

Certification Requirements for **BTOP**

U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

(i) I certify that I am authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

(ii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(iii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the DOC Pre-Award Notification, published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); DOC American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (April 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award."

8-10-09

(Date)



(Authorized Representative's Signature)

John Ryan

Name:

Assistant Chief Legal Officer

Title:

For the proposed project, Level 3 EON will be providing a middle-mile backhaul transport solution and not providing discrete video services to business and residential customers.

**VIDEO SERVICES
SUBSCRIBER PROJECTS AND RATE PLANS**

COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW FOR EACH PROPOSED FUNDED SERVICE AREA. FOR ALL OTHER SERVICE AREAS, PLEASE PREPARE A CHART THAT AGGREGATES THIS INFORMATION

SERVICE AREA NAME: _____

	Census Community	Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Year 4			Year 5		
		Pkg 1	Pkg 2	Other	Pkg1	Pkg 2	Other	Pkg 1	Pkg 2	Other	Pkg 1	Pkg 2	Other	Pkg 1	Pkg 2	Other
1																
2																
3																
4																
5																
6																
TOTAL																

Rates:

Package 1: (ex. 150 basic channels / \$35)

Package 2:
(ex. 150 basic channels and Premium / \$60)

Other (Specify):

Note: Complete a separate table for each service area. Column headings should be changed to reflect the name of the service package to be offered. Additional columns may be added for each year if more than three packages are offered.

For the proposed project, Level 3 EON will be providing a middle-mile backhaul transport solution and not providing discrete voice services to business and residential customers.

**SUBSCRIBER PROJECTION TABLE AND RATE PLANS
VOICE SERVICES**

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SERVICE AREA NAME: _____

	Census Community	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	
		Res	Bus								
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2											
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10											
TOTAL											

Rates:
Residential Service:
Business Service:
Other (Specify):

Note: Complete a separate table for each service area.

August 18, 2009

Administrator
Rural Utilities Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C. 20250-1500
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Application of Level 3 EON, LLC for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (RIN 0660-ZA28) and Broadband Initiatives Program (RIN 0572-ZA01)

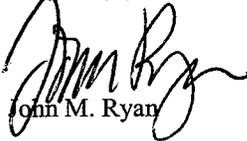
Dear Sir:

I am Assistant Chief Legal Officer for Level 3 EON, LLC (the "Applicant"). In such capacity, I acted as counsel to the Applicant in connection with its ability to apply to the Broadband Initiatives Program and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and in the review of the grant agreements, as referenced in the Notice of Funds Availability.

I am of the opinion that:

- (a) the Applicant is a duly organized and existing limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware, is duly licensed and qualified and in good standing as a foreign company in the States of Kansas, California, Florida, Oregon, Texas, Colorado, Tennessee and Georgia.
- (b) the Applicant has corporate power: (1) to execute and deliver the grant agreements; and (2) to perform all acts required to be done by it under said agreements.
- (c) no legal proceedings have been instituted or are pending against the Applicant, the outcome of which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the grant agreements, and there are no judgments against the Applicant which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the grant agreements.

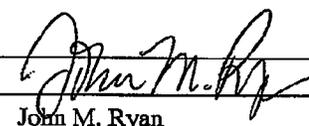
Very truly yours,


John M. Ryan

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Level 3 EON, LLC 1025 Eldorado Drive Broomfield, CO 80021 Congressional District, if known: CO 2nd	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration Rural Utilities Service	7. Federal Program Name/Description: Recovery Act - Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Broadband Initiatives Program CFDA Number, if applicable: 11.557 10.787	
8. Federal Action Number, if known: 0660-ZA28; 0572-ZA01	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI): Level 3 Cummmunications, LLC 1025 Eldorado Blvd. Broomfield, CO 80021	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): Pribyl, James C.	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature:  Print Name: John M. Ryan Title: Asst. Chief Legal Officer Telephone No.: (720) 888-6150 Date: 8/11/2009	
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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING
LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

Applicants should review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal 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, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned 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.

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Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

Level 3 EON, LLC

Expanding broadband access across Kansas

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

John M. Ryan, Assistant Chief Legal Officer

SIGNATURE

DATE

John M. Ryan

7-20-09

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AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

John M. Ryan, Assistant Chief Legal Officer

SIGNATURE

John M. Ryan

DATE

7-20-09

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Approval No. 4040-0009
Expiration Date 07/30/2010

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-1 33, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

*SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL <i>John M. Ryan</i>	*TITLE <i>Assistant Chief Legal Officer</i>
*APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Level 3 EON, LLC	*DATE SUBMITTED August 9, 2009

Certification Requirements for BTOP

U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

I certify that I am the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf. A copy of the applicant organization's authorization for me to submit this application as its official representative is on file in the applicant's office, and I am identified as the applicant organization's Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) in the Central Contractor Registration database. By signing this certification, I certify that the statements contained in the application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that if an award is made, the applicant organization will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions.

8-13-09

(Date)



(Authorized Representative's Signature)

John M. Ryan

Name:

Asst Chief Legal Officer

Title:

Question 30: Network Design

Level 3 will deploy DWDM and ADM equipment at select in-line amplifier (ILA) sites that connect to underserved and unserved last mile service areas.

- Installation of new *local-layer* DWDM systems.
 - ✓ To provide wavelength backhaul with the following client interfaces: 1 GbE, 2.5Gb, 10Gb, 10GbE, 40Gb, and to support the delivery of private line and other higher layer services.

- Installation of ADM systems:
 - ✓ To provide private line backhaul with the following client interfaces: OC3, OC12, OC48, OC192 with SONET interface, 50Mb-1000Mb with GigE interface.

- Installation of necessary racks, panels, fiber trays:
 - ✓ To support the transmission equipment described above.

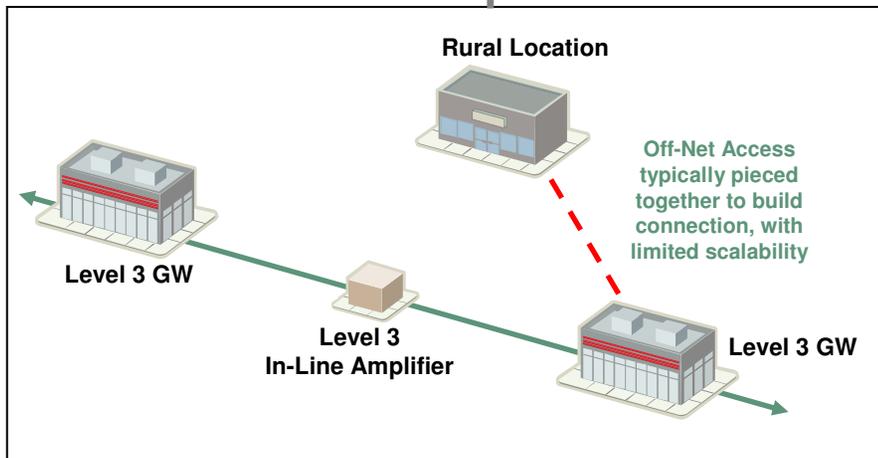
- Fiber entrance cable(s) and customer manhole(s):
 - ✓ Between the network hut and the Level 3 property line (typically averaging 250 feet each).
 - ✓ To provide a fiber entrance capability for customers and 3rd parties to access the network. Such parties would bring their own metro/regional fiber to the manhole at the Level 3 property line.

High Level Overview

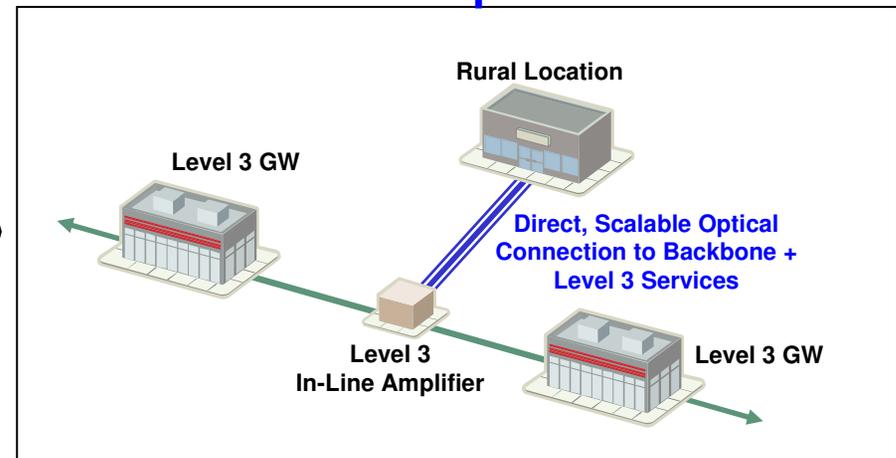
Level 3 proposes to leverage its existing infrastructure to provide a lower cost, high bandwidth backhaul option for communities in underserved areas located near its ILA sites.

ILLUSTRATIVE

Current Option



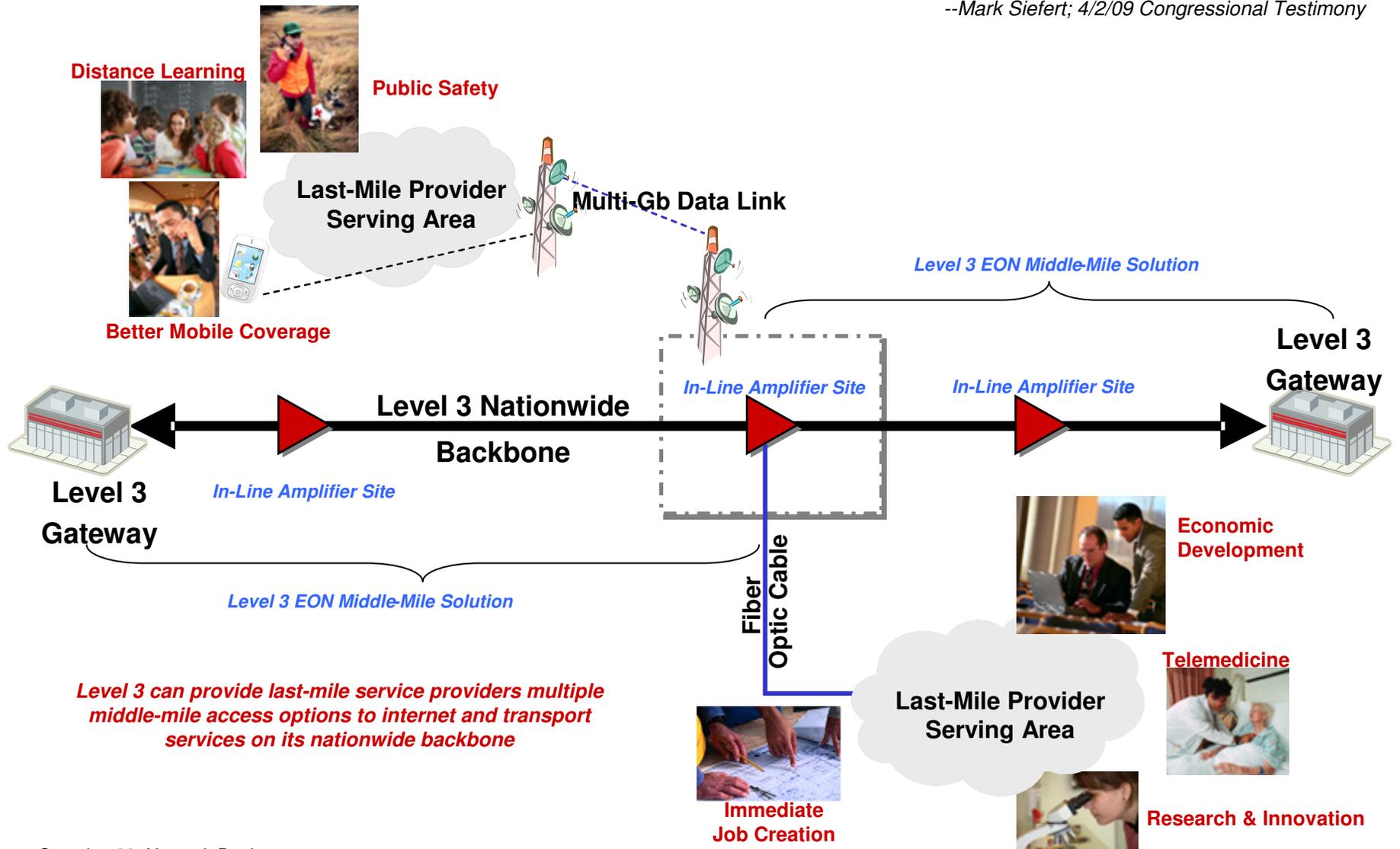
Level 3 EON Proposal for BTOP



Core of the Broadband Eco-System

“With access to broadband and the skills to use it effectively, Americans will be better able to compete, succeed, and lead in the 21st century’s knowledge-based economy.... Each of us, no matter where we live or what our individual circumstance may be, deserves to enjoy all of the promises that robust broadband service has to offer

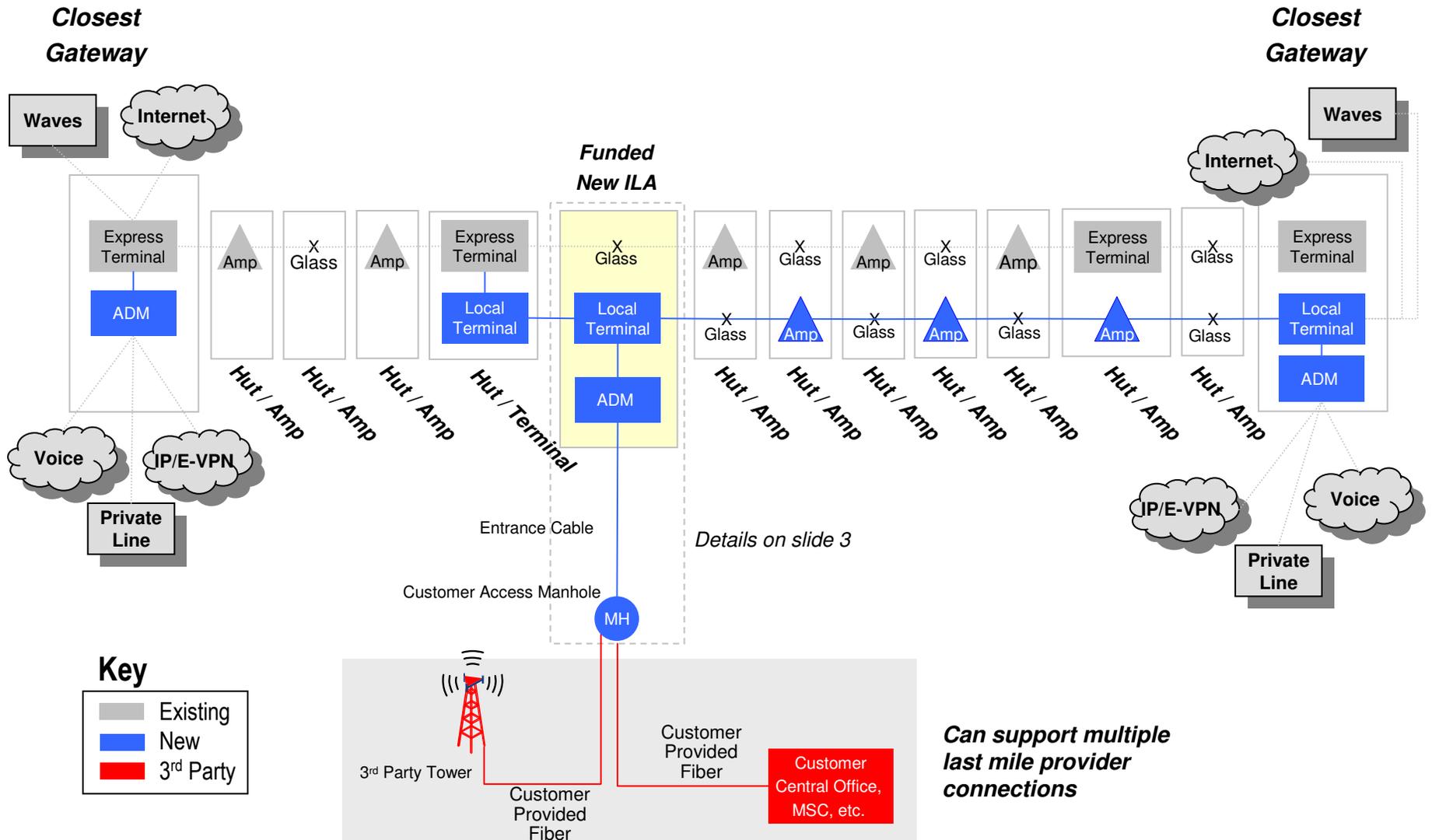
--Mark Siefert; 4/2/09 Congressional Testimony



Level 3 can provide last-mile service providers multiple middle-mile access options to internet and transport services on its nationwide backbone

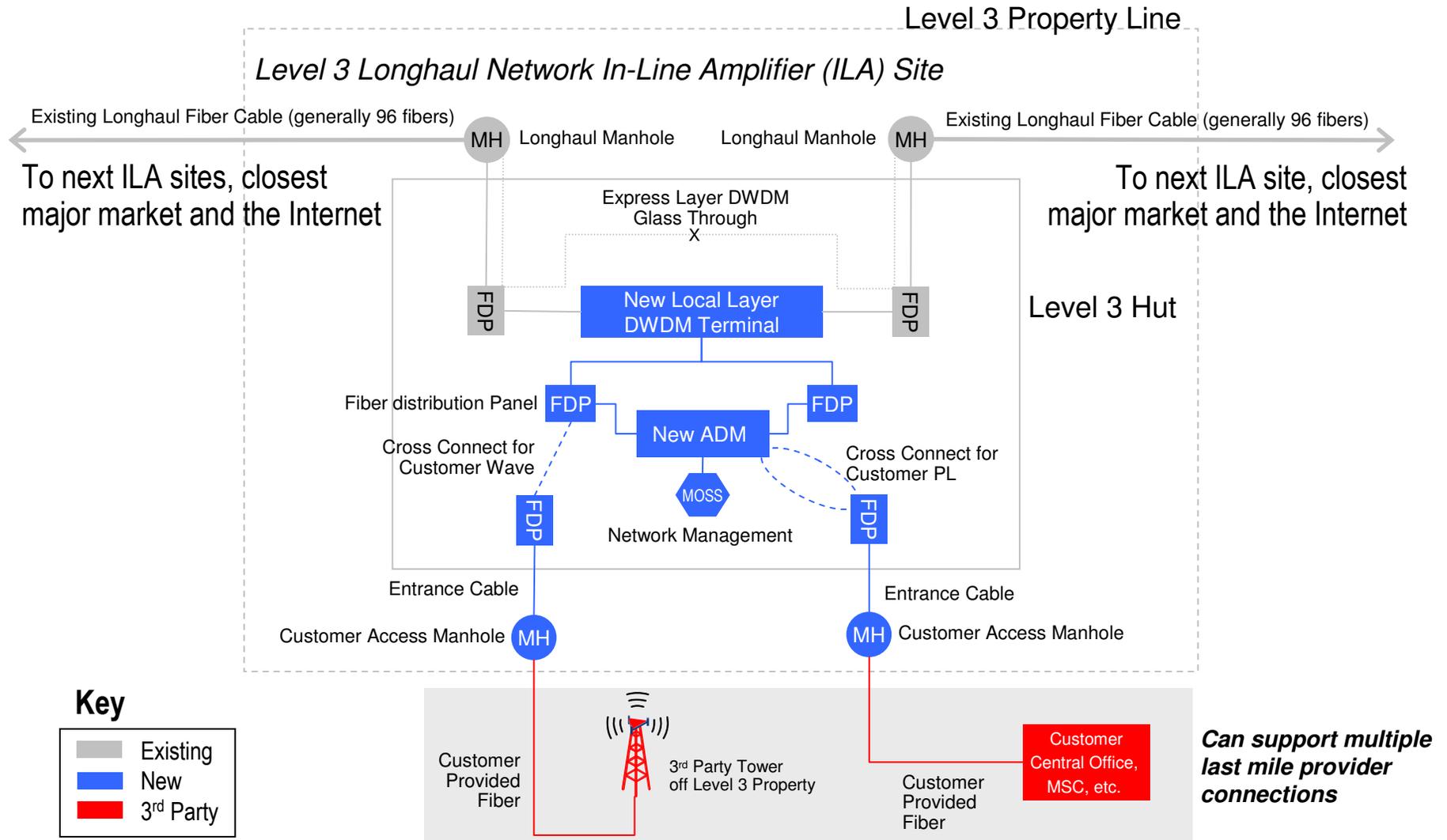
Network System Details

Between two Level 3 Gateways, there are multiple ILA sites that pass through underserved areas



Individual Site Approach

The configuration below is the standard approach used in Level 3's network to transform an ILA into an "On Ramp" (add/drop node).



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

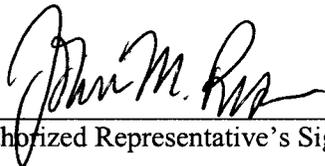
**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

We, Level 3 EON, LLC (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.

August 12, 2009
(Date)



(Authorized Representative's Signature)

John M. Ryan
Name:

Asst. Chief Legal Officer
Title: