic'.

Menu

Service Area

Service Area (Selected) Data

Summary Data

Map Legend

Map Layers

Save Data

Service Areas Data

+ Add Service Area

Proposed Funded Service Areas

No Proposed Funded Service Areas have been created.
Click the "Add Service Area" button to create one.

Non-Funded Service Areas

No Non-Funded Service Areas have been created.
Click the "Add Service Area" button to create one.

Topographic

Summary Data

Add Service Area Window

- Upload shapefile requirements:
 - All map areas must be closed, non-overlapping polygons with a single, unique identifier.
 - The Shapefile must have an assigned projection with an accompanying .prj file.
 - The Shapefile must use an unprojected (geographic) WGS84 geographic coordinate system.
 - The Shapefile must be submitted as a *.zip file. This can be done with a WinZip or in Windows by selecting the files associated with a Shapefile, right-clicking the files, then clicking “Send” to Compressed (zipped) fold. The *.zip file must contain only one Shapefile.
 - The .zip file size must not exceed 2GB

Add Service Area

SERVICE AREA FUNDING* **SERVICE AREA TYPE***

Select One Select One

SERVICE AREA NAME*

Enter a Service Area Name

Draw or Upload a Service Area

Click 'Upload Files' to upload an ESRI zipped shapefile of your Service Area or drag and drop your shapefile to the 'drop files' zone

The shapefile must comply with the following specifications:

1. For Proposed Funded Service Areas, the Shapefile can only include a single contiguous polygon.
2. For Non Funded Service Areas, the Shapefile can include multi-part features or multiple non-contiguous polygons.
3. The polygon(s) must be closed, non-overlapping, and must have an assigned projection with an accompanying .prj file.
4. The Shapefile must use an unprojected WGS84 Geographic Coordinate System.
5. The Shapefile must be submitted as a *.zip file. This can be done with WinZip or in Windows by selecting the files associated with a Shapefile, right-clicking the files, then clicking Send to Compressed (zipped) folder.

Or drop files

No file chosen.

☐ I do not have a file to upload. I will draw my area on the map using the draw tool

Creating a Service Area Polygon

The screenshot displays a web application interface for creating a service area polygon. The main map area shows a topographic view of a region in Kansas, including towns like Phillips, Jewell, Concordia, and Lincoln, as well as geographical features like the North Fork Solomon River and various reservoirs. A red dashed rectangle highlights a specific area on the map, with a blue line indicating the start of a new polygon. A tooltip with the text "Click to place first vertex" points to the starting point. Another tooltip with the text "Click to continue drawing" points to a subsequent point on the line. A red box highlights a toolbar with three buttons: "Finish", "Remove Last Vertex", and "Cancel".

On the right side, there is a sidebar with a "Service Areas" tab and a "Data" tab. The "Service Areas" tab contains a "+ Add Service Area" button. Below this, there is a section for "Proposed Funded Service Areas" which lists "Cherry Hill PFSA". A red box highlights this section, and a tooltip with a red 'x' icon and the text "Please upload or draw a Proposed Funded Service Area to the map before attempting to save the map data." is displayed. Below this, there is a section for "Non-Funded Service Areas" which states "No Non-Funded Service Areas have been created. Click the 'Add Service Area' button to create one."

At the bottom right, there is a "Topographic" dropdown menu and a footer with the text "USGS, NGA, EPA, NPS, Kasey Martin, Innovation Center, Rural Development, USDA".

Editing a Service Area Polygon

The screenshot displays a web-based GIS application interface. On the left, a vertical toolbar contains icons for map navigation and editing; the editing tools (point, line, and polygon) are highlighted with a red rectangle. The main map area shows a topographic view of a region in Stafford County, Virginia, with a purple polygon representing a service area. The right sidebar features a 'Menu' button at the top right, a 'Save Data' button, and tabs for 'Service Areas' and 'Data'. Below these is a '+ Add Service Area' button. The 'Proposed Funded Service Areas' section lists 'Cherry Hill PFSA' with a 'Base PFSA' link. A red-bordered box highlights a message: 'To save a PFSA, the unserved area must meet the minimum number of households without sufficient access to broadband.' Below this is the 'Non-Funded Service Areas' section, which states that no non-funded areas have been created and provides a link to 'Add Service Area'. A 'Topographic' map style selector is at the bottom right. The footer includes attribution to Esri, VITA, and other partners.

Menu

Save Data

Service Areas Data

+ Add Service Area

Proposed Funded Service Areas

Cherry Hill PFSA

Base PFSA

To save a PFSA, the unserved area must meet the minimum number of households without sufficient access to broadband.

Non-Funded Service Areas

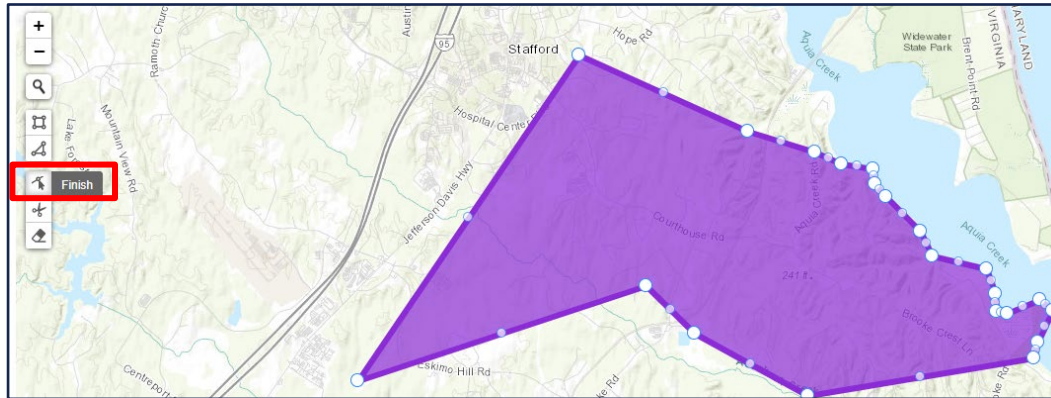
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Topographic

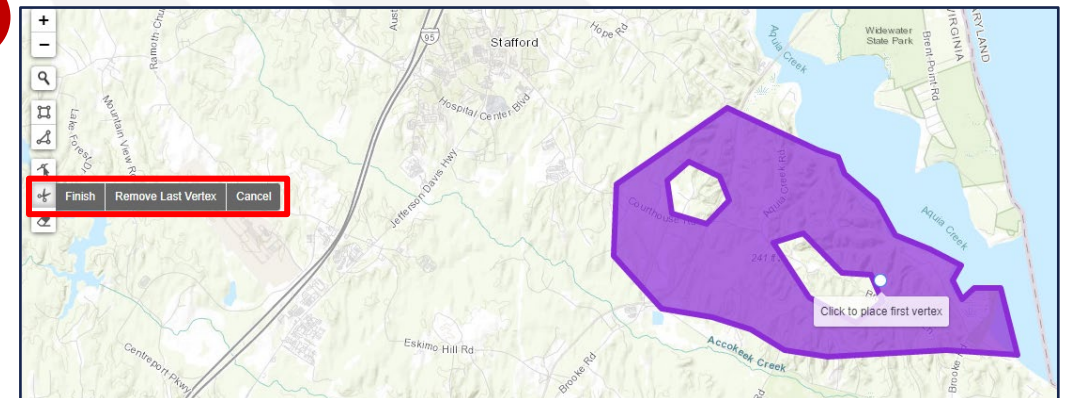
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Editing a Service Area Polygon

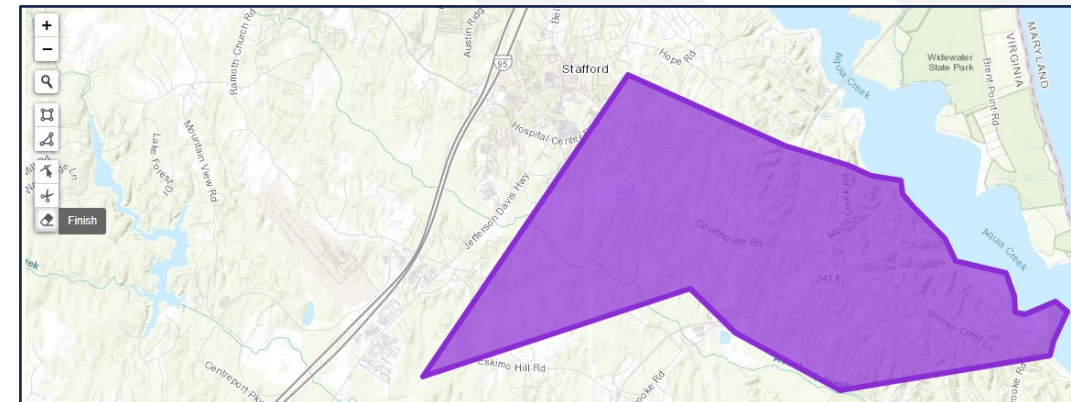
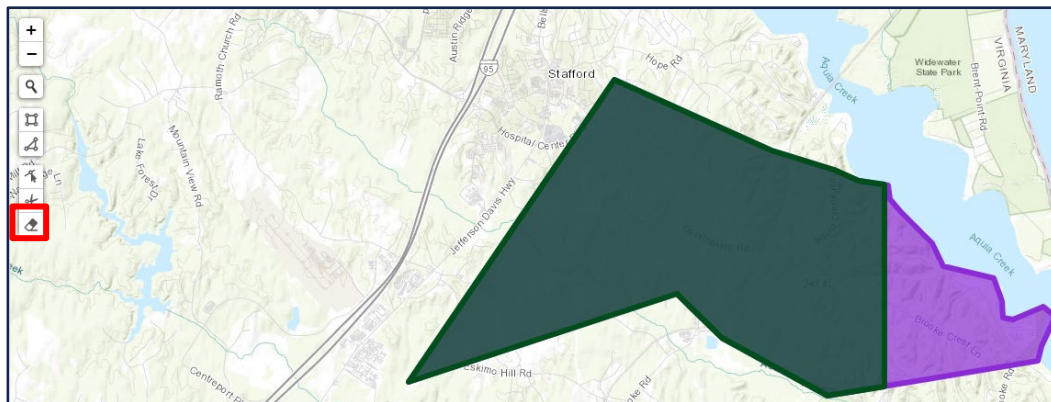
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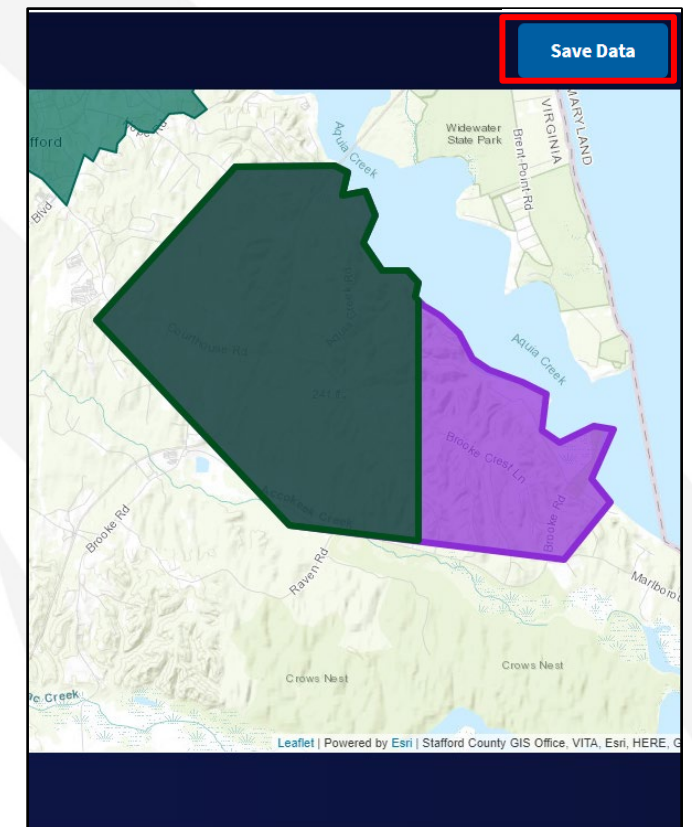
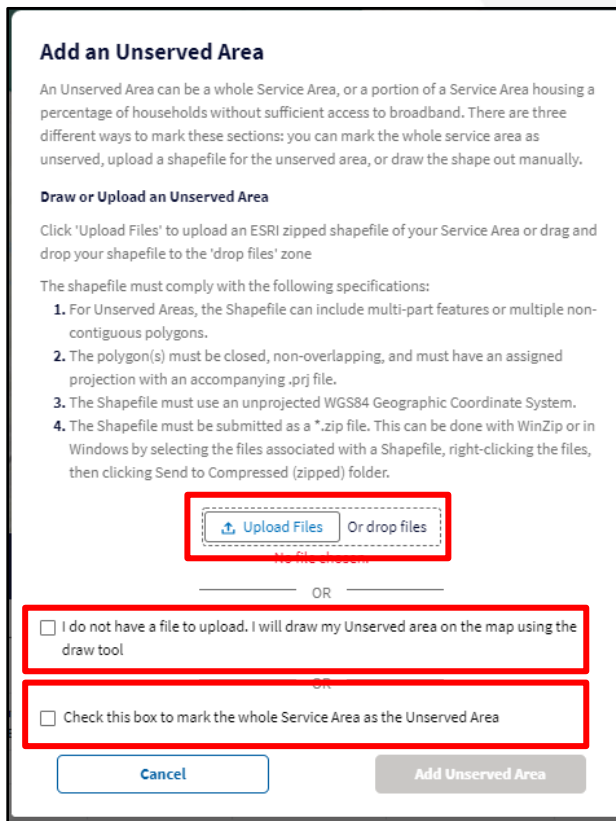
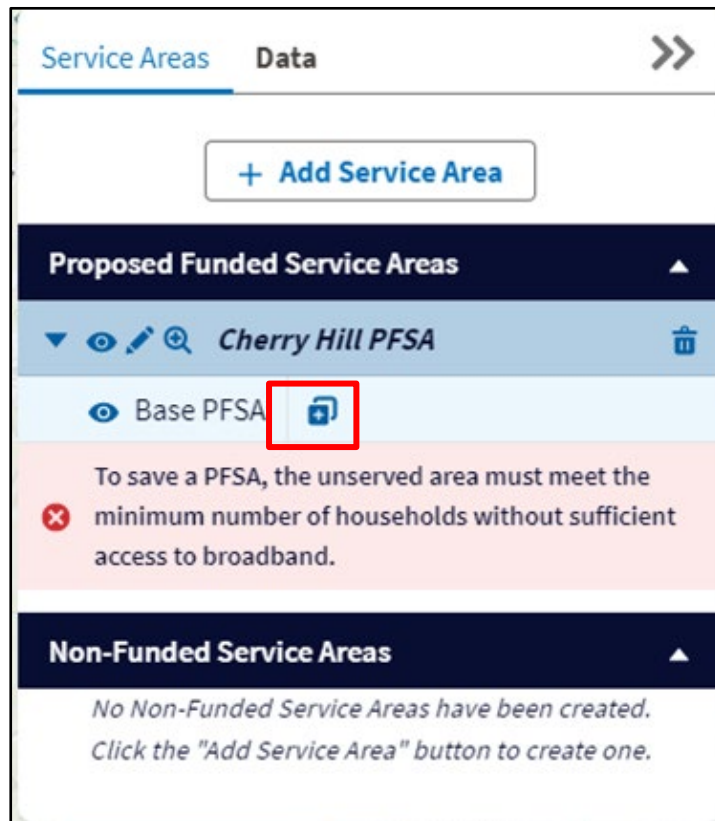
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Marking Households Without Sufficient Access to Broadband



Service Area Data

- Once an applicant has drawn their service area, it is possible to see a variety of data on said service area, to include:
 - population
 - household counts
 - square mileage
 - congressional districts
 - and more
- Applicants can use this information to ensure they have drawn their service areas and unserved areas correctly.

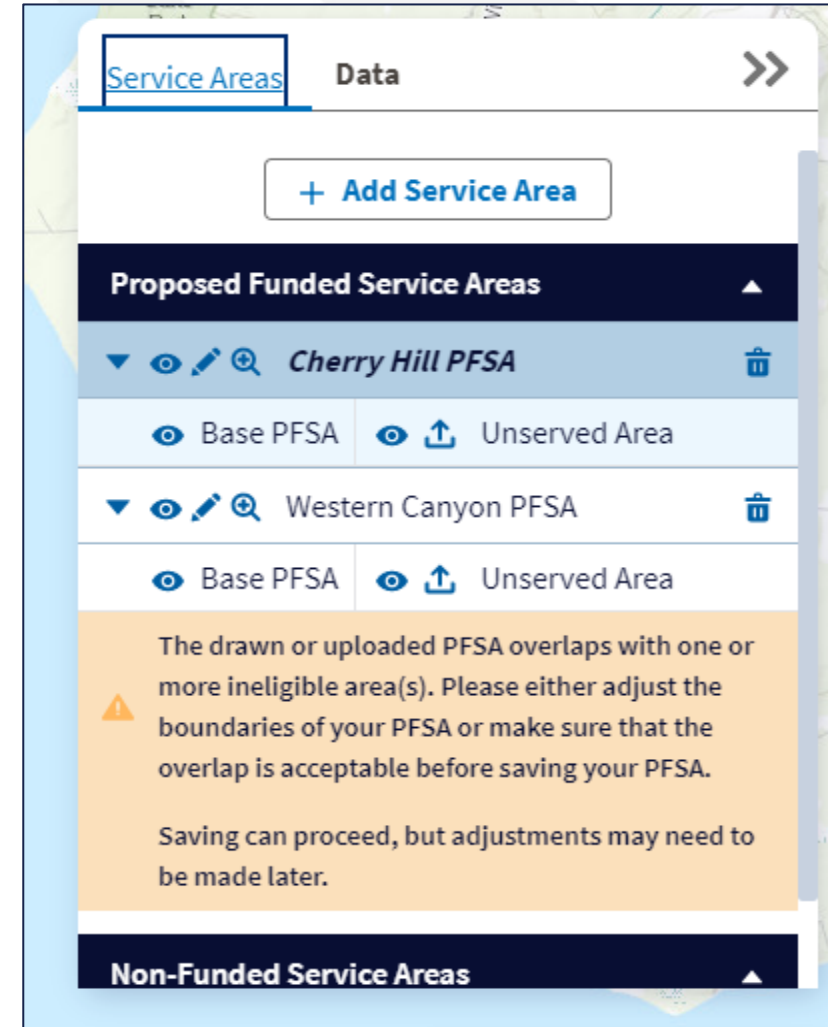
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Demographics		▼
Census Designated Places		▼

Summary Data

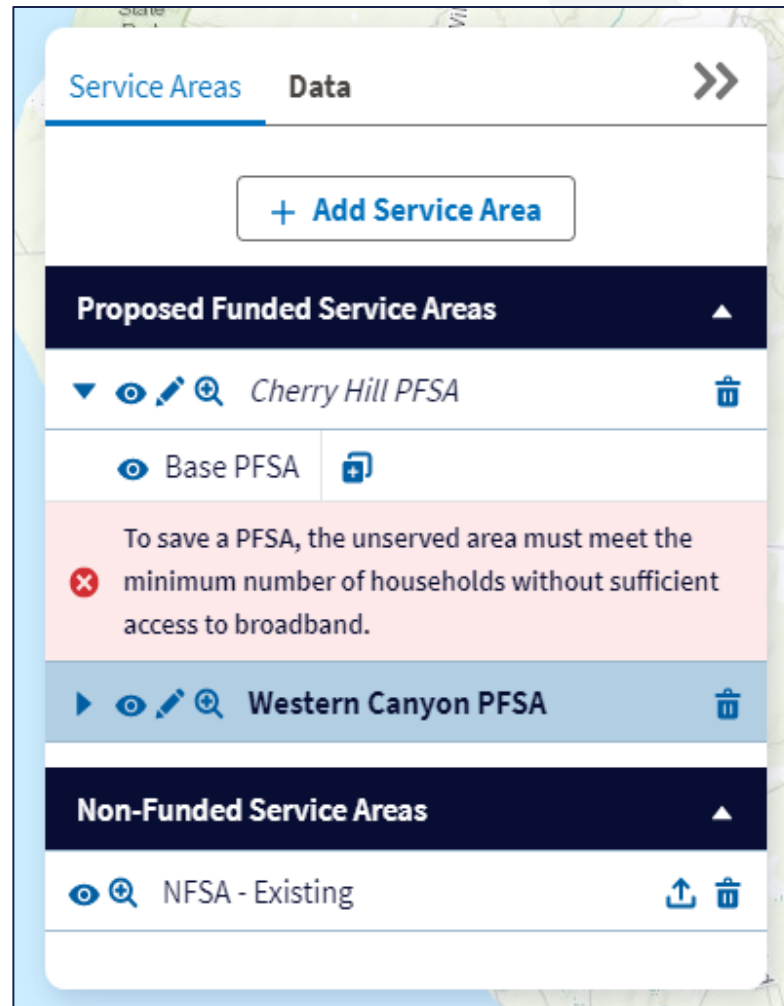
Summary Data										^
Proposed Funded Service Area Summary					Non-Funded Service Area Summary					
Census Data										
Name	Type	HH Without Access to Broadband	% HH Without Access to Broadband	Population	Square Miles	Housing Units	Households	Businesses	Congressional Districts	
Western Canyon PFSA	New	5,019	100%	11,469	2,561.22	6,085	5,019	222	AZ-01, AZ-04	
Cherry Hill PFSA	New	0	0%	1,583	7.92	572	534	13	VA-01	
Aggregated Totals				13,052	2,569.14	6,657	5,553	235	AZ-01, AZ-04, VA-01	
Demographic Data										
Race (Population Breakdown by Race)				Population						
Asian				180						
Black or African American				287						
Native American or Alaskan Native				439						
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				35						
White				10,522						
Multiple Races Selected				1,137						
Other Races				451						
Ethnicity (Population Breakdown by Ethnicity)										
Hispanic or Latino				1,471						
Not Hispanic or Latino				11,581						

Warning: Ineligible Area Encroachment

- This will NOT stop you from moving forward in the application process **however** should be considered as overlap of these areas may result in an application being deemed ineligible



Error: Without Sufficient Access to Broadband



Service Area Map Linkages



Service Area Map Linkages

The PFSA(s) inform multiple sections of the applications:

- Capital Investment Workbook (CIW)
- Local Network Services Revenue (Subscriber Projections)
- Evaluation Criteria
- Construction Map and Environmental Components of Application
- Competitor Service Offering

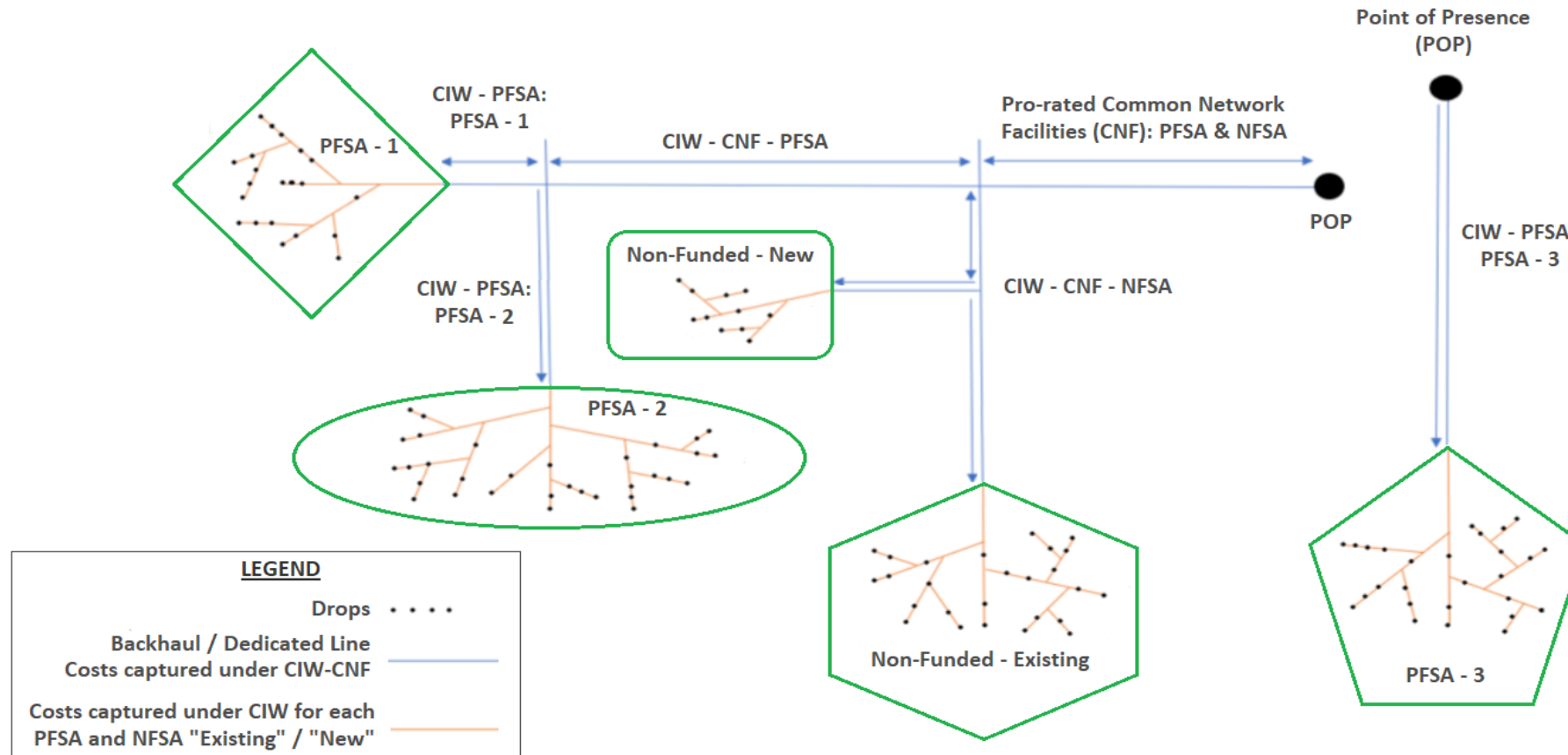
Note: Changes to the PFSA(s) and NFSAs may have downstream effects on the components of the application. It is necessary to map your service areas before going on to other parts of the application

Tips



What to Include in the Service Area Map

- Proposed Funded and Non-Funded Service Areas? **YES**
- Common Network Facility Assets such as Backhaul? **NO**



Available Resources



Available Resources for Application Help

- **Technical Assistance**

- Register for upcoming workshops/webinars <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/events>
- Subscribe to receive updates about upcoming events on the ReConnect website

- **Resources**

- ReConnect website <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- NOFO: <https://federalregister.gov/d/2024-03484>
- Regulation: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-XVII/part-1740>
- Updated Application Guide <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- Updated Frequently Asked Questions <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

- **Contact Us**

- When working **inside** the application, use the “contact us” button on your screen.
- **Outside** of the application system, use <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us>
- Contact your General Field Representative (GFR): <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr/all>





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Tips

- PFSA and Routes: if you've created your PFSA layer outside of the Application system and are going to upload, make sure it is the correct file or version.
- Use RUS Data sets if you're building your PFSA outside of the application portal.
<https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/service-area-map-datasets>
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 - Update latest Data sets, we update our data to the most current
- Check PFSA against scoring criteria; does it add up the way you think it does? Are the Percentages what you think they should be to get the score you are trying to?
 - [ReConnect Program Service Area Map \(arcgis.com\)](#)
 - Or in the Application portal under Evaluation Criteria Summary

Service Area Mapping Tool

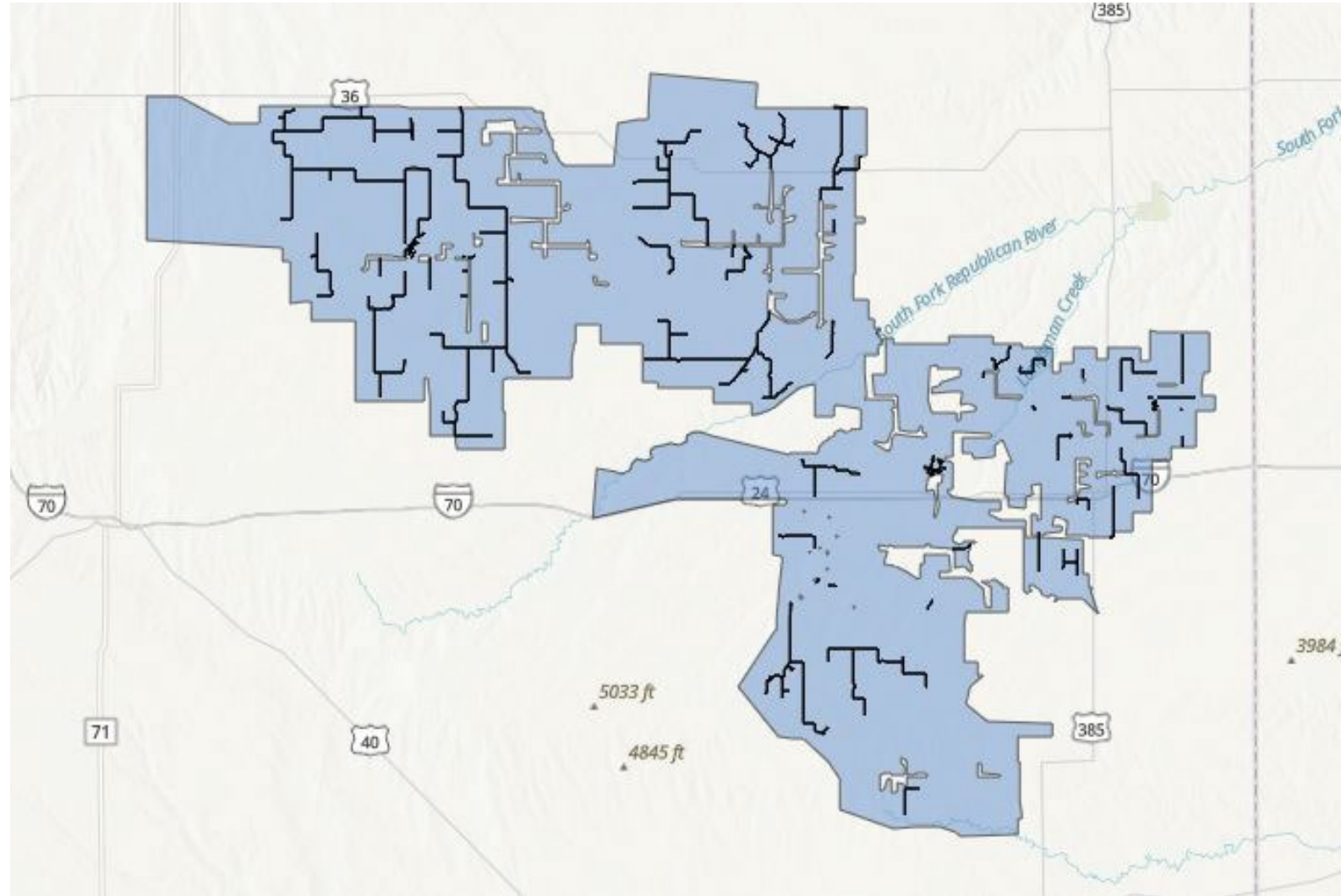
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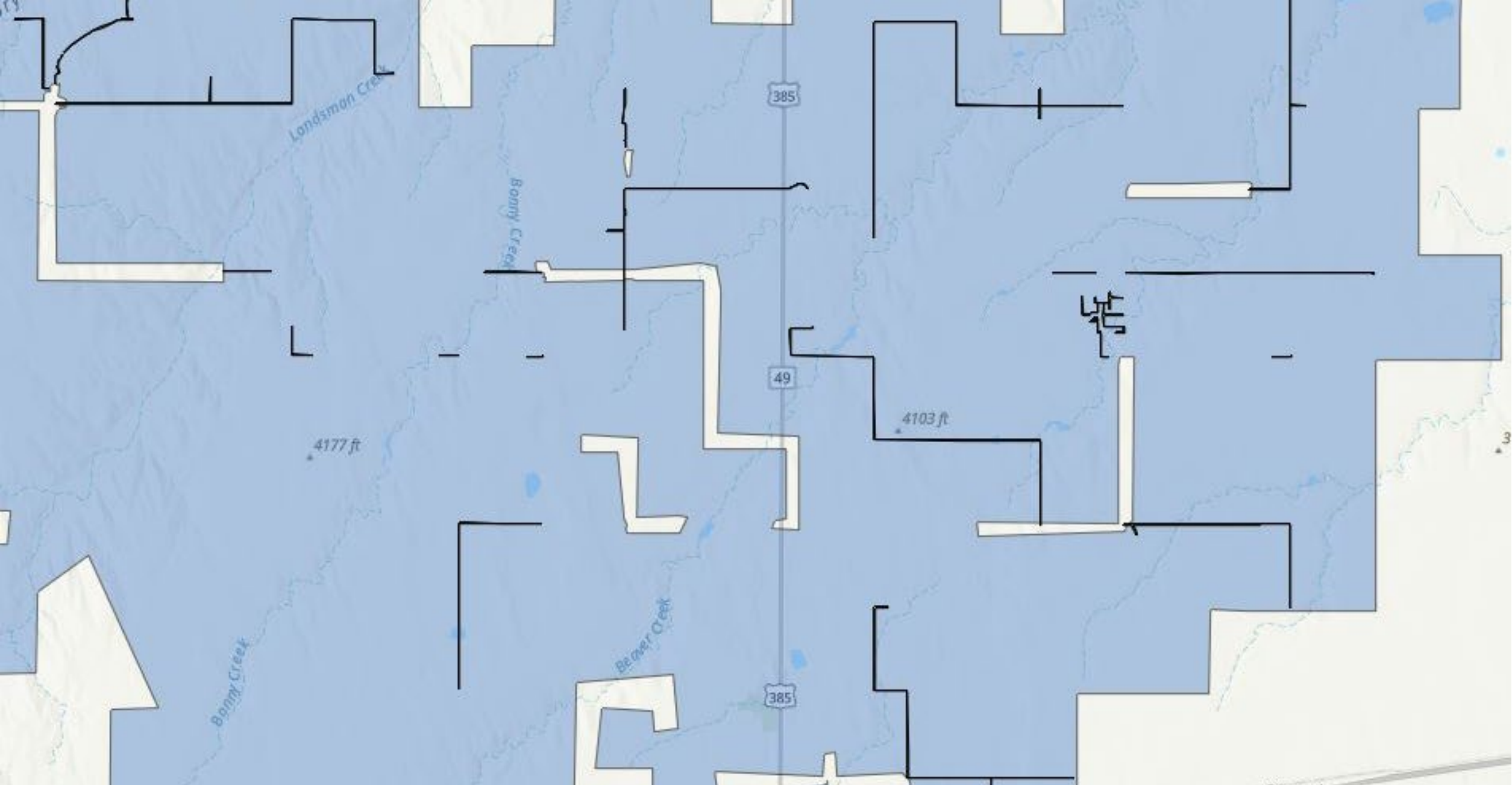
Tips

- Check your routes against the PFSA – do your routes and the picture you see seem feasible that you can serve 100% of the area? i.e. is there existing infrastructure that you're connecting to that we may not be aware of?
- Check your routes and PFSA against each layer independently and provide clarity if needed.
- **Ensure you zoom in on boundaries (what looks good from a distance may be an overlap).**
- **Don't be shy about providing clarification documents help us understand your intent**

PFSA vs. Routes

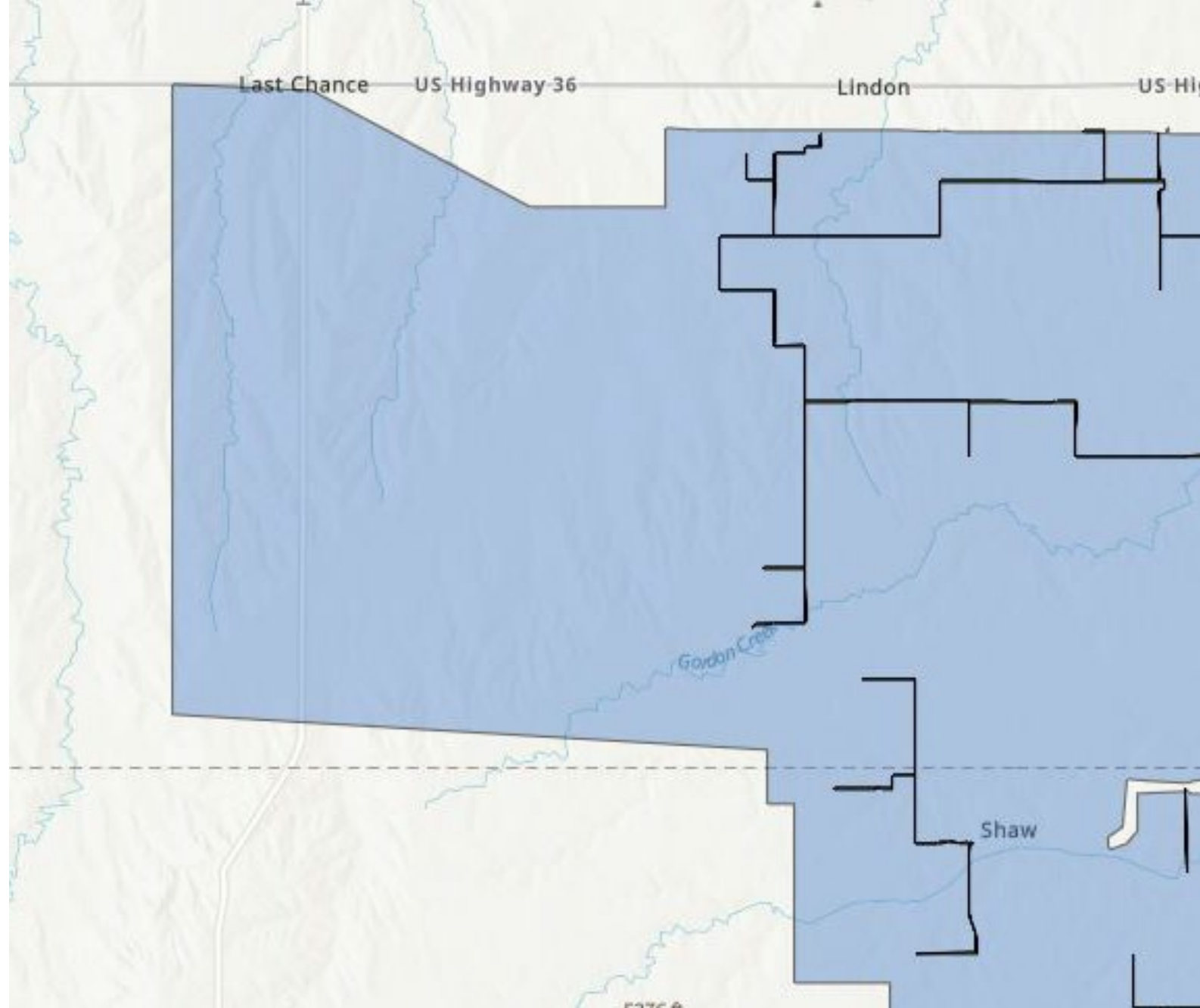
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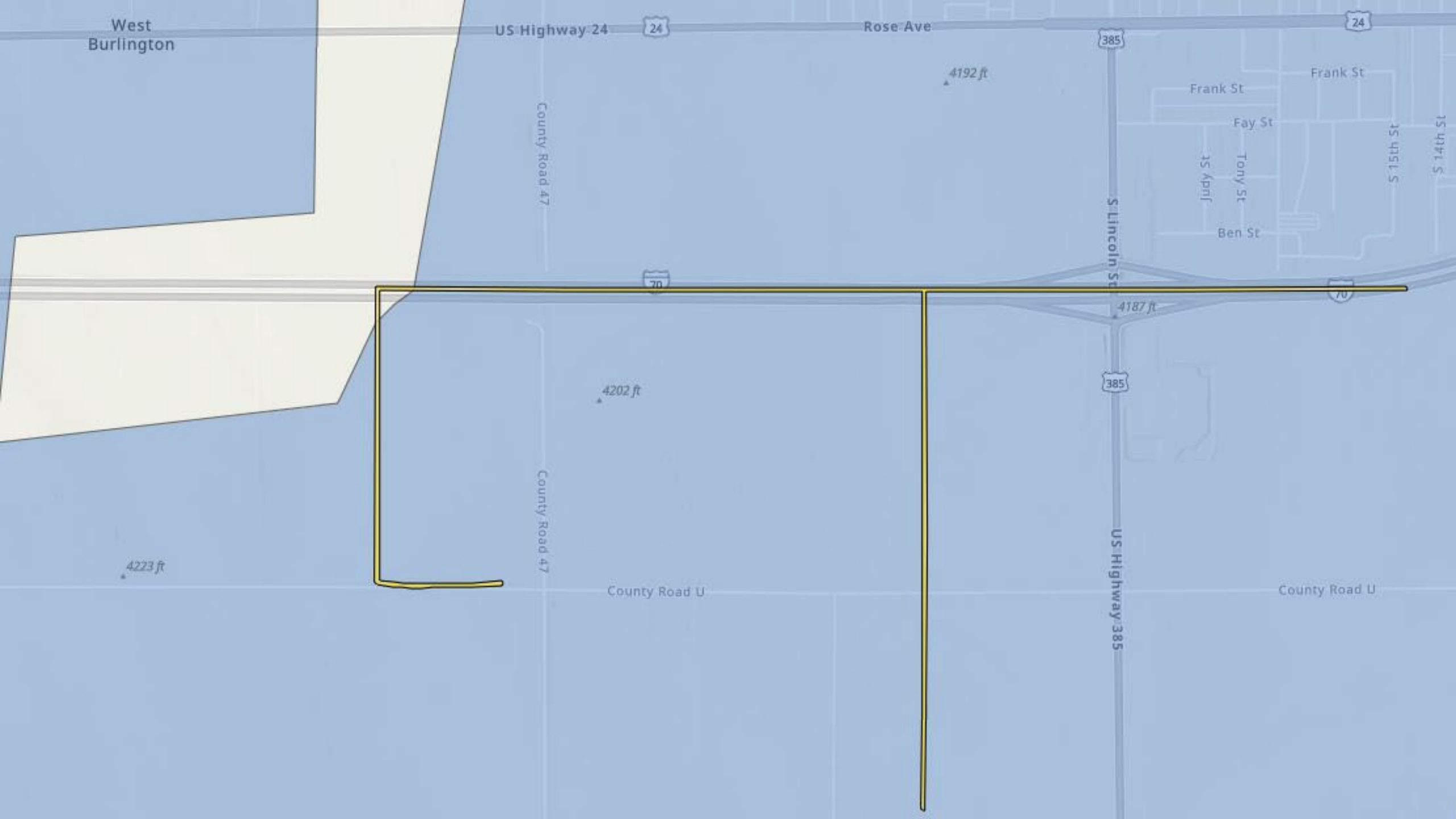




Proposed Funded Service Area

- Large area with no proposed Service





Tips

- Are there existing ISPs in this area that may or do claim to provide service at the FOA speed?
 - Attaching a document to application countering any potential claims
- Do route miles in CIW match up with Routes in construction Map?
 - if not just provide justification in attached documents
 - Clearing additional routes for Environmental is a valid justification
- If you have Alternative Household data, is it supported, and can we identify HH locations?
 - Difference between Subscribers and Households
 - If Subscribers over 70% of household would be beneficial to provide explanation.
 - Applicants that use alternative household data in the online mapping tool, such as Broadband Serviceable Location data from the FCC or other publicly available source, must provide supporting documentation to justify the use of such data, so that the number of households within the PFSA can be verified by USDA.

E-ACAM

- Applicants that are receiving Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) funding are only eligible for a ReConnect 100 percent loan but not grant funding in the E-ACAM area.
- If you are out of your e-ACAM area, you can apply for Grants - THIS NEEDS TO BE CLEAR.
- Awardees that receive both other Federal or State funds and ReConnect funding must submit a statement certifying that the funds requested from ReConnect have not been and will not be reimbursed by another Federal or State award, nor used to reimburse another Federal or State award, and that the Awardee will keep separate accounts for each source of funding to track the uses of the funding to support the certification statement submitted with the ReConnect application.

Enforceable Commitment

- If an applicant submits evidence that the entity that received the Enforceable Commitment has not deployed broadband service as required by the awarding Agency's regulations or award documents, the Agency may consider such area eligible for funding after consultation with the awarding agency.
- Areas with current broadband service from unlicensed wireless facilities, or which have an enforceable commitment associated with unlicensed wireless facilities, are eligible for funding under this notice.
- National Broadband Funding Map

Deconfliction

- Deconfliction
 - 100% loans can deconflict whole PFSA's for service found
- Voluntary Deconfliction –
 - Enforceable commitments not appearing on our mapping layer

Useful habits to follow

- Double check
- Don't assume we will understand or remember, we review a lot of projects and applications.
- If you were provided direction by RUS, document in the application

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- If you have questions after today's session, please complete the Contact Us form at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us>







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ReConnect Application Overview: Network Tab



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- Definitions
- Application Interdependencies
- Network Design
- Buildout Timeline and Milestones
- Capital Investment Workbook
- Capital Investment Schedule
- Network Documents
- Wrap-Up
- ReConnect Resources
- Q&A

Definitions



Key Definitions

- **Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA):** means the area (whether all or part of an existing or new service area) where the applicant is requesting funds to provide broadband service
- **Non-Funded Service Area (NFSA):** means any area in which the applicant offers broadband service or intends to offer broadband service during the forecast period but is not a part of its proposed funded service area
- **Capital Investment Workbook (CIW):** the portion of a ReConnect application where the applicant provides all of the cost information for the project
- **Capital Investment Schedule (CIS):** the portion of a ReConnect application where the applicant apportions all project costs and requested funding over the buildout period

Application Interdependencies



Interdependencies – Across Application

Project Tab (Informs Network Tab)

- Technology Type (Wireline vs Wireless)
- Capital Investments outside of application (NFSA)

BUILDOUT TIMELINE & MILESTONES
CAPITAL INVESTMENT WORKBOOK

Service Area(s) Tab (Informs Network Tab)

- PFSA(s) & NFSA(s)

CAPITAL INVESTMENT WORKBOOK

Financials Tab (Pulls from Network Tab)

PRO-FORMA
ECONOMIC LIFE CALCULATION

Interdependencies – Financial

- Financial Tab relies on data from:
 - Network: CIW Summary
 - Network: Annual Capital Investment Page
- Composite Economic Life (CEL) generated in the Financial Tab relies on Network Tab data
 - CEL helps determines service obligation and loan repayment periods
- Descriptions and costs in the Network section must inform the financial statements' pro-forma out-years

PLAN ACCORDINGLY

Network Design



Network Tab – Overview

Network Tab has six (6) sections to complete

- Network Design
- Build-out Timeline and Milestones
- Capital Investment Workbook
- Capital Investment Schedule
- Capital Contributions
- Network Documents

Network Tab - Network Design

- Description of Proposed Technology that will be used to deliver the Proposed Services
- Detailed Description of the Applicant's Existing Network
- Detailed Description of the Applicant's Proposed Network
- Uploads
 - Existing Network Diagram
 - Proposed Network Diagram
 - Network Design Certification (PE Certification)

Network Design – Proposed Technology Description

- Overview and Discussion of technology type being deployed
- Must be consistent throughout application
- Gives reviewers understanding how proposal will meet requirements
 - Technical Feasibility
 - Build-out speed/Access to all Premises
- Will be supported by Network Descriptions and Diagrams

Don't minimize technology discussion. If an application cannot be determined to be Technically Feasible, application may be rejected.

Be descriptive and precise making sure information stays consistent

Network Design – Existing Network Description

- Optional field but if you have an existing network and fail to describe it, the technical review of your application will be adversely affected
- Detailed description of applicant's existing network (narrative)
 - Same level of detail as the proposed network description (covered next)
- Include the primary elements of the network layers (Access, Distribution, and Core)
- Indicate how existing network will be leveraged to support the proposed network
- Include existing load information
- Interconnection(s) with the proposed network, as well as any other significant connections such as Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Network Design – Existing Network Description – Tips

- Thoroughly discuss the interconnection between the existing and proposed networks
- Fully demonstrate how the existing network would allow you to meet the buildout requirements for the proposed network:
 - Access to 100/100 service simultaneously to all premises in the PFSA
- If the existing network is under construction, explain how and when it will be ready to connect proposed network
- Fixed Wireless proposed projects: If planning to use existing network access points to deploy service to PFSA(s)
 - Put lease and land documents in the agreement section
 - Upload licenses if claiming the use of licensed spectrum
 - Provide extensive detail about the key, existing network access points and type of current equipment

Network Design – Proposed Network Description

- Thorough description of proposed network
- Include the primary elements of the network layers (for example, Access, Distribution, and Core)
- Considerations concerning how the proposed network will support the proposed network requirements, for example
 - Speeds
 - Coverages
 - Subscriber counts
 - Services
 - Premises
- Description of the interconnection with the existing network (if any) and any other significant connections such as ISPs
- Discuss your use of outside contractors and vendors to implement or manage the project
- Other relevant information supporting Technical Feasibility and Build-out requirements

Network Design – Proposed Network Diagram

- Comprehensive diagram showing proposed traffic, Network Operation Centers, physical locations for major network components and all aspects of network
 - You won't be able to submit the application without uploading this diagram
 - High level, block diagrams are not sufficient. Be specific and detailed
- Fully show interconnections (type, distance, capacity, location)
- Show network electronics locations and typical distance to customer
 - Ok to provide maximums or minimums or ranges for distances
- Ensure the design architecture is consistent with proposed network description and CIW
 - Aspects of the Network portion of the application should harmonize and support each other
- Common Facilities (existing, proposed, capacity, location, type, etc.)

Network Design – Professional Engineer Certification

- Use the sample on the ReConnect website under forms and resources
- What your PE certifies:
 - The proposed network will be designed and constructed to deliver 100/100 broadband services to all the premises in the proposed funded service area
 - As designed, the network can meet the proposed build-out timeline, milestones and construction schedule within the costs specified in the application
- The engineer must be LICENSED in one of the states where your construction will take place
- Not a vendor-certified technician
- Must be qualified to review network technology
- Applicant may use in-house engineer if the engineer is licensed in the state in which ReConnect project construction will take place

Buildout Timeline and Milestones



Buildout Timeline and Milestones – Timeline

- The Technology Type you select on **Project Information** determines the timeframe of milestones:
 - Quarterly
 - Fixed Wireless
 - Combination of value types
 - Annual
 - Fiber-to-the-Premises
 - Hybrid-Fiber Coax
 - Other (Specify)
- Buildout Milestone: concise description of activity/progress achieved



Buildout Timeline and Milestones – Timeline (cont.)

- Project buildout must be completed within five years from the date funds are made available
- Bridge Year plus years one through five of buildout period
 - Bridge Year is the year before construction starts
 - Different from the CIS which requires values for only the construction years
- If your CIS shows \$1 million of incurred cost in year 1, the Timeline must show work in year 1
- Every milestone is required
 - If your construction is complete before the end of Year 5, provide something in the remaining milestones even if it's "loan repayment starts" or "regular maintenance" or "continue to add subscribers"

Buildout Timeline and Milestones – Support for Reasonableness

- Support For Reasonableness/Data Points: required justification for the reasonableness of the milestone
- Reasonableness: refers to satisfying interdependencies that support build-out timeframe (e.g., planned construction method, workforce size, premises passed, contracting or applicant workforce, logical task sequence, etc.)
 - Expected capabilities and limitations of technology and equipment, network element distances, type of backhaul, coverages and coverage topography, construction and deployment expectations and issues, projected costs and timelines, and teams
- **Tip:** Consider assumptions regarding personnel, contractors, licensing, and permitting timelines within a project lifecycle approach which includes four phases (Planning, Design, Deployment, and Operations)
- Remember: Ensure your cost, subscriber and financial projections support your milestones and vice versa.

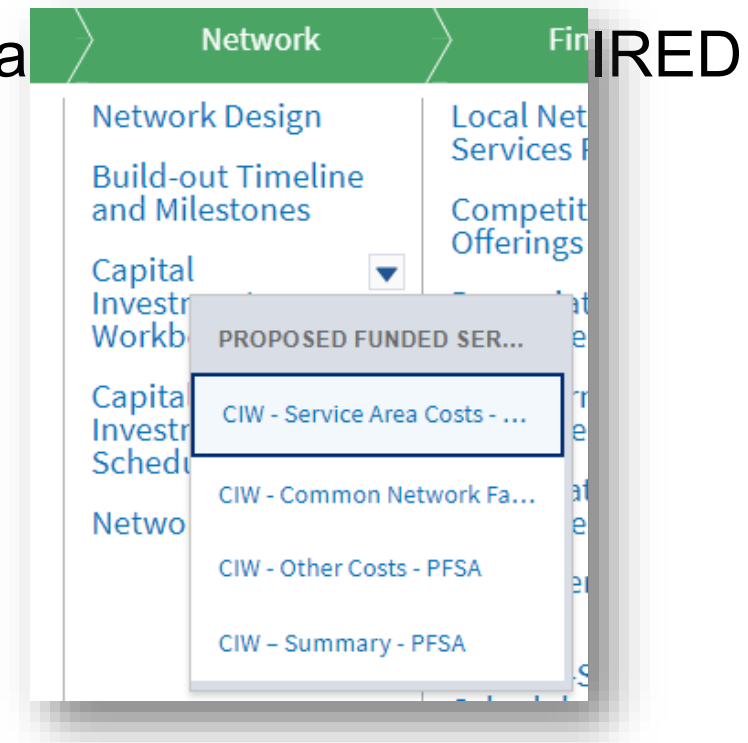
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Capital Investment Workbook (CIW) – Overview

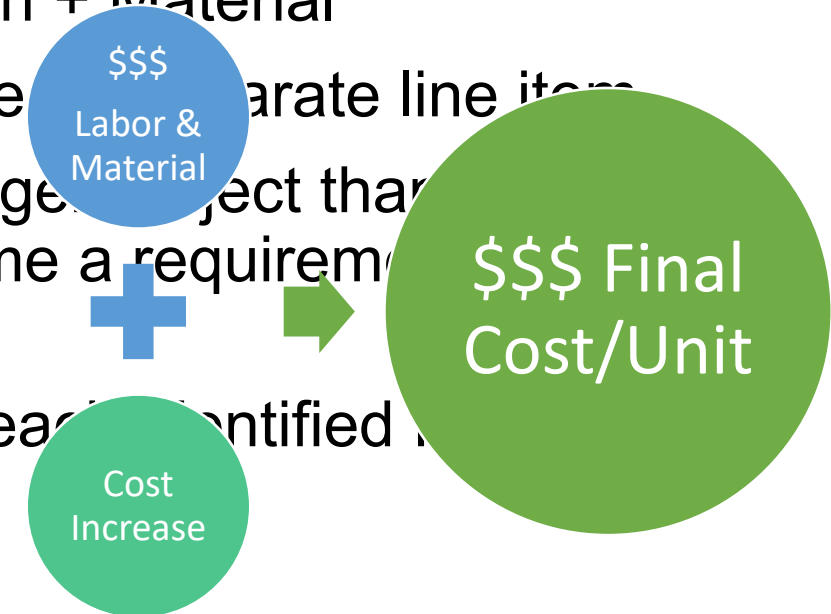
- Establishes the budget for the proposed project covered by the application.
- Four (4) Sections per Proposed Funded Service Area (PFSA)
- Four (4) Sections for Non-Funded Service Area

- Area CIW Inputs
 - Service Area Costs
 - Common Network Facilities (If Required)
 - Other Costs (If Required)
 - Summary



CIW – Service Area Costs – Budget Consideration

- Include Asset Cost within appropriate category
- Asset Cost should include: Labor Cost of Installation + Material
- Build-in Contingencies within Asset Cost – Don't create separate line items
- Plan project accordingly. If applicant proposes a larger project than funding requiring "Other Funds", these funds become a requirement for project and legal agreement.
- Allow Time – Asset Costs are input individually for each identified NFSA.
- Project Build-out = 5 years



CIW – Service Area Costs – General Comments

- These line items drive the Composite Economic Life (CEL) calculation in the Financials
- Provide concise, thorough descriptions of assets so that reviewers understand the assets
 - At minimum you must identify Aerial and Buried assets
 - Provide additional application uploads to support costs, if necessary
- Consider establishing separate costs for conduit and poles because of longer depreciation (increasing CEL)
- Each asset category has an “other/explain” option for uncategorized items



CIW – Service Area Costs – General Comments (cont.)

- In each service area, you'll input the item name, description, quantity and unit cost for every asset
 - Each PFSA
 - Each NFSA
- If you have the same 8 or 9 items for each PFSA, you'll enter those same items in every PFSA
- If you have 15 PFSAs, you'll enter comprehensive cost information for each one
- The same level of effort is required for NFSA

CIW – Service Area Costs – Asset Categories

- Use the correct asset category; CIW establishes post-loan budget categories
 - Use category that best describing and item's function and how it's procured
 - Ex: pre-fab building equipped with racking components and required power equipment
 - include all purchase, labor, install costs under Buildings
 - Put the racking components and power equipment under Network & Access
- Engineering costs
 - Record as Professional Services under the Other Costs section
 - Do not include engineering within the Asset Categories
- Tower costs:
 - Structure install/ upgrade purchase and installation costs: Tower asset category
 - Equipment for tower: Network & Access
- May provide information about assets at a high level rather than breaking assets down by specifics

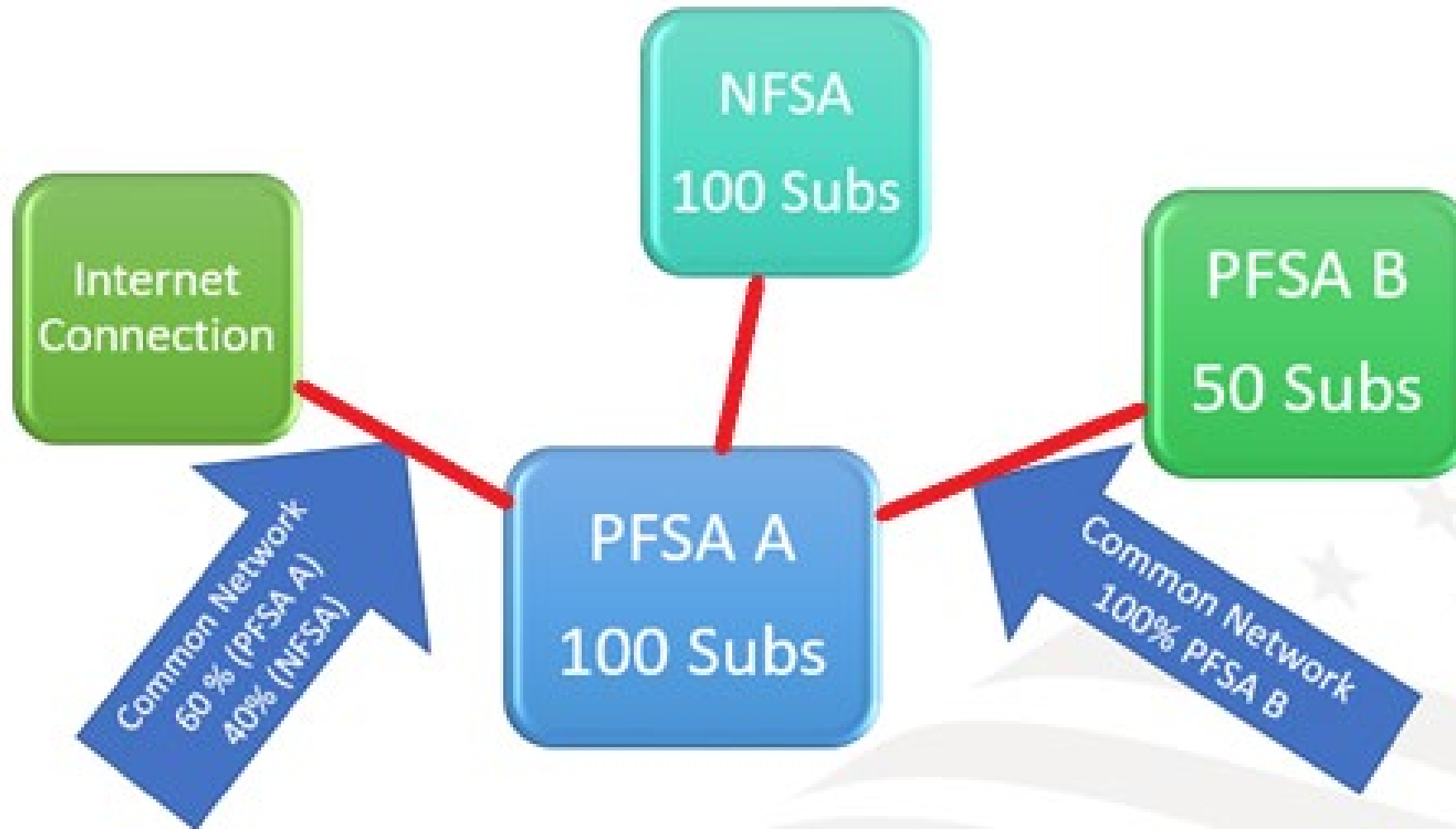
CIW – Service Area Costs – Asset Categories

Asset Category		Specific Asset Type
Network & Access Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switching Equipment • Routing Equipment • Transport Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Equipment • Power Equipment • Satellite Equipment • Other (specify)
Outside Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copper Cable – Aerial, Buried, Underground • Coaxial Cable – Aerial, Buried, Underground • Fiber Cable – Aerial, Buried Underground • Fiber – Submarine Cable • Conduit Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ducts (Vacant) • Cabinets/Underground Vaults • Poles • Make-ready • Other (specify)
Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Construction • Pre-Fab Huts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements • Other (specify)
Towers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements • Guyed Towers • Lattice Towers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monopole/Self-Supporting Tower • Wood Poles • Others (specify)
Customer Premises Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Set Top Boxes • Modems and Routers • Inside Wiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Terminal Adapter (VoIP) • Smart Meters • Other (specify)
Non-Depreciable Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land • Right-of-way Procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Others (specify)

CIW – Common Network Facilities (CNF) Costs – General Comments

- Just like a Service Area cost, enter the item name, description, quantity and unit cost
 - Provide sufficient description to show the percentage of the prorated cost and to identify it
- Prorate costs between total PFSA's and total NFSAs as appropriate
 - Enter the portion of CNF cost allocable to any/all PFSA's in the PFSA CNF
 - Enter the portion CNF cost allocable to any/all NFSAs in the NFSAs CNF
- Method of proration
 - Number of subscribers in PFSA's served by the CNF asset is common
 - Use a defensible method and provide an explanation
- Remember, you can attach documents to the Network section of the application to document and justify any of your assumptions and methods

CIW – Common Network Facilities (CNF)



CIW – Other Costs – General Comments

- Just like a Service Area cost, enter the item name, description, quantity and unit cost
 - Provide sufficient description to show the percentage of the prorated cost and to identify it
- Prorate costs between total PFSA's and total NFSAs as appropriate
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CIW – Other Costs – Asset Categories

Asset Category		Specific Asset Type
Support Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction Vehicles• Construction Equipment• Special Purpose Vehicles• Office Equipment• Office Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billing System• Test Equipment• Portable Generators• Tools• Other (specify)
Other Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-application Expenses• Acquisition• Other (Specify)	
Professional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineering Services• Architectural Services• Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Management Services• Other (specify the type of service)

CIW – Other Costs – Support Assets

- NO OPERATING COSTS
- If the cost isn't primarily allocable to the ReConnect project, it's not eligible
 - Ex.: Existing billing system that will incorporate new services and customers due to the ReConnect project is NOT eligible
- Support Assets are only eligible if asset will be required for the installation or operating need of the network

CIW – Other Costs – Other Expenditures

- Pre-application expenses (may not exceed 5% of federal award)
 - List pre-application environmental reviews or costs on a separate line and note as Environmental
 - Environmental pre-application costs are limited to 3% of the federal award, and are part of the overall 5% allowance
- Acquisition (100% Loan applications ONLY limited to 40% of award amount)
- Other (specify) – provide a clear succinct description
- **NOTE** – ReConnect Round 5 NOFO allows for applicable pre-application expenses from a Round 4 application. Applicant should create a separate Pre-application expense line and describe it as applicable Round 4 Pre-application. See NOFO for specific requirements.

CIW – Other Costs – Professional Services

- Professional Services costs associated with the project assets and construction will be under this Cost Category
- Professional Services are inclusive of all PFSA(s) and all Asset Costs. Do not input Professional Services costs under the Service Area Asset cost.
- Following Professional Services are common:
 - Engineering Costs
 - Environmental Services (Archaeological Monitoring)
 - In-House Engineering (“Other” with description of In-House Engineering)
- Reminder, post award environmental services for monitoring costs are limited up to 3% of award amount.

CIW – Summary

- Captures all of project costs grouped by asset category (PFSAFs and NFSAs)
- Required: PFSA Funding Information section
 - Enter loan request, grant request or both, according to the funding type selected when you created the application
 - If requesting a 50/50 loan-grant combination, you may enter a cash substitution amount for all or part of the loan request here as well
 - The system calculates the match (if required) and any other costs that you'll have to cover outside of an award
 - System will validate the math on pre-application expenses, acquisition costs, etc.
- **NOTE:** application must show how you will cover all project costs: loan request, grant request, other funds for any additional project costs. Provide documentation of sources of funds for any required match and any other costs

Capital Investment Schedule (CIS)



Capital Investment Schedule (CIS)

- Complete the entire CIW before starting the CIS. It uses data from the CIW
- Schedule will be completed for each type of area (PFSA/NFSA)
- If NFSA was not identified within prior application sections, it will not be available.
- Professional Services is allocated within each Asset Category with a distribution check within Professional Services asset type.
- Should harmonize with the buildout timeline
 - If you propose a milestone for tower construction in year 2 in the Buildout Timeline, the CIS should reflect those costs in year 2 as well
- Should be reflected in the pro forma financials
 - Ex.: Increases in inventory costs for your equipment or supplies costs reflected in the correct year of the pro forma financial statements to correspond to the CIS

Network Documents



Network Documents - General

- Documents uploaded under Network Design will show here
- Applicants should use this section for upload of any supporting documentation related to the Build-out Timeline & Milestones, Capital Investment Workbook, Capital Investment Schedule and Capital Contribution sections.
- All documents uploaded here can be reviewed and modified. These documents will also be seen within the Documents Tab of the application.
- File size limitations may apply, and applicants should review the current Application Guide for additional information.

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TIMEFRAME:
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Build-out Milestone:

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Complete the Build-out Timelines and Milestones

Timeframe:	Build-Out Milestone:	Build-Out Support For Reasonableness / Data Points
2024	Submit the ReConnect Application.	Bridge Year. ▼
2025		▼
2026		▼
2027		▼
2028		▼
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CIW - Service Area Costs (PFSA)

Which service area would you like to work on?

Select an Option ▼

1

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CIW – Service Area Costs – PFSA (continued)

Tooltips

CIW - Service Area Costs (PFSA)

Which service area would you like to work on? 1 ▼

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Adding a Service Area Cost Line Item

Add a Service Area Costs (PFSA) Line Item

Add a Line Item
Please add a new line item.

1

ASSET CATEGORY *

Select Asset Category ▼

2

ASSET TYPE *

Select Asset Type ▼

3

QUANTITY *

Enter Quantity

4

UNIT *

Select Unit ▼

5

UNIT COST *

\$

TOTAL COST

\$

6

DESCRIPTION *

250 characters remaining

Cancel

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CIW – Service Area Costs – PFSA Line Item Summary

CIW - Service Area Costs (PFSA)

Which service area would you like to work on? 1 ▾

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Customer Premises Equipment						^
ASSET TYPE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION	
Modems and Routers	200	Unit	\$125.00	\$25,000	Modems	
Total Modems and Routers				\$25,000		
Total Customer Premises Equipment				\$25,000		
Total				\$25,000		


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CIW - Common Network Facilities (PFSA)

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Adding a Common Network Facilities Line Item

1

ASSET CATEGORY *

Select Asset Category

2

ASSET TYPE *

Select Asset Type

3

QUANTITY *

Enter Quantity

4

UNIT *

Select Unit

5

UNIT COST *

\$

6

TOTAL COST

\$

DESCRIPTION *

250 characters remaining

Cancel

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CIW – Common Network Facility – PFSA Line Item Summary

CIW - Common Network Facilities (PFSA)

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Buildings



ASSET TYPE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION
Pre-Fab Huts	2	Unit	\$1,000.00	\$2,000	Test CNF Asset



Total Pre-Fab Huts

\$2,000

Total Buildings

\$2,000

Total

\$2,000




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CIW - Other Costs (PFSA)

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Adding an Other Costs Line Item

Add an Other Costs (PFSA) Line Item

Add a Line Item
Please add a new line item.

1	ASSET CATEGORY * Select Asset Category ▼	2	ASSET TYPE * Select Asset Type ▼
3	QUANTITY * Enter Quantity	4	UNIT * Select Unit ▼
5	UNIT COST * \$	TOTAL COST \$	
6	DESCRIPTION * <div>250 characters remaining</div>		

Cancel

Save

CIW – Other Costs – PFSA Line Item Summary

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Professional Services



ASSET TYPE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	DESCRIPTION
Engineering Services	1	Lump Sum	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	Permitting



Total Engineering Services

\$2,000

Total Professional Services

\$2,000

Total

\$2,000




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CIW - Summary (PFSA)

Proposed Funded Service Area(s) Cost		^
BUILDINGS	TOTAL COST	
Pre-Fab Huts	\$2,000	
Total Buildings		\$2,000
CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT	TOTAL COST	
Modems and Routers	\$25,000	
Total Customer Premises Equipment		\$25,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	TOTAL COST	
Engineering Services	\$2,000	
Total Professional Services		\$2,000
Total Proposed Funded Service Area Cost		\$29,000

CIW – Summary – PFSA (continued)

Funding Information	
FUNDING TYPE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Grant Amount Requested	<input type="text"/>
Loan Amount Requested	<input type="text"/>
Cash Substitution Amount for Loan Portion ⓘ	<input type="text"/>
Other Funds	<input type="text" value="\$1,040,630"/>
Total Project Costs \$1,040,630	


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Capital Investment Schedule (CIS)



CIS – Proposed Funded Service Area

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Buildings										
		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Pre-Fab Huts	\$2,000							\$0	No	
Professional Services	\$0							\$0		

Customer Premises Equipment										
		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Modems and Routers	\$25,000							\$0	No	
Professional Services	\$0							\$0		

Professional Services										
		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Total	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	No	

Total Capital Investment Schedule										
		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Total	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	No	

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CIS – PFSA – Amounts Fully Distributed

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		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Pre-Fab Huts	\$2,000	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$500"/>	<input type="text" value="\$500"/>	<input type="text" value="\$500"/>	<input type="text" value="\$500"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$2,000	Yes	
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$2,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$2,000		

Customer Premises Equipment

		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Modems and Routers	\$25,000	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>	\$25,000	Yes	
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0		

Professional Services


		BRIDGE YEAR		FORECAST YEARS						
ASSET TYPE	CIW SUMMARY AMOUNTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL	AMTS FULLY DISTB?	
Total	\$2,000	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$2,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$2,000	Yes	

Total Capital Investment Schedule			\$7,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$29,000	
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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Total Proposed Funded Service Area Costs	\$7,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$29,000
Cash Substitution Amount for Loan Portion	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Total Loan Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Total Grant Amount	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Other Funds	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Annual Capital Investment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,000

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CIS – Annual Capital Investment – Completed

Annual Capital Investment

Annual Capital Investment		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Total Proposed Funded Service Area Costs		\$23,500	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$16,000	\$117,500
Cash Substitution Amount for Loan Portion	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Total Loan Amount	\$58,750	<input type="text" value="\$23,500"/>	<input type="text" value="\$26,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$9,250"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$58,750
Total Grant Amount	\$58,750	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$16,750"/>	<input type="text" value="\$26,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$16,000"/>	\$58,750
Other Funds	\$0	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	\$0
Annual Capital Investment	\$117,500	\$23,500	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$16,000	\$117,500


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Capital Contributions – Capital Contributions Schedule

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Capital Contributions Schedule

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS SOURCE		SOURCE NAME	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Total Capital Contributions Funds from ACI			\$96,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	
Investor Capital	Source		<div>\$48,498</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div></div>
Federal Grant	Grant		<div>\$48,498</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div>\$38,998</div>	<div></div>
Total Capital Contributions			\$96,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	\$77,996	

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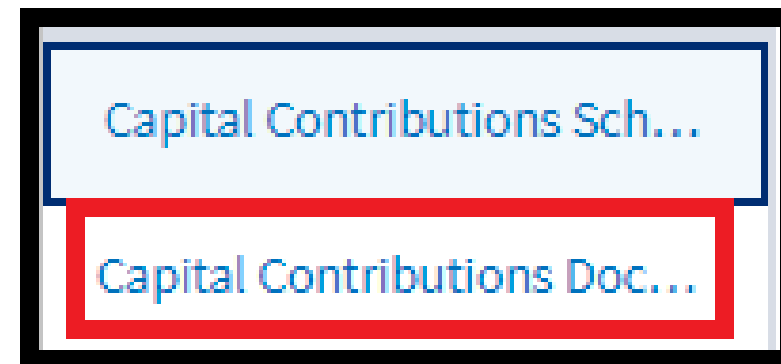
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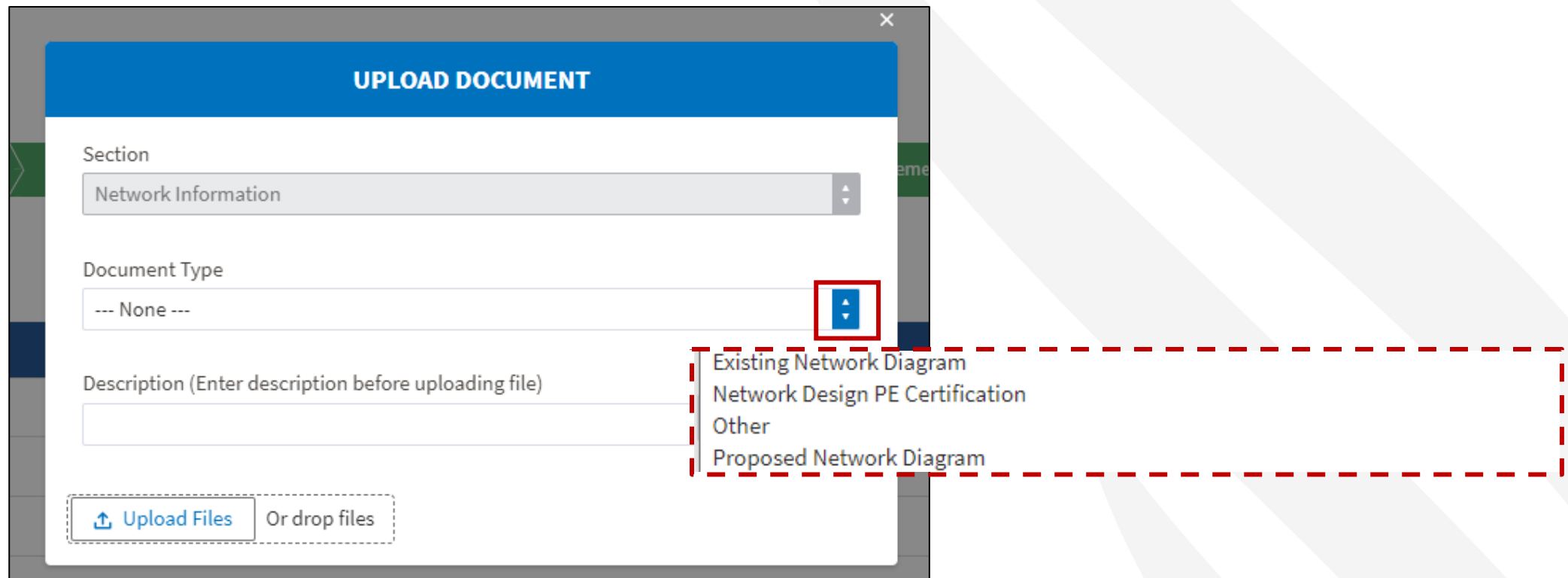
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✓ Network Information	Network Design PE Certification	PE Cert	Smoke test document.pdf	Alexa RSCRelease...	Aug 25, 2022, 11:52 AM	
✓ Network Information	Proposed Network Diagram	Network Diagram - Proposed	Smoke test document.pdf	Alexa RSCRelease...	Aug 25, 2022, 11:52 AM	

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Network Documents – Document Upload



The screenshot shows a web application window titled "UPLOAD DOCUMENT". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Section:** A dropdown menu currently showing "Network Information".
- Document Type:** A dropdown menu currently showing "--- None ---". This menu is open, displaying a list of options: "Existing Network Diagram", "Network Design PE Certification", "Other", and "Proposed Network Diagram".
- Description:** A text input field with the placeholder text "(Enter description before uploading file)".
- Buttons:** At the bottom left, there is a button labeled "Upload Files" with an upward arrow icon, and a dashed box containing the text "Or drop files".

The "Document Type" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red dashed border, and its options are also enclosed in a red dashed box.

ReConnect Resources



Available Resources for Application Help

- **Technical Assistance**

- Register for upcoming workshops/webinars <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/events>
- Subscribe to receive updates about upcoming events on the ReConnect website

- **Resources**

- ReConnect website <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- NOFO: <https://federalregister.gov/d/2024-03484>
- Regulation: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-XVII/part-1740>
- Updated Application Guide <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>
- Updated Frequently Asked Questions <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

- **Contact Us**

- When working **inside** the application, use the “contact us” button on your screen.
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