

# BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

OMB Approval No. 4040-0008  
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NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$	\$ 20,000.00
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$ 391,250.00	\$	\$ 391,250.00
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$ 9,400.00	\$	\$ 9,400.00
6. Project inspection fees	\$ 304,800.00	\$	\$ 304,800.00
7. Site work	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
8. Demolition and removal	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
9. Construction	\$ 5,168,340.00	\$	\$ 5,168,340.00
10. Equipment	\$ 452,781.00	\$	\$ 452,781.00
11. Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1- 11)	\$ 6,346,571.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,346,571.00
13. Contingencies	\$	\$	\$ 0.00
14. SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,346,571.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,346,571.00
15. Project (program) income	\$	\$	\$ 0.00
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$ 6,346,571.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,346,571.00
FEDERAL FUNDING			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X 20.22 % Enter the resulting Federal share.			\$ 5,063,623.00

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424C

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This sheet is to be used for the following types of applications: (1) "New" (means a new [previously unfunded] assistance award); (2) "Continuation" (means funding in a succeeding budget period which stemmed from a prior agreement to fund); and (3) "Revised" (means any changes in the Federal Government's financial obligations or contingent liability from an existing obligation). If there is no change in the award amount, there is no need to complete this form. Certain Federal agencies may require only an explanatory letter to effect minor (no cost) changes. If you have questions, please contact the Federal agency.

*Column a.* - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter the total estimated cost of each of the items listed on lines 1 through 16 (as applicable) under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the eligible amounts *approved under the previous award* for the items under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

*Column b.* - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter that portion of the cost of each item in Column a. which is *not* allowable for Federal assistance. Contact the Federal agency for assistance in determining the allowability of specific costs.

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the adjustment [+ or (-)] to the previously approved costs (from column a.) reflected in this application.

*Column.* - This is the net of lines 1 through 16 in columns "a." and "b."

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Line 1 - Enter estimated amounts needed to cover administrative expenses. Do not include costs which are related to the normal functions of government. Allowable legal costs are generally only those associated with the purchases of land which is allowable for Federal participation and certain services in support of construction of the project.

Line 2 - Enter estimated site and right(s)-of-way acquisition costs (this includes purchase, lease, and/or easements).

Line 3 - Enter estimated costs related to relocation advisory assistance, replacement housing, relocation payments to displaced persons and businesses, etc.

Line 4 - Enter estimated basic engineering fees related to construction (this includes start-up services and preparation of project performance work plan).

Line 5 - Enter estimated engineering costs, such as surveys, tests, soil borings, etc.

Line 6 - Enter estimated engineering inspection costs.

Line 7 - Enter estimated costs of site preparation and restoration which are not included in the basic construction contract.

Line 9 - Enter estimated cost of the construction contract.

Line 10 - Enter estimated cost of office, shop, laboratory, safety equipment, etc. to be used at the facility, if such costs are not included in the construction contract.

Line 11 - Enter estimated miscellaneous costs.

Line 12 - Total of items 1 through 11.

Line 13 - Enter estimated contingency costs. (Consult the Federal agency for the percentage of the estimated construction cost to use.)

Line 14 - Enter the total of lines 12 and 13.

Line 15 - Enter estimated program income to be earned during the grant period, e.g., salvaged materials, etc.

Line 16 - Subtract line 15 from line 14.

Line 17 - This block is for the computation of the Federal share. Multiply the total allowable project costs from line 16, column "c." by the Federal percentage share (this may be up to 100 percent; consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share) and enter the product on line 17.



## ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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.

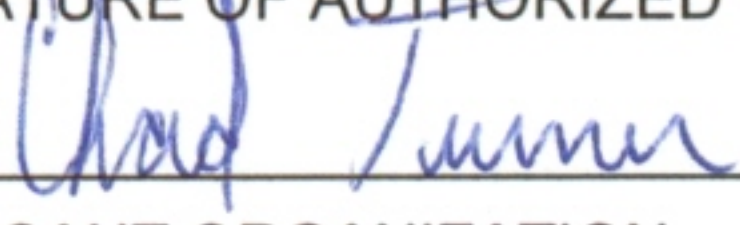


11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal 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).
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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 		*TITLE Legal & Regulatory Administrator
*APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Silver Star Communications		*DATE SUBMITTED March 24, 2010



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*APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Silver Star Communications		*DATE SUBMITTED March 24, 2010



*Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband*

EasyGrants ID: 7080

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.

Government and Key Partnerships

Attachments and Exhibits



Community Support Letters  
(reference Executive Summary)





## *Teton County Fire Protection District*

**P.O. Box 474  
625 N. Airport Road  
Driggs, ID 83422**

Mike Hoyle, Fire Chief  
(208) 354-2760 Office  
(208) 354-2764 Fax

5 March 2010

Dear Administrator

I serve as the Fire Chief of the Teton County Fire Protection District. The Fire District encompasses all of Teton County Idaho. My duties include management and oversight of the communication systems used to communicate with members of the Fire District, and communications with other Government agencies in the county. The Teton County Idaho Fire Protection District also provides, by way of contract, fire suppression services for all of Teton County Wyoming on the West side of the Teton Mountain range. This area includes Grande Targhee Resort and the community of Alta Wyoming .

I have recently learned of an initiative which would be of great value to the communities anchor institutions as well as the surrounding people.

In my opinion this project would provide us with the ability to connect to our counter parts in Wyoming. This also provides a much needed secondary route out of this remote area that is highly susceptible to major earth quake due to the existing fault lines

I strongly support my local communications provider's application for Broadband stimulus funds to construct and urge your approval of this request.

Sincerely

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Michael Hoyle  
Fire Chief  
Teton County Fire Protection District



CITY of TETONIA  
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tetoniagov@tetontel.com



March 9, 2010

Administrator  
Broadband Stimulus Funds

Re: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

As mayor for the City of Tetonia, Idaho, I know how important communication capabilities are too effective, and efficiently run operations. The "Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband" project being proposed by Silver Star Telephone d.b.a. Silver Star Communications, has the potential to connect agencies between the states of Idaho & Wyoming.

This project has the potential to have a big impact on our neighbors in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In light of the recent increase in seismic activity around the world, the increased redundancy offered by this project will add a much anticipated secondary route for information connectivity over the Teton Pass between our two counties and city governments.

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Silver Star Telephone and its 'Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband' project application for stimulus funds. I urge your approval of Silver Star's proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex Jardine, Mayor





# Teton County Emergency Management

Greg Adams, Coordinator  
(208)354-2703  
tetonemic@silverstar.com

Dear Administrator,

I serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Teton County. This includes preparing for, responding to, recovering from and mitigating any type of disaster or emergency that may affect our County. I have recently heard about Silverstar's application for a project to ensure redundancy in communications and data services for our community. Our community is easily isolated from our neighbors by winter storms and other events. During times like these ensuring that our citizens can communicate their needs for emergency assistance is vital. I strongly support their efforts to achieve redundant pathways for these vital services and encourage you to consider their proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Greg Adams



City of Victor  
P.O. Box 122  
32 Elm Street  
Victor, Idaho 83455



(208) 787-2940  
FAX (208) 787-2357  
craigs@victorcityidaho.com

March 9, 2010

Dear Administrator:

I serve as the city administrator for the City of Victor, Idaho. I have recently learned of an initiative called "Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband," which would be of great value to the community anchor institutions as well as the surrounding community.

I believe that this project would provide us with the ability to connect to our neighboring counties and governmental agencies for emergency management and better educational opportunities. This also provides a much needed secondary route out of this remote area that is highly susceptible to a major earth quake due to fault lines.

I strongly support our local communications telecommunications provider's applications for broadband stimulus finds to construct and urge your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

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Craig Sherman  
City Administrator





**Board of County Commissioners**

March 8, 2010

Re: Delivering Opportunities and Support through Broadband Investment & Enhancement

Dear Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

As the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, the County provides and is responsible for the public health and welfare of Teton County, Idaho, during normal times and emergency situations. We have recently learned of an initiative which would be of great value to the community's anchor institutions as well as the surrounding communities and businesses.

The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program would provide us with the ability to connect with our neighboring counties and governmental agencies for emergency management, court proceedings and every day activities. This project will provide a much needed secondary communication route out of Teton valley, a remote area, which is highly susceptible to a major earth quake due to fault lines. An added benefit would be this interconnectivity in every day operations, and obviously the redundancy of communication during times of Emergency Management needs would be most welcome.

These additional communication lines will provide much needed infrastructure for the future growth in this valley, as well as employment opportunities and educational expansion. The future employment opportunities would include, but not be limited to, telecommuting from home and the expansion of technical and professional companies locating directly in the valley. Educational growth would be limitless with the broadcast of teacher lectures and distant learning opportunities.

We strongly support our local provider's application, Silver Star Communications, for broadband stimulus funds to construct this project and urge your approval of this request. If there are any questions please call or email us, 208-354-8775 or [lyoung@co.teton.id.us](mailto:lyoung@co.teton.id.us). We appreciate your consideration in this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Young".

Larry Young, Chairman





Director of Public Works

March 5, 2010

Re: Delivering Opportunities and Support through Broadband Investment and Enhancement.

Dear Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

As the Director of Public Works, the County provides and is responsible for the public works in the County including the roads, bridges and the solid waste facilities. Along with these broad ranging and multifaceted responsibilities, the County is also looking out for the safety and welfare of the public during normal times and during times of emergencies.

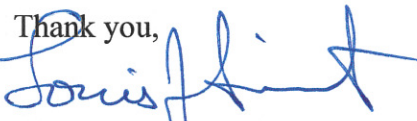
I have recently learned of an initiative which would be of great value to the communities anchor institutions as well as the surrounding people and businesses.

In my opinion this project would provide us with the ability to connect to our neighboring counties and governmental agencies for emergency management, court proceedings and every day activities. This also provides a much needed secondary route out of this remote area that is highly susceptible to a major earth quake due to fault lines. This would also benefit the County and the surrounding areas to provide for the interconnectivity and redundancy in every day operations, and during those times when Emergency Management needs this redundancy.

These lines would also provide the infrastructure for the future growth in the valley and possibly the future employment and education expansion into the valley. These future employment opportunities would include telecommuting from home or expansion of technical and professional companies into the valley that need this type of connectivity. Education expansion in the valley would include the broadcast of teacher lectures and distant learning. A great example of distant learning would be the classes that the Employees at Road and Bridge and Solid Waste have to travel to in order to attend. Whereas, by utilizing distant learning this education could occur right in the valley, which would allow for the use of these personnel if a need arose.

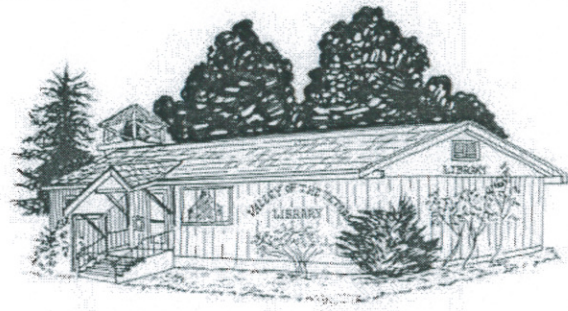
I strongly support my local communications providers' application for broadband stimulus funds to construct this project and urge your approval of this request.

If there are any questions please call or email me.

Thank you,  
  
Louis Simonet, PE



Valley of the Tetons Library  
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March 11, 2010

Dear Administrator,

I serve as director for Valley of the Tetons Library. The library is the district library for Teton County, Idaho.

I have recently learned of an initiative which would be of great value to the community's anchor institutions and the people we serve.

I believe this project would give us the ability to connect to our neighboring counties and governmental agencies for emergency management, court proceedings, and educational purposes. Additional broadband services would let us join in teleconferences for staff training, distant learning classes and other developmental opportunities. We would also be able to share the unique resources of our library and community with other institutions.

I strongly support my local communications telecommunications provider's application for broadband stimulus funds and urge your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Carla Sherman





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**Mayor Daniel Powers**

March 16, 2010

Dear Administrator,

As the newly elected Mayor of the City of Driggs the economic vitality of our town is one of my highest priorities. Increased connectivity is one area which we need to improve upon to keep Driggs competitive in today's business market.

I have recently learned of an initiative which would be of great value to the community anchor institutions as well as the surrounding people.

In my opinion this project would provide us with the ability to connect to our neighboring counties and governmental agencies for emergency management, court proceedings and law enforcement. This also provides a much needed secondary route out of this remote area that is highly susceptible to major earth quake due to fault lines. In addition, increased broadband connectivity is key to the kinds of businesses we hope to attract to our area.

I strongly support my local communications telecommunications providers' applications for broadband stimulus funds to construct and urge your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

Dan Powers  
Mayor  
City of Driggs

BRIGHAM YOUNG  
UNIVERSITY  
IDAHO

March 22, 2010

National Telecommunications and Information Administration,

The purpose of this letter is to express support for the grant application Silver Star Communications has submitted for the project titled "Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband."

I serve as Chief Technology Officer for Brigham Young University – Idaho. This project has the potential to provide great value to BYU-Idaho and other community anchor institutions, as well as residents of the surrounding area. This project also has the potential to provide our institution with a redundant Internet connection from Rexburg, Idaho to Salt Lake City, Utah. This potential enhancement for BYU-Idaho could improve the reliability of our online services, and also improve our ability to deliver course material to remote students. I strongly support this grant application by Silver Star Communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Spalding Jugganaikloo", with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

M. Spalding Jugganaikloo  
Chief Technology Officer  
Brigham Young University – Idaho  
170 S Kimball Building  
Rexburg, ID 83460-1635  
Tel: (208) 496-7001



*Delivering Opportunities: Investing in Rural Wyoming Broadband*

EasyGrants ID: 7080

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.

Management Team Resumes and Organization Chart

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. has over fifty years experience building and operating a widespread, state of the art broadband network. Silver Star has designed, constructed and operates a robust network consisting of over 396 miles of transport fiber optic cable supporting diverse and redundant DWDM and SONET circuits. We currently operate and manage a multitude of high capacity circuits similar in nature to those that are anticipated for this proposed project, including OC-48, OC-3 and DS-3 as well as Ethernet circuits ranging in size from 4 Mbps to GigE. Silver Star employs personnel with extensive experience in all departments from management, engineering, operations, customer service and finance prepared to implement and operate this proposed project as an integral part of its existing network.

Brief summaries of past projects which Silver Star staff has successfully completed are described below:

2002 – 47.48 miles of 48 count to 96 count buried fiber optic cable between Freedom Wyoming and the Wyoming-Idaho border along Hwy 89 across Salt River Pass (summit elevation 7581ft) under RUS Contracts

2003 – 21 miles of 48 count buried fiber optic cable between Swan Valley Idaho to Victor Idaho along Hwy 31 across the Pine Creek Pass area (summit elevation 6800 ft.) under RUS contracts.

2005 – 15.65 miles of 120 count to 432 count buried fiber optic cable between Freedom and Alpine Wyoming along Hwy 89 using RUS contract specifications.

Silver Star's staff has vast experience covering the broad range of skills and experience required by a project of this size. From project engineering, to construction, to network and operations management, finances and sales, Silver Star has the requisite skills and experience to ensure the success of this proposed project.

Resumes of key management team members and resumes of project team members vital to the success of the proposed project follow:

Allen R. Hoopes, President and CEO  
Ron B. McCue, Chief Operating Officer  
Chad Turner, Vice President of Finance  
Karen Ricks, Engineering Manager  
Jeremy Larson, Network Engineer  
Ron Simper, Facilities Engineer  
Drew Izatt, Sales Manager



Allen R. Hoopes  
President and CEO  
Silver Star Communications

### Work Experience and Education

President and CEO of Silver Star Communications, an ILEC providing voice, video, data and long distance service, and serves approximately 9700 customers in Wyoming and Idaho. Silver Star is also a CLEC provider in Afton, Wyoming. Silver Star Communications also provides digital voice and data mobile wireless services. Silver Star began its mobile service in December of 2005 and now has 24 cell sites in its service area. Allen currently serves as a board member of the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative. He is past President of the Idaho Telephone Association, a past board member for OPASTCO (Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies), and the past Chairman of the OPASTCO Video and Broadband Committee.

Allen received a B.S. in Finance and Marketing from Brigham Young University.

Vice President of Operations and General Manager of Silver Star Communications and Columbine Telephone Company, a Colorado based company, from 1992 to 1997.

Served as Assistant Manager of Silver Star Communications from 1986 to 1992.

Graduated from Brigham Young University, Bachelor of Science in Finance and Marketing, 1986.

### Other Industry Positions

Currently serving as a Board Member for the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative.

Past Board Member of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies.

Past President of the Idaho Telephone Association (ITA), 2003-2004; served as ITA Secretary 1996-2000.

Past Chairman and current Board Member of Satisfaction Development Systems, a telemarketing and survey company based in Salt Lake City, Utah serving the communications, power, and banking industries.



Ron B. McCue

Chief Operating Officer

Silver Star Communications

During Mr. McCue's nearly thirty years in the telecommunications business, he has provided management and engineering services in positions ranging from Senior Project Engineer to President/Gen. Mgr. over Central Office, Transmission, Outside Plant planning, cost analysis, short range planning, long range planning, divestiture planning, central office expansion and conversion planning, Finance/Accounting and Legal and Regulatory Affairs. For the last twenty five years, Mr. McCue has performed Senior Executive level management of companies emphasizing financial performance and results along with considerable experience in local, state and federal governmental and legal affairs. Mr. McCue has a Bachelors degree with Honors in Business Administration with minors in finance and civil engineering. Additionally, Mr. McCue holds an M.B.A. as well as a Masters degree in Organizational Management graduating Magna Cum Laude.

**Telephone Related Activities:**

Current: United States Telephone Association, Chairman of the Board

United States Telephone Association Board of Directors

United States Telephone Association Executive Committee

SuperComm Trade Show Board of Directors

Syringa Networks - Past Board Chairman

Idaho Optical Transport Association - Board Member & Past President

Chad Turner

Vice President of Finance

Silver Star Communications

Chad Turner is currently the Vice President of Finance for Silver Star Communications. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Wyoming in May 1989. He has been an Accountant, Accounting Supervisor, Accounting Manager and Controller for Silver Star Communications. During this time he has gained vast experience in cost recovery, cash management and developing and implementing new business plans. He has served on the Wyoming Universal Service Fund Task Force and other statewide committees involving telecommunications issues in the state of Wyoming. He has served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the Wyoming Telecommunications Association. He currently serves on the Access and Separations Committee for OPASTCO where he has been involved in the development of USF reform, Intercarrier Compensation and other critical issues facing the rural independent carrier.



Karen M. Ricks, P.E.

Engineering Manager

Silver Star Communications

#### Planning – Design Engineering

Ms. Ricks is a licensed professional engineer in the field of civil engineering with over thirty years of experience in design and construction management of major projects, including eight years in the communications industry serving as Silver Star Communications' Engineering Manager. She has overseen the design and construction of three significant fiber optic transport projects for Silver Star including a 47.5 mile project, a 21 mile project and a 15.6 mile project, each using the standard RUS construction and electronics contracts that will be applicable to the proposed Broadband Stimulus program.

#### Management – Leadership

Ms. Ricks has served in leadership roles for over twenty years managing staff ranging in size from one to fifteen personnel and managing a variety of construction contracts up to \$100M in scope. In the communications industry she has been responsible for the preparation of annual capital budgets averaging approximately \$6m per year and overseen the engineering design work associated with each year's capital budget.

#### Contract Administration

Ms. Ricks has extensive experience in contract administration including RUS contracts 515a, 397 and 398, Central Utah Project Completion Act (P.L. 102-575) contracts, and other Federal funding programs. Conflict resolution, cost control and schedule management are among her administrative strengths.

Jeremy Larson, PE  
Network Engineer  
Silver Star Communications

Currently serves as a Network Engineer for Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. This position includes all long range planning through budgeting, designing all network upgrades, and all network documentation. Projects include network upgrades to the T\transport network, DLC network, CDMA wireless network, and IPTV video network. This position requires both my technical skills for product selection and correct implementation, but also management skills to maintain project schedules and budgets.

Design/Field Engineering Projects:

- Multiple Nortel DMS-10 to CS-1500 Conversions
- Multiple Licensed Microwave links projects in the 6 and 18 Ghz frequencies.
- PCS Site Design and Project Management for Multiple sites.
- Core Network Internet conversion from ATM to Ethernet
- Implemented the Companies first Ethernet in First Mile (EFM) Solution
- Cisco SONET 15454 Upgrade projects and extensions.
- Designed and implemented 3G EvDO Network.
- Designed and implemented VDSL2 platform for High Speed Video Deployment.
- 114-node Ethernet network (including implementation).
- 17-node SS7 and Softswitch network (including implementation).
- 200-channel IPTV Head End (including implementation)
- VoIP long distance network proposal.
- 17 Class 5 switch upgrades.
- Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) project.
- 50-channel analog and digital CATV Head End.
- Voice over Cable Network using Packet Cable equipment.
- CATV system upgrade (57-node 150 HP design).
- 10-node OC-12 to OC-48 SONET upgrade.
- Multiple DC Power systems.
- TR-37 to GR-303 DMS-10 and AFC digital loop carrier conversion.
- TDM-based PSTN switching system equipment.
- Small and large ATM networks.
- Large multi-homed Cisco router networks.
- Fixed wireless broadband network using the MMDS spectrum.
- DOCSIS-compliant Data over Cable network.
- Voice over Cable system that used Aris Cornerstone equipment.
- IP MPEG-4 Digital Head End upgrade.



Ron Simper

Facilities Engineer

Silver Star Communications

#### Planning – Design Engineering

Designed long haul and metro fiber builds. Design (FTTH) using the latest technology. Planned and engineered fiber and copper feeder distribution routes using carrier, resistance and long haul route design. Trained in both Bell and RUS design. Designed underground including placement of manholes, bridge crossings, conduit casing, relocation and lowering of conduit runs. Engineered Buried Plant determining location, size/type of cable, joint trench and right of way requirements. Engineered building terminals and entrance conduit, considering dual entrance for SHARP, requirements for space and power for equipment. Responsible for transmission equipment in Central Offices and Fiber Hubs. Single Point of Contact between engineering, construction and assignment for rapid placement of fiber and copper plant. Planned, designed and priced jobs gaining special funding for Fiber Projects utilizing various protocols.

#### Management – Leadership

Senior Operations Manager of Engineering, Installation and Material Management for Fujitsu Network Services. Responsible for 100 employees and 300 sub-contractors. Created engineering and a quality groups used by all of FNS. Made presentations to Vice Presidents, sold EF&I Services to Large and small Telecom companies. Interfaced directly with VERIZON, QWEST, (AT&T, SBC) and small Independents. Accountable for the Region and fiscal profitability of the Corporation. Maintained four offices in 9 States which included the entire West Coast. Ensured Customer Satisfaction and quality in all aspects of the operation.

#### Program - Project Management

Managed various Long Haul Fiber Optic Projects, including coordination with contractors for structure placement: aerial, direct buried, and underground systems. Placed Fiber Optic cable and equipment in Central Offices and remote locations. Coordinated Engineering, Installation and Material for on time delivery. Worked with State and Local governments/publicworks depts. to obtain permits, rights of way, franchises and inspections. Managed Fiber builds and equipment placement throughout Major Metro areas. Managed the build of 5ESS Switch Site from room ready to switch turn-up. Negotiated and administrated contracts, performed quality inspections and managed costs. Managed as many as 20 separate crews on different projects simultaneously. Submitted As Built, acted as liaison between company and contractors. Proactive in resolving issues and removing roadblocks. Project Manager for 480 acre Equestrian planned development. Managed infrastructure construction, indoor riding arena and 11 acre park. Worked with County P&Z, Water District and subcontractors. Assisted in the marketing of property.

#### Contract Administrator

Held bid meetings for the purpose of granting work for the placement of fiber and copper cable, conduit runs manholes, fiber optics and aerial placement. Worked with Union and Non-Union companies. Supervised quality inspectors and enforced quality. Resolved conflicts between

company and contractors on pricing, quality of work and on time performance. Cost control and potential cost overrun identification. Managed the ordering and delivery of material for on-time project completion. Scheduled contract crews so various aspects of complex builds would flow.

Drew Izatt

Senior Sales Consultant  
Silver Star Communications

#### Broadband/Special Circuit Pricing and Sales

Drew started his telecommunications career in 1987 in Boston, Massachusetts working in sales with a Subsidiary of Gold Dome Financial providing services for New England Telephone, Pennsylvania Bell, New York Telephone and Sprint. For the last 11 years Drew has held the position of Sales Manager for Silver Star Communications selling special circuits including Internet services ranging from dial-up and DSL speeds all the way to DS-3 services. Drew has a good general knowledge of data networking, both home networking and networking related to large carriers.

Drew serves on the pricing committee for bandwidth services provided by Silver Star and is extensively involved in all special circuit sales. Drew was involved in the creation of the Eastern Idaho Fiber network and assisted in securing the Silver Star Communications/Qwest Fiber project from Jackson, Wyoming to Evanston, Wyoming. Drew works closely with Syringa Networks in quoting and selling large capacity circuits. Drew has successfully orchestrated many innovative broadband solutions for small and large customers including government, utility and private sector accounts. Drew works with sales engineers, design engineers and network planners, both internal and external, on a regular basis.

#### Management

I have managed from one to six employees as a sales manager while working at Silver Star Communications.

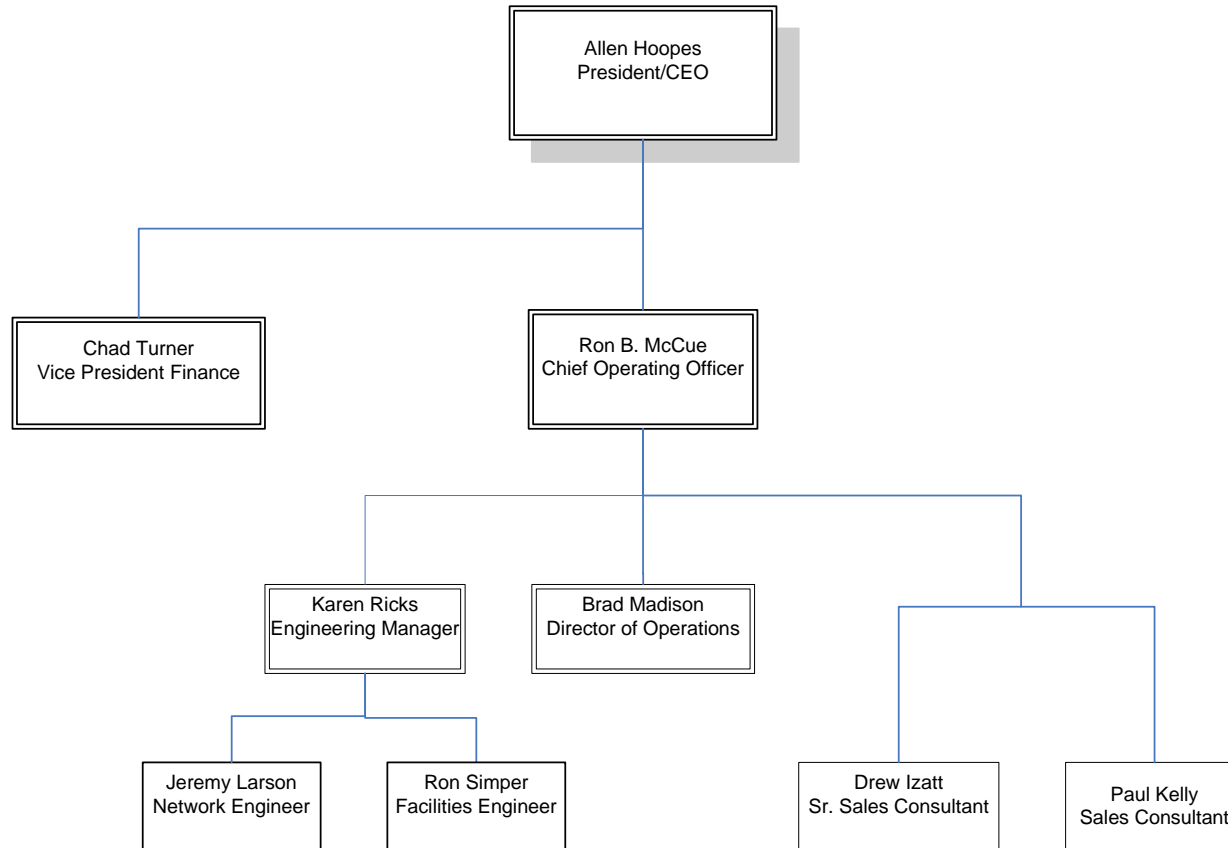


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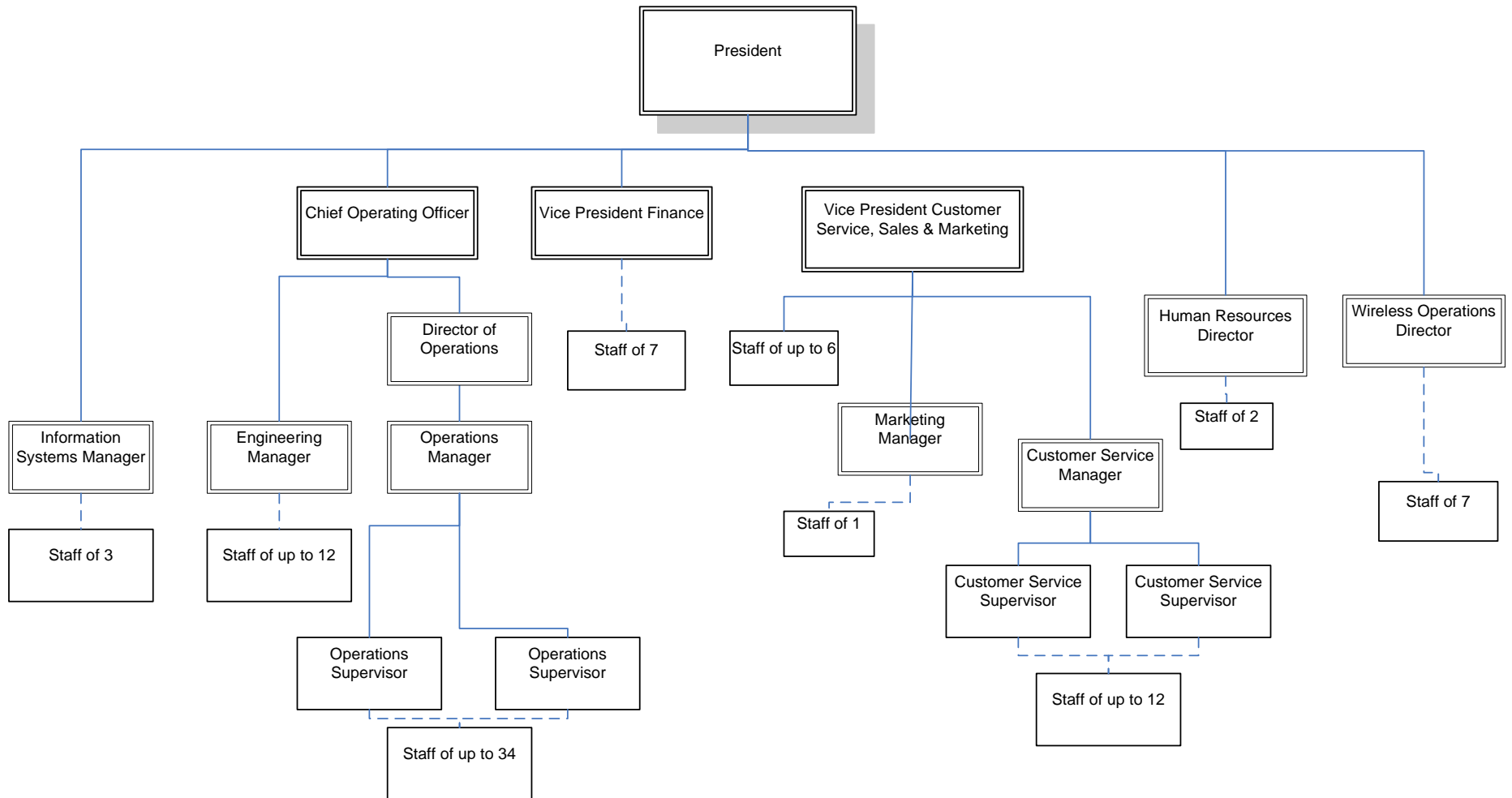
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## Senior Management & Project Team Organizational Chart



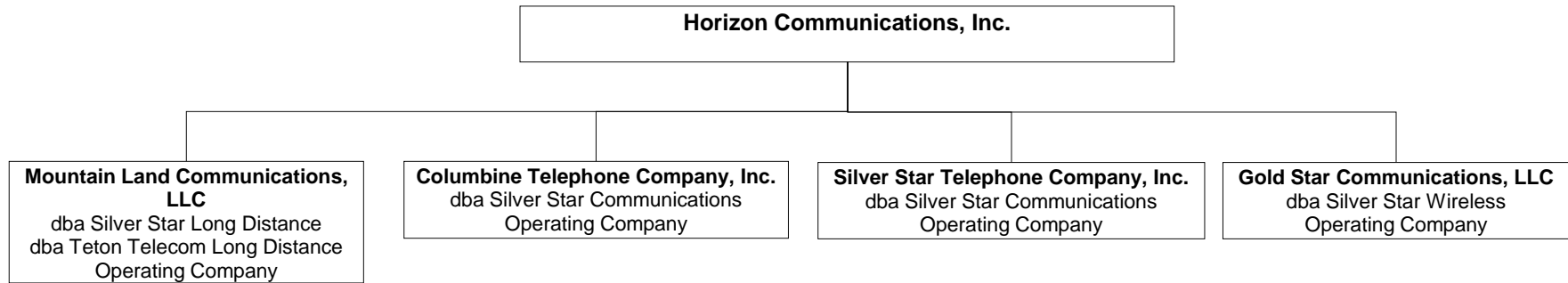
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Functional Organizational Chart





Silver Star Communications  
Parent, Operating Companies and Related Entities Diagram



Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.: A Wyoming corporation, providing voice, video and data (internet) services in Lincoln and Teton Counties, Wyoming and Bonneville and Caribou Counties in eastern Idaho. Silver Star provides management services, including back and front end customer service and billing and acts as the network operating carrier. Silver Star will operate the proposed project facilities, which facilities will be an open-access network (reference network openness response).

Columbine Telephone Company, Inc.: A Wyoming corporation, providing voice, video and data (internet) services in Teton County, Idaho. Columbine Telephone is not an RUS Borrower, nor applicant for this proposed project.

Mountain Land Communications, LLC: An Idaho LLC, providing long distance reseller services to Silver Star Communications' operating companies; Mountain Land is not an RUS Borrower, nor an applicant for this proposed project.

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## Proposed Middle Mile Service Offerings

Name of Service Offering	Distance Band or Point to Point	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity (Mbps)	Monthly/Yearly Pricing (\$)	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
5MB Ethernet	Point to Point	5 MB	182.39/Monthly	
10MB Ethernet	Point to Point	10 MB	364.78/Monthly	
20MB Ethernet	Point to Point	20 MB	402.95/Monthly	
100MB Ethernet	Point to Point	100 MB	508.99/Monthly	
1Gig Ethernet	Point to Point	1000 MB	1310.66/Monthly	
OC3	Distance Band	155 MB	868.23/Monthly	
OC12	Distance Band	622 MB	2817.24/Monthly	
OC48	Distance Band	2.488 MB	5634.48/Monthly	



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## Competitor Data

### Competitor Data - Last Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Service Tiers	Downstream Speed	Monthly Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
Bresnan	Teton Pass-Wilson-Jackson	Digital Cable	Bresnan Online	up to 8Mbps	\$ 45.95	
Qwest	Teton Pass-Wilson-Jackson	High-Speed Internet	1.5 Mbps	1.5 Mbps	\$ 19.99	Pricing for first 12 months and requires home service. Increases by \$24.99.
			7 Mbps	7 Mbps	\$ 25.00	
			12 Mbps	12 Mbps	\$ 35.00	
			20 Mbps	20 Mbps	\$ 45.00	

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1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
2. I certify 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("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); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
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6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

3-24-2010  
Date

Michelle Motzkus  
Authorized Organization Representative Signature

Michelle Motzkus  
Print Name

Legal & Regulatory Administrator  
Title



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**LOBBYING**

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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**

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.

**\* AWARD NUMBER****\* PROJECT NAME**

EGID 7080 - Delivering Opportunities:  
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Prefix:

\* First Name:

Middle Name:

Michelle

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

Motzkus

\* Title:

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\* SIGNATURE:

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# DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB

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(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance		<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award		<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____	
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:  Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. P.O. Box 226 Freedom, WY 83120 Congressional District, if known: 4c			<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>  Congressional District, if known:		
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>			<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> NTIA BTOP; EasyGrants ID #7080 CFDA Number, if applicable: _____		
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>			<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$		
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> (if individual, last name, first name, MI):  not applicable			<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):  not applicable		
<b>11.</b> 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 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: <u>Michelle Motzkus</u> Print Name: <u>Michelle Motzkus</u> Title: <u>Legal &amp; Regulatory Administrator</u> Telephone No.: <u>307-883-6690</u> Date: <u>5/27/10</u>		
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**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS AND LOBBYING**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also 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 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)" and 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

**1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.510, Participants responsibilities, for prospective participants in lower tier covered transactions (except subcontracts for goods or services under the \$25,000 small purchase threshold unless the subtier recipient will have a critical influence on or substantive control over the award), as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.105 and 26.110 -

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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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:

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 Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.

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Michelle Motzkus, Legal & Regulatory Administrator

SIGNATURE  


DATE  
May 10, 2010