

APPENDIX D



Alaska Broadband Grant Program
State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
Development
Alaska Broadband Office



TECHNICAL CAPABILITY CERTIFICATION FORM (APPENDIX D)

Each Applicant seeking Connect Alaska funds from the State of the Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, Alaska Broadband Office, to deploy or upgrade a broadband network must certify that it is technically qualified to complete and operate the project and that it can carry out the funded activities in a competent manner, including that it will use an appropriately skilled and credentialed workforce.

Applicants must show specific evidence of technical capability. This will be demonstrated through the certifying of the following:

Applicants with Two or More Years of Experience in Alaska

An Applicant that has provided a voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution service in Alaska for at least the two consecutive years prior to the date of its application submission or that is a wholly owned subsidiary of such an entity, must certify the following:

1. *If a provider of voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution*, an Applicant must certify to these facts and specify the number of years the Applicant or its parent company has been operating.

Certification check box

2. *If a provider of voice and/or broadband service*, an Applicant must certify it has timely filed Commission Form 477s and the Broadband DATA Act submissions, if applicable, as required during this time-period; that it will continue reporting as required; and that it has otherwise complied with the Federal Communication Commission's rules and regulations.

Certification check box

3. An Applicant should explain any pending or completed enforcement action, civil litigation, or other matter in which it failed to comply or was alleged to have failed to comply with Federal Communications Commission's rules or regulations.

4. If the Applicant has operated an electric transmission or distribution service, it must submit qualified operating or financial reports that it has filed with the relevant financial institution for the relevant time period along with a certification that the submission is a true and accurate copy of the reports that were provided to the relevant financial institution. Acceptable submissions for this purpose will be the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Form 7, Financial and Operating Report Electric Distribution; the RUS Form 12, Financial and Operating Report Electric Power Supply; the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) Form 7, Financial and Statistical Report; the CFC Form 12, Operating Report; or the CoBank Form 7; or the functional replacement of one of these reports. *See Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Order, 35 FCC Rcd at 719, n. 202.*

Reports attached

Applicants New to Broadband

An Applicant that is a new entrant to the broadband market must provide a narrative description to demonstrate that the newly formed entity has obtained, through internal or external resources, sufficient operational capabilities. Add additional pages as necessary.

The ABO shall not approve any grant for the deployment or upgrading of network facilities unless it determines that the documents submitted to it demonstrate the prospective subgrantee’s operational capability with respect to the proposed project.

Speed of Network (Experienced and New Applicants)

1. Bandwidth Commitment: Applicant must describe and ensure its network provides Reliable Broadband Service with speeds of not less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads and that 95% of latency measurements fall at or below 100 milliseconds round-trip time. Add additional pages as necessary.

2. Reliability Commitment: Applicant must describe how the network will, on average, not exceed 48 hours of outage time over any 365-day period except in the case of a Force Majeure occurrence. Add additional pages as necessary.

Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned official(s) certifies that official(s) is authorized to sign this certification, has read and understood the Applicant's obligations as herein described, and that any information submitted in conjunction with this request is accurate and complete.

DATED: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____