



ReConnect Application: Project Tab

USDA RUS ReConnect Program



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Rural Development

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- Tips for Success
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- Q&A Session

Navigating to the Project Tab

The screenshot displays the USDA Rural Development application portal. At the top, the USDA logo and 'Rural Development U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE' are visible. A user profile for 'PETER PARKER' is in the top right. A blue navigation bar contains links: HOME, ACCOUNTS, AUTHORIZATIONS, PUBLIC NOTICE FILINGS, INSTRUCTION GUIDES, CONTACT US, and NEW/UPDATE ARR. Below this, the application details are shown: 'Application 101001110' with a globe icon and 'Funding Type 100% Grant'. The main section features a green horizontal bar with ten tabs: Project, Service Area(s), Network, Financials, Environmental, Evaluation Criteria, Licenses & Agreements, Certifications, Documents, and Summary/Submit. The 'Project' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, a table lists the sub-sections for each tab.

Project	Service Area(s)	Network	Financials	Environmental	Evaluation Criteria	Licenses & Agreements	Certifications	Documents	Summary/Submit
Project Information	Service Area(s) Information	Network Design	Local Network Services Revenue	Construction Map	Evaluation Criteria	Licenses & Agreements	Certifications	Manage Uploaded Documents	Summary/Submit
NEPA Review		Build-out Timeline and Milestones	Competitor Service Offerings	Site/Route Descriptions	Evaluation Criteria Summary		Certification Documents		
Project Documents		Capital Investment Workbook (CI)	Depreciation Schedule	Environmental Questionnaire	Evaluation Criteria Documents				
		Capital Investment Schedule		Environmental Documents					
		Network Documents							

Project Information



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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

☐ Other (Specify)

required

Does the applicant have any unadvanced prior loans made under the RUS Telecommunications Program that will be expended during the 5-year build-out period? ★

☐ 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

Is the applicant requesting SUTA consideration? ★

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is the applicant proposing services on a Tribal Land? ★

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please upload the funding request resolution.

FUNDING REQUEST RESOLUTION

PROJECT INFORMATION

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Project Information (cont.)

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☒ Yes ☐ No

SUTA DOCUMENTS



Is the applicant proposing services on a Tribal Land? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION OF CONSENT



Project Information (cont.)

Please upload the legal opinion.

LEGAL OPINION



Please upload your organization's audited financial statements from the previous year.

APPLICANT'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Is the applicant a publicly traded company? 

☐ Yes ☒ No

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



☒ Yes ☐ No

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ILOC



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Acquisition – Loan applicants only

Will any part of the loan funds be used for an Acquisition?

☒ Yes ☐ No



Acquisition (cont.)

Acquisition Information

Does the applicant propose to acquire an existing system that does not currently provide sufficient access to broadband for the purpose of upgrading that system to meet the requirements of the most recently published FOA? *

☒ Yes ☐ No


Are any of the facilities or equipment that the applicant is proposing to acquire currently owned by an affiliate or subsidiary of the applicant? *

☐ Yes ☒ No


Is the system that the applicant is proposing to acquire previously funded by the Rural Utilities Service? *


☐ Yes ☒ No


Required upload for submission:


APPRaisal OF PHYSICAL STATUS OF PLANT TO BE ACQUIRED 


Optional uploads if applicable:

COPIES OF LEASES TO BE ACQUIRED 

COPIES OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITY AGREEMENTS 

COPIES OF REAL ESTATE DEEDS 

ACQUISITION AGREEMENT 

OPTIONS, BILLS OF SALE, OR DEEDS 

✓ PROJECT INFORMATION

ACQUISITION INFORMATION

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Acquisition (cont.)

Additional Required Information

SELLING COMPANY NAME *

Physical Address of Selling Company

STREET *

CITY *

STATE *

ZIP CODE *

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PROPOSED PURCHASE PRICE TO BE FUNDED BY RUS: *

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION: *

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Executive Summary

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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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NEPA Review



NEPA Review

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review

Rural Development has identified classes of actions and the level of environmental review required for applicant proposals and Agency actions in subparts B (CEs), C (EAs), and D (EISs) of 7CFR1970. These sections are available online at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/environmental-guidance>.

Is the proposed action one that Rural Development has identified as requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (see 7CFR1970.151) or has an EIS been prepared due to the involvement of another federal agency?

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Yes



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT



Is the proposed action one that Rural Development has identified as requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA) (see 7CFR1970.101) or has an EA been prepared due to the involvement of another federal agency?

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Yes



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



If a response of "Yes" is selected for either of the above questions, please contact the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) at ReConnectEnvironmental@usda.gov for further guidance. Have you contacted RUS?

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Yes



RUS EA/EIS CONSULTATION




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Documents



Project Documents


 Application
101002354



Funding Type
100% Loan






Project > Service Area(s) > Network > Financials > Environmental > Licenses & Agreem... > Certifications > Documents > Summary/Submit

Project Documents

 [Upload Additional Documents](#)

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Uploaded Documents

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Tips for Success



Warnings for Deleted Information

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Any previously entered information regarding unadvanced loan funds will be deleted.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Any previously entered information regarding Non-Funded Service Areas will be deleted.

Warnings for Deleted Information (cont.)

Project	Service Area(s)	Network	Financials	Environmental
Project Information NEPA Review Project Documents	Service Area(s) Information	Network Design Build-out Timeline and Milestones Capital Inv Wo Ca Inv Sc Ne	Local Network Services Revenue Competitor Service Offerings PROPOSED FUNDED SER... NON-FUNDED SERVICE A... UNADVANCED PRIOR LOA... CIW - Service Area Costs - ... CIW - Other Costs - UPLF CIW - Summary - UPLF Network Access Services Revenue Income Statement	Construction Map Site/Route Descriptions Environmental Questionnaire Environmental Documents

Warnings for Deleted Information (cont.)

Project	Service Area(s)	Network	Financials	Environmental
Project Information NEPA Review Project Documents	Service Area(s) Information	Network Design Build-out Timeline and Milestones Capital Investment Schedule Network Documents	Local Network Services Revenue Competitor Service Offerings Long-Term Debt Schedule Amortization Schedule Non-Operating Net	Construction Map Site/Route Descriptions Environmental Questionnaire Environmental Documents

PROPOSED FUNDED SER...

Available Resources

- Register for upcoming events: <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/events>
- Application Guide: https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/ReConnect_Program_Application_Guide.pdf
- ReConnect website: <https://usda.gov/reconnect>
 - Fact Sheets & Frequently Asked Questions
- Contact Us: <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us>
- August 4, 2022, Funding Opportunity Announcement: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/04/2022-16694/rural-econnectivity-program>
- Regulation: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-02-26/pdf/2021-03443.pdf>
- General Field Representatives (GFRs): <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/telecom-gfr/all>





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Agenda – September 13, 2022

12:00 – 12:15 PM ET

Opening Remarks

12:15 – 1:15 PM ET

Application System Introduction Part 1

1:15 – 1:30 PM ET

Break

1:30 – 3:00 PM ET

Application System Introduction Part 2

3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

Project Tab

4:30 – 4:45 PM ET

Open Q&A

4:45 – 5:00 PM ET

Closing Remarks