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Is the applicant requesting SUTA consideration? *
- 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  
- [x] No

Is the applicant replacing the standard grant security arrangements with an ILOC?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [x] 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 (cont.)

Additional Required Information

SELLING COMPANY NAME

Physical Address of Selling Company

STREET

CITY STATE

ZIP CODE

PROPOSED PURCHASE PRICE TO BE FUNDED BY RUS:

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

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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

Acquisition is ineligible and must be removed as part of the funding request.

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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

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- Yes  - No

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

- Yes  - No

**Acquisition is ineligible and must be removed as part of the funding request.**
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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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?

- Yes

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?

- Yes

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?

- Yes

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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

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

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

- Yes
- No

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

• Register for upcoming events: https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/events


• ReConnect website: https://usda.gov/reconnect
  o Fact Sheets & Frequently Asked Questions

• Contact Us: https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us

• August 4, 2022, Funding Opportunity

• 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
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