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## A. General Application Information

1. Applicant Information	
1-A. Name, Address, and Federal ID for Applicant	
<b>i. Legal Name:</b>	Level 3 EON, LLC
<b>ii. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b>	611598563
<b>Street 1:</b>	1025 Eldorado Blvd
<b>Street 2:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	Broomfield
<b>County:</b>	Broomfield
<b>State:</b>	CO
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Zip/Postal Code:</b>	80021

1-B. Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:	
<b>Prefix:</b>	Ms.
<b>First Name:</b>	Monisha
<b>Middle Name:</b>	
<b>Last Name:</b>	Merchant
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<b>1-C. Other Required Identification Numbers</b>	
<b>i. Organizational DUNS:</b>	831201483
<b>ii. CCR # (CAGE):</b>	5KSM3
<b>iii. Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	1
<b>iv. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b>	<b>BTOP CFDA Number:</b> 11.557 <b>BIP CFDA Number:</b> 10.787 <b>BTOP CFDA Title:</b> Broadband Technology Opportunities Program <b>BIP CFDA Title:</b> Broadband Initiatives Program

**1-D Eligible Entities**

Please classify your organization. (Note: If there are multiple organizations involved in the project, designate the lead applicant that would enter into a Loan or Grant agreement with the Agency and assume operational and financial responsibility should an award be made). **For-Profit Corporation**

**1-E. RUS Borrower Status**

No

**1-F. Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? **No**

**Federal debt delinquency Explanation:**

Level 3 is not delinquent on any federal debt.

**2. Project Description & Project Title**

**2-A. Project Title:** Expanding broadband access across Florida

**2-B. Project Description:** Level 3 EON proposes a middle-mile project to leverage its national fiber optic network by opening new access points offering underserved areas a new on-ramp to high-speed services. By investing in additional fiber optic transmission equipment and supporting network elements last mile providers and their subscribers will gain access to the national Internet backbone at lower costs.



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<b>3. Application ID for Multiple Submissions for Identified Service Areas:</b>
Infrastructure (Middle Mile): Kansas California Florida (Current Application) Georgia Tennessee Texas

**4. Rural Area Determination**

At least 75 percent of the proposed service area to be funded falls within rural areas that are unserved or underserved.  
**Yes**

**5. Applications for Rural Areas:** Please choose the funding program(s) to which you are submitting this application.

- a) BIP broadband infrastructure category to which you are applying:  
**BIP - Middle Mile Project**
- b) Would you like this Application for Rural Areas to also be considered for BTOP funding?  
**Yes**
- c) BTOP Infrastructure category for which you are applying.  
**Middle Mile**

**6. Applications for All Other Areas: Per the NOFA, all applications to fund broadband infrastructure projects in areas that are less than 75% rural must be submitted to NTIA for consideration under BTOP.**

BTOP broadband infrastructure category to which you are applying:

## B. Eligibility Factors

**7. Application Submission**

<b>BIP and BTOP Factors Selected By Applicant:</b>
Applicant has submitted a completed application and provided all supporting documentation required for the application.



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The Project will be substantially complete within 2nd year from the award date, and the project will be fully complete by the end of the 3rd year from the award date.

For projects seeking more than \$1 million funding, the Applicant agrees to submit a certification, from a Professional Engineer, that attests that a) the system will deliver the stated performance; and b) the projected project will be substantially completed within two years, and fully completed within three years.

The Applicant provides two-way data transmission with advertised speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream.

Applicant understands and agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination and interconnection obligations outlined in the NOFA.

**Additional Factors for BIP Selected By Applicant**

At least 75 percent of the proposed funded service area qualifies as unserved and underserved rural areas in accordance with the NOFA.

Applicant understands and agrees that the project will be fully funded in accordance with the requirements of the NOFA.

Applicant understands and agrees that only projects that RUS determines to be financially feasible and/or economically sustainable will be eligible under this NOFA.

**Additional BTOP Factors Selected By Applicant**

- Conformity with Statutory Purposes
- Cost Sharing/Matching



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<b>• Reasonableness of Project Budget</b>
The project advances at least one of the statutory purposes for BTOP
Applicant has provided documentation that the project would not have been implemented during the grant period without federal grant assistance.
Applicant has provided a budget that is appropriate to the proposed technical solution and only includes eligible costs.

- Demonstration the Project Could not be Implemented But For Federal Grant Assistance**  
Applicant is providing matching funds of at least 20 percent towards the total eligible project costs?  
Yes

<b>7-k. Cost Sharing/Matching Fund Explanation</b>
Level 3 EON is not requesting a waiver.

## C. Executive Summary

### Executive Summary of Project for BIP and BTOP:

#### 8. Infrastructure Projects Executive Summary

a) For many Americans, especially in rural areas, the quality of last mile facilities is not the barrier to high quality broadband service. Access to middle mile facilities which connect communities to the internet is the real problem. Today, communities that are not near a major network point-of-presence may lack access to affordable broadband, experience capacity limitations which constrain the number of possible broadband users, or rely upon a single-vendor with a very costly backhaul solution. Yet, the fiber that carries the country's billions of bits of Internet traffic runs through and right past many of these communities. Like a superhighway with few on-ramps, non-metropolitan users have to take long, slow routes to reach an available entrance to high capacity, high speed infrastructure. For many small communities the cost of that journey is so expensive that high speed broadband service is



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simply not available.

This project seeks to open new on-ramps or access points for unserved and underserved areas on the Level 3 Communications, Inc. national network. By offering a more direct and affordable route to the internet via an intermediate middle mile, this project offers an effective, efficient, scalable, replicable and innovative solution to a systemic problem.

However, but for the federal grant funds available through the ARRA broadband program to support the initial capital investment, it would not be possible to prospectively open up these access points. Thus, Level 3 EON, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Level 3 Communications, Inc.) is applying for a grant to cover 75% of the project costs to accelerate the target communities' access to higher speed and more affordable connections to the global Internet.

The key benefits of the project are profound. It offers an opportunity to expand broadband access and increase competition by enabling multiple last-mile service providers a less expensive way to provide high capacity services. Local consumers, businesses, governments, public safety and community anchor institutions can purchase more bandwidth at lower rates.

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Through this program, virtually every purpose of the ARRA broadband programs is served. Multiple last mile service providers, public anchor institutions, public safety and government will have the opportunity to gain access to the benefits of high speed services.

The project is by its very nature sustainable. Once a new access point is placed in the network it will be immediately available to provide end mile service providers a faster, cheaper and better way to access a high speed, high capacity network. The access points will be serviced and marketed by Level 3 Communications, LLC.

b) As a middle mile project, this application proposes to create eight (8) new access points on



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the Level 3 network in the State of Florida at Defuniak Springs, Youngstown, Hosford, Bruce, Clarksville, Zolfo Springs, Okeechobee, and Chiefland.

Each middle mile access point terminates in a last mile area that is underserved. The new access point can be used by last mile service providers serving communities within a 25 mile radius of the access point which is the reasonable length of a microwave or fiber connection to the access point.\* In addition, it may be highly advantageous for entities beyond that distance to connect to the new access point.

\*Thus the Middle Mile Service Details section includes all of the census blocks within the 25 mile radius of the access point.

c) There are over 180,000 households and 12,300 businesses in the expected end user service areas that surround the new access points.

d) There are 100 community anchor institutions, public safety entities and critical community organizations in the areas surrounding the access points in this middle mile project.

Expanding “middle mile” access is especially useful to community anchor institutions and public safety. With cost savings so dramatic, the economics of broadband can change for all those in the affected areas. For public safety, the opportunity to use wireless and wired broadband and to use Level 3’s 911 services becomes affordable. Schools, colleges, universities and libraries will have more conveniently access to the high capacity Internet2 network. Similarly, health care facilities can use newly available affordable broadband to share electronic medical records.

e) The project will offer 50Mbps to 10Gbps backhaul transport and Internet service to last mile service providers. This capacity puts virtually every high capacity broadband application within reach. These services will be available to last mile service providers, public safety and community anchor institutions directly or via their last mile service provider.

f) As a middle mile project, we will market and welcome service from multiple end user service providers. Level 3 commits that it will follow the Nondiscrimination and Interconnection Obligations of the NOFA.





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g) This proposed middle mile project is simple. Optical equipment are inserted into in-line amplifier huts on the existing high capacity network creating a closer and less expensive on-ramp to Level 3's high capacity backbone network.

The project will offer last mile service providers 50Mbps to 10Gbps of backhaul transport and Internet service capacity which is sufficient to run virtually every modern broadband application.

The project requires investment in additional fiber optic transmission equipment and supporting network elements. This project provides the 'middle mile' link between an international Internet backbone and local last mile broadband providers such as cable operators, rural telephone companies and wireless providers.

The project establishes a neutral platform for future development and network growth. With middle mile access deeper in rural areas, local wireless, cable, and phone operators can more easily expand operations and offer a wider range of services to consumers, government, public safety, hospitals, schools and businesses.

With this connection, last mile providers, and ultimately their end-user customers, will also have access to the breadth of telecommunications services provided by Level 3 Communications, LLC. These services include E-911, enterprise and wholesale voice, high-speed internet access, virtual private networks, content delivery platforms and Ethernet.

Based on its experience opening up these on-ramps for last-mile providers on an individual case basis in locations across the country, Level 3 EON has developed an "Extended On-Net" package that can be replicated at most in-line amplifier sites across its network. Once built, we expect to serve last mile providers of every technology--wireless, cable, wireline--within a 25-mile radius of the access point. The access this project will provide will give multiple last mile service providers faster, cheaper, and better access to high capacity networks, which will in turn provide more immediate access to high-speed broadband for end-users.

h) Level 3 EON, LLC is a uniquely qualified applicant to bring broadband services to underserved communities through this application. Level 3 EON will draw upon the deep



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network construction and management expertise of its parent company, Level 3 Communications, Inc. For a relatively modest investment the rural areas served by this project will gain access to world class service and reliability.

Level 3 Communications, Inc. operates one of the largest Internet backbones connecting more than 231 metropolitan markets across 21 countries. The network spans 52,000 intercity and 27,000 metropolitan route miles in North America and Europe. Much of its U.S. network passes through communities targeted by this ARRA program. Level 3 has one of the strongest management teams in the telecommunications field. Level 3 brings its years of experience, buying power and incomparable level of customer service to the rural areas served by the new access points created in our backbone network.

The execution of this project is relatively simple. Once access equipment is procured and installed, Level 3 Communications, LLC will fully test and market the "Extended On-Net" package to the last mile providers covering the 25-mile radius around the access point. This approach can be replicated at most in-line amplifier access points across its network.

- i) The overall cost of the project is \$2,890,679, with Level 3 contributing 25%.
- j) The locations selected for this application are in areas where we have a high expectation that we will attract one or more last mile providers. We would expect last mile service providers to bring advanced broadband service to over 45,000 subscribers.
- k) The procurement, installation and activation of the equipment will account for some new economic activity at Level 3 and its vendors. The real value of this project is the number of jobs expected to be created or saved in the communities where last mile service providers bring modern broadband services to their customers. The cost savings made possible by this project fundamentally change the economics of small town broadband service. Jobs will be saved and created, telecommuting will be made possible, telemedicine and distance learning applications and advanced communications for public safety and community anchor institutions will at long last be within reach because of these new access points.

**Description of BTOP Project Purpose (BTOP Applicants Only Next Three Questions)**



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**9. BTOP Statutory Purpose:**

Provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in “underserved” areas of the United States.
Provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to schools, libraries, medical and healthcare providers, community colleges and other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations by or through these organizations.
Provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to organizations and agencies that provide outreach, access, equipment and support services to facilitate greater use of broadband service by low-income, unemployed, aged, and otherwise vulnerable populations.
Provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to job-creating strategic facilities located within a defined economic zone, or community as designated by a State authority, Department of Commerce , HUD or USDA.
Improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies.
Stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

**10. Description of BTOP Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the project is to make “middle mile” investments in areas where it is not otherwise economically feasible to give multiple last mile service providers affordable access to high capacity, high speed networks. Expanding “middle mile” access advances virtually all the goals Congress established for the BTOP program, giving underserved areas an opportunity to enjoy all the benefits of broadband access, including improved access to on-line health, education, public safety, and economic development and job creation resources. With this project, community anchor institutions will have new affordable access to broadband services.

For many rural Americans, the quality of last mile facilities are not the only barrier to high quality broadband service: access to middle mile facilities which connect communities to the internet is the critical issue. Today, communities that are not near major network points-of-presence may lack access to affordable broadband, have capacity limitations which constrain the number of possible broadband users or rely upon a single-vendor with a very costly



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backhaul solution. Like a superhighway with few on ramps, non-metropolitan users have to take long, slow, and expensive routes to reach an available on ramp to high capacity, high speed infrastructure.

This project offers an effective, affordable, scalable and innovative solution to a systemic problem. It can be replicated across the United States. Level 3 EON will leverage Level 3 Communications, LLC's extensive network; Level 3 Communications has more than 42,000 inter-city route miles across North America and traverses many underserved communities targeted by the NTIA for improved broadband access. Level 3 EON proposes to offer last-mile providers and community anchor institutions the ability to tap into Level 3 Communications' network at sites--"in-line amplifiers" (ILAs)--outside major metropolitan markets and thereby establish more direct, lower cost, and scalable network access--or "on-ramps" to the worldwide Internet.

To provide these "on-ramps" to Florida communities, Level 3 EON will leverage Level 3 Communications' existing and extensive national fiber optic network and amplifier huts to offer high-speed middle-mile services in underserved areas across Florida. By adding these additional on-ramps to provide lower access costs to last-mile providers, more people will enjoy the benefits of broadband connectivity. The project requires investment in additional fiber optic transmission equipment and supporting network elements. By installing this equipment, Level 3 EON will provide the 'middle-mile' link between the international Internet backbone and local last-mile broadband providers such as cable operators, rural telephone companies and wireless providers. The addition of middle-mile backhaul option establishes a neutral platform for future development and network growth. As middle-mile providers reach deeper into rural areas across Florida, local wireless, cable, phone and wireless operators can more easily expand operations by entering new markets and offering a wider range of services to support local government, public safety, hospitals, schools and businesses.

With this connection, last mile providers, and ultimately their end-user customers, will also have access to the breadth of telecommunications services provided by Level 3 Communications. These services include E-911, enterprise and wholesale voice, high-speed internet access, virtual private networks (VPN), content delivery platforms, and Ethernet.

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the country, Level 3 EON has developed an "Extended On-Net" package that can be replicated at most in-line amplifier sites across its network. Once built, we expect to serve last mile providers of every technology--wireless, cable, wireline--within a 25-mile radius of the access point. Within that radius we have identified communities for each access point which are underserved. The access this project will provide will give multiple last mile service providers faster, cheaper, and better access to high capacity networks.

The key benefits of the project are profound. The project expands broadband access. It offers an opportunity to increase competition by enabling multiple last-mile providers to use fiber-optic cable, wireless tower and mobile technologies, and cable connections to provide last mile services. It allows local suppliers to lower their communication costs, which is critical for local economies and businesses trying to stay afloat during these tough economic times. The Level 3 solution will cost effectively connect rural businesses to the mainstream international telecom infrastructure, allowing them to obtain a range of telecom products similar those obtainable in major metropolitan markets.

Every purpose of the broadband program is served and multiple public anchor institutions like schools, libraries, health care facilities and public safety will have the opportunity to gain access to the benefits of high speed internet service.

**11. BTOP Enhanced Services for Health Care Delivery, Education, and Children:**

Level 3 will continue to expand its commitment to providing services to community based institutions. Level 3 already provides data and transport services to universities, state governments, public safety entities, hospital networks, and other community anchor institutions. Level 3 will continue to provide an affordable package for these institutions. Given the savings made possible by this application we also expect that end mile service providers will also assemble very attractive pricing plans for these users.

The services enabled by this project for the communities within 25 miles of the proposed access points will not only improve productivity and quality of life at home and work but also improve health care delivery, education, library services, child services and public safety. The bandwidth made available via the proposed access points can enable virtually any medical records management, telemedicine or tele-health application as well as distance learning, remote counseling of other educational application. For researchers, of all types, access to the Level 3 network provides access to the Internet2 network; Internet2 operates a nationwide



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backbone built by Level 3 that serves colleges and universities.

With access to the Level 3 network, a host of specialized services can become available to public safety and community anchor institutions. Level 3 currently provides telecommunication services to several States as well as Colleges and Universities and public organizations that service these entities. For example, Level 3 provides services to several Regional Optical Network (RON) groups who provide services to Universities. They aggregate usage and bandwidth to provide lower cost services while increasing the available bandwidth. RONS we serve include such groups as CENIC, an initiative out of California and LEARN, the Lonestar Education and Research Network in Texas, and Internet2 whose anchor customer is ESNET that serves all of the Department of Energy Labs. Many RONS seek to increase their traffic through a connection to Level 3's access points (ILAs).

Access to the Level 3 network provides exciting options for public safety as well. The company was the first Tier 1 provider to provide E911 services nationwide and has established connections to hundreds of E-911 selective routers and thousands of PSAPs nationwide. Today, we are a key supplier of E-911 services to a wide range of cable companies, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), carriers, and other VoIP access providers. Moreover, Level 3 provides experience in building and managing a reliable nationwide E-911 network. In fact, the Level 3 E-911 Direct solution was cited by the FCC as a good example of a model for E-911. Bringing access to Level 3's high capacity network closer to rural users also brings these services closer to public safety.

## **D. Proposed Funded Service Area**

### **12. Proposed Funded Service Area Maps:**

**12-A.** Service Area Map (Reference Number): **D225-ECA8-4DD0-B348**

**12-B.** Is the applicant is seeking a waiver for providing less than 100% coverage of a census block. **No**

### **13. Proposed Funded Service Area (BIP - Last Mile Projects):**

Please refer to section M at the end of document.

### **14. Proposed Funded Service Area (BTOP - Middle Mile Project):**

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**15. Non-Funded Service Area( BIP Only):**

Level 3 EON is providing a middle mile solution; there will be no non-funded service areas.

**16. Coverage Waiver:**

Applicant is seeking a waiver for providing less than 100% coverage of a census block.

No

For Response of “Yes” please refer to upload section for additional supporting documentation.

**17. Methodology for Area Status:**

Rural - Non-Rural Determination

Using 2000 U.S. Census Data, census blocks were mapped with their corresponding population. Census data for “Places” was then mapped on top of the census blocks with each of the defined “Places” corresponding population. Per the NOFA definition, census blocks that resided within a “Place” with a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants or within an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants were defined as Non-Rural. Those census blocks that did not reside within those areas were then defined as Rural.

For each individual project the proposed funded service area was then mapped. The populations of the census blocks with centroids that resided within the PFSA were then totaled into 2 categories – those populations that are defined as Rural and those that are defined as Non-Rural. The percentage of the PFSA that was rural was then calculated for the overall project.

**Unserved vs. Underserved Determination**

To determine underserved areas, broadband adoption data was purchased from Scarborough Research. The data purchased indicated at the county level the percentage of households that used either a cable or DSL internet connection (i.e. a broadband connection). Scarborough collected the data using a 2-phase approach: Phase 1 involves randomly dialed telephone interviews and Phase 2 involves a mailed, self administered consumer survey booklet.

Per the NOFA, an area was then defined as underserved if the rate of broadband subscribership was 40% of households or less. To qualify the project as underserved, per the NOFA, at least



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one of the interconnection points needed to terminate in a PFSA that qualified as underserved. For the proposed projects, the only interconnection point available for last mile providers was at the specific site location. Thus for the project to qualify as underserved, the specific site needed to reside in an area that was identified as underserved.

#### About Scarborough Research

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#### 18. Middle Mile Benefits

For many underserved communities, the quality of last mile facilities is not the barrier to high quality broadband service: access to middle mile facilities which connect communities to the internet is the real problem. Today, communities that are not near a major network point-of-presence may lack access to affordable broadband, have capacity limitations which constrain the number of possible broadband users or rely upon a single-vendor, with a very costly backhaul solution. In addition, many businesses do not have access to essential data and virtual private networking services. Like a superhighway with few on ramps non-metropolitan users have to take long, slow routes to reach an available on-ramp to high capacity, high speed infrastructure. This project adds on-ramps to the information superhighway.

The underserved communities expected to be served by this project include Bruce, Chiefland, Clarksville, Defuniak Springs, Hosford, Okeechobee, Youngstown, and Zolfo Springs among others.

The project will offer 50Mbps to 10Gbps service to end user providers. This capacity puts





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virtually every high capacity broadband application within reach.

The benefits of the Level 3 EON middle-mile project, to leverage Level 3 Communications, LLC's national fiber optic network by opening new access points, are real, profound and significant. The project offers underserved areas within an approximately 25 mile radius, affordable access to high-speed broadband lines. By investing in additional access points, last mile providers and their subscribers will gain increased access at lower costs.

The cost savings made possible by this project are extraordinary. In some cases, the cost of access is so high that the last mile provider simply could not afford to provide modern broadband services. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This was achieved through an access point like the ones proposed in this application that provided a shorter, more direct route to Level 3's high speed network and the internet.

Level 3's business case is built on access within a 25 mile radius based on the option of a last mile service provider using a micro-wave link to reach our new access point. Within that radius we have identified communities for each access point which are underserved. The access this project will provide will give multiple last mile service providers faster, cheaper, and better access to high capacity networks. Fiber and other wireless access are possible as well. Depending on the cost profile and needs of the customer, the new access point could actually be beneficial to last mile providers and their users well beyond 25 miles.

Expanding "middle mile" access advances virtually all the goals Congress established for the BTOP program. With cost savings so dramatic, the economics of broadband can change for all those in the affected areas. For public safety, the opportunity to use wireless and wired broadband and to use Level 3's 911 services becomes affordable. Schools, colleges, universities and libraries will be able to affordably reach the high capacity Internet 2 network via their end mile provider. (Level 3 built the highly customized, dedicated 100G Internet 2 network that connects the country's leading research universities and Department of Energy laboratories.) Similarly, health care facilities can use newly available affordable broadband to share electronic medical records.

The benefits of the project are significant and truly exciting.



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## E. Proposed Service Offering

### 19. Broadband Service Offerings for Last Mile Project:

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### 20. Service Offerings for Middle Mile Project:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

## Competing Service Providers

### 21. Existing Broadband Service Providers and Services Offered:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

## Non-Discrimination, Interconnection

### 22. Description of Network Openness:

For projects funded through either BTOP or BIP funds, Level 3 commits that it will follow the Nondiscrimination and Interconnection Obligations of the NOFA. Specifically, Level 3 will continue to

- a. adhere to the principles contained in the FCC's Internet Policy Statement (FCC 05-151, adopted August 5, 2005). Level 3 follows these principles in its day-to-day operations.
- b. not favor any lawful Internet applications and content over others. As a transport provider and especially in the role of providing those services in the middle mile, Level 3 does not monitor content on its network and investigates all allegations of unlawful content.
- c. display its network management policies and will provide notice to its customers of changes in those policies. Level 3 will place its policies in a prominent location on its website. In addition, Level 3 intends to develop a network management policies specific for projects constructed through BTOP or BIP funds.



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d. connect to the public internet directly or indirectly, such that the project is not a private closed network. Level 3 operates a significant backbone network within the United States, and can provide connectivity to the global Internet to any customers requesting such connectivity.

e. offer interconnection where technically feasible on the networks constructed by BTOP or BIP funds without exceeding current or reasonable anticipated capacity limitations on reasonable rates and terms to be negotiated with requesting parties. Level 3 commits to sell services purchased out of BTOP or BIP-funded sites at rates which are fair and reasonable. Level 3 further commits that its price for such services will not, during the term, exceed the prices set forth in Attachment B.

Level 3's ability to meet these criteria shall be subject to the needs of law enforcement and reasonable network management practices. In addition, The application form requests that Level 3 agree to "binding private arbitration of disputes concerning interconnection obligations." Level 3 has checked that it will comply with this requirement, but needs to clarify the scope of its commitment. Level 3 is willing to arbitrate a dispute respecting whether it is complying with its pricing commitments contained in the application, and whether it is offering those services to any entity that desires to purchase them. The language of the application, however, could be construed broadly to require, for example, Level 3 to arbitrate with a party claiming that it is entitled to settlement-free peering with Level 3, or that a carrier is entitled to compel telecommunications interconnection under Section 252 of the 1996 Telecom Act even though Level 3's CLEC entity cannot be compelled to interconnect under the Act. IP interconnection and telecommunications interconnection both impose significant costs and obligations on both carriers. Agreeing to binding arbitration with respect to these types of issues could upset the economic feasibility of the project; as a result, Level 3 will not commit to bidding commercial arbitration with respect to such disputes. Level 3 intends to offer a variety of lit services and wholesale lit service components (including wavelengths) that are not currently available at these locations on Level 3's network. Level 3's component service offerings will be limited to lit service components, and would not include sale or lease of infrastructure (such as dark fiber or conduit). There are a variety of commercial and engineering consequences arising from the sale or lease of infrastructure that are difficult to overcome within the scope of this project, and that could eliminate or reduce the efficiencies that can be achieved through the use of lit services used by multiple carriers.



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**Non-Discrimination and Interconnection (BTOP applicants only for next three questions)**

**23. Non-Discrimination Obligations (applicable to Last Mile and Middle Mile Applicants):**

Adhere to the minimum non-discrimination requirements as set forth in the NOFA.

Display the nondiscrimination practices in a prominent location on the service provider's web page, and provide notice to customers of changes to these policies.

**24. Interconnection Obligations (applicable to Last Mile Applicants):**

**25. Interconnection Obligations Middle Mile Applicants:**

Adhere to the minimum interconnection requirements as set forth in the NOFA.

Display the interconnection policies in a prominent location on the service provider's web page, and provide notice to customers of changes to these policies.

Commit to offering wholesale access to network components and services such as wavelength or fibers at reasonable rates and terms.

Commit to binding private arbitration of disputes concerning interconnection obligations.

**Cost Effectiveness and Affordability**

**26. Cost per Household (BTOP only):**

Level 3 is offering a middle mile solution, therefore this section is not applicable.



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**27. Affordability**

The project is an affordable and innovative solution for communities which lack access or lack affordable access to high speed services. The alternatives to this project are for communities outside metropolitan areas to construct their own facilities to reach the internet, to travel long, expensive and indirect pathways to high capacity networks. By putting additional broadband “on-ramps” to existing high capacity networks, the pathways to the internet from underserved areas are more direct and provide support. It would be faster, cheaper and better than existing alternatives. Because services are open to multiple providers, they offer opportunities for competition not just in the in the middle mile, but in the last mile as well.

**F. Technology Strategy**

**28. Technology Type:**

Wireline - xDSL
Wireline - Coaxial Cable
Wireline - Fiber-optic Cable
Wireline - Broadband Over Power Line
Wireless - Terrestrial Fixed
Wireless - Terrestrial Mobile
Wireless - Satellite



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**Other:**

## **29. System Design**

### Overview

Level 3 EON, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Level 3 Communications, Inc., will leverage Level 3 Communications, LLC's existing longhaul fiber optic network and amplifier huts and its experienced staff, existing network management systems, and processes to open interconnection points on the broadband network to offer high-speed middle-mile services in previously underserved geographic areas. These middle-mile transport services enable connectivity between last-mile access providers in these communities and the global Internet or other network services available in major network gateway cities. This offering requires investment in and deployment of additional fiber optic transmission equipment and supporting elements.

Level 3 Communications, LLC currently operates a number of such longhaul access points via in-line amplifier (ILAs) for existing customers. However the upfront investment associated with such projects has made their widespread deployment economically infeasible, except in those rare cases where a large, established last-mile interconnector (customer) has been identified and has signed a commitment and can justify large bandwidth in advance.

In this project, Level 3 EON, LLC proposes to deploy generally the same network components and system architecture for any new projects funded under this program, as are already in service at other existing ILA locations. Thus the elements and architecture outlined below are already well-proven in the field for services / applications.

### Local-Layer DWDM System

In most cases in order to serve new ILA locations, Level 3's standard architecture calls for deployment of a new local-layer DWDM system. Local layer systems stop at intermediate amplifier hut locations to provide ingress/egress of traffic. The new local layer DWDM system will provide wavelength client interfaces (GigE Wave, 2.5Gb, 10Gb, 10GbE, 40Gb) to customers, and support the delivery of private line and other higher layer services.



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In general a new local layer DWDM system is required because many existing express DWDM systems cannot distribute traffic at intermediate amplifier hut locations.

Other existing express DWDM systems can be made distribution-capable at intermediate amplifier huts (terminal insertion), but usually at a cost which exceeds that of a new local layer system. In certain limited cases, terminal insertion may be considered as an alternative to new system deployment.

The new local layer DWDM system will extend from the proposed ILA site to the nearest Gateway city or existing express DWDM terminal in one direction, and to the nearest Gateway city or existing express DWDM terminal in the other direction. By extending in both directions, route diversity and increased network availability are provided to the proposed ILA site.

The new DWDM system will consist of a terminal and associated filters and couplers located at the proposed ILA site, line cards pointing in each of two directions, amplifiers as required in intermediate locations, and terminals at each of the diverse endpoints. Due to the geographic extent of the local layer DWDM system, reaching from the proposed ILA site to the existing express terminals or Gateways cities in each direction, multiple spans, and multiple intermediate amplifiers are generally required. Spans on Level 3's Longhaul network, between existing amplifier huts, range in length from 40 and 60 miles. Lastly, service modules and tributary cards are required to provide transport channels for the ADM system which will ride over the DWDM system, and for customers purchasing wavelength services.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Higher bandwidth variations are available. Level 3 continuously evaluates various DWDM technologies and suppliers, and may select alternative suitable DWDM platforms / suppliers for this project at the discretion of Level 3.

#### ADM System

In order to provide private line services (OC3, OC12, GigE with various sub-rates, OC12), ADM systems are required. Level 3's standard ILA architecture for private line offers linear,



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1+1 protected services in each of two diverse directions. A given private line service extends in either the primary or the diverse direction. Client interfaces may be either 2-fiber (no tributary equipment protection) or 4-fiber (tributary equipment protection) at the preference of the customer. The ADM system's line side will be deployed with 4-fiber (W+P) transport in each of the primary and diverse directions.

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[REDACTED] Level 3 continuously evaluates various ADM technologies and suppliers, and may select alternative suitable ADM platforms / suppliers for this project at the discretion of Level 3.

#### New Network Management Systems

To manage the transport equipment located at the proposed new ILA location, a management router will be deployed at locations not already equipped with one. Level 3 deploys a variety of different platforms for this application. The management router will typically uplink to the ADM via a DS3 interface. This small IP-enabled router will represent Level 3's national network management system at this location. For reasons of scale, architecture and security, the management router cannot and will not support any production IP services or Internet access for customers.

#### Racks, Panels and Fiber Trays

In support of the new transmission equipment described above, additional racks, fiber distribution panels and fiber trays may be required within one or more of Level 3's existing huts.

#### Fiber Entrance Duct(s), Cables(s) and Customer Access Manhole(s)

To enable customer access by one or more last-mile service providers, Level 3 will construct single or diverse fiber entrance duct systems, cable(s), and customer access manhole(s). The fiber entrance duct system will extend from the Longhaul network hut to the Level 3





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property line (typically about 100 feet). In most cases this will involve trenching or boring entirely on company property. A fiber cable will be deployed within the duct system. The customer access manhole will be placed on Level 3's side of the property line. Customers will bring their own metro/regional fiber to the manhole at the Level 3 property line, for the purpose of interconnecting with Level 3's middle mile services. Construction of the duct system, and placement of the fiber cables and customer access manholes is typically performed by local contractors under the supervision of Level 3 local field operations.

**Wireless Connectivity Option - Alternative to Fiber Optic Cable Build**

For some last mile providers, a direct connection to the ILA from their aggregation point via fiber optic cable may be cost prohibitive. Level 3 is also willing to work with wireless providers in tandem with tower companies to offer an intermediate wireless backhaul option, including leasing land within the ILA compound for the tower location. Level 3 was unable to complete a complete site assessment to determine the feasibility and permitting requirements for all of its proposed ILA sites in time for the August 14th submission. However, Level 3's solution is part of many tower companies and wireless service providers' solutions in Round 1. As the last mile networks get built out due to BIP and BTOP investments, Level 3 will be able prepared to provide wireless connectivity option to the last mile providers.

**30. Network Diagram:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

**31. Certification by Professional Engineer:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

**32. Buy American Waiver Request:**

Is the applicant seeking an individual waiver of the Buy American provision? **No**

**Buy American Waiver Request – Legal Justification**

The equipment in this grant application would be transport equipment covered by the notice published by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce regarding Buy American rules.



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**33. Choice of Service Provider:**

Does the project's Infrastructure and the Company's business plan allow more than one provider to serve end users in the proposed funded service area?

Yes

## G. Project Milestones and Completion Factors

### Timeline & Milestones

**34. Infrastructure Build-out Timeline:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**35. Licenses, Regulatory Approvals and Agreements:**

Because this project involves investment in equipment to be inserted in existing network infrastructure no additional permits, licenses or approvals are required.

**36. Construction and Vendor Contracts**

In line with the Level 3 Communications, LLC's construction contract procedures, Level 3 EON will issue a competitive bid to a minimum of 3 approved vendors and selecting the most cost effective option and to ensure that the vendors comply with the Davis-Bacon and other federal contract requirements. All outside plant (OSP) construction activities are outsourced to contractors/vendors.

### Qualification of Management Team and Organizational Readiness



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**37. Management Team Resumes:**

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**38. Organizational Readiness:**

Level 3 EON will draw upon the deep network construction and management expertise of its parent company, Level 3 Communications, Inc. From its beginning, Level 3 was founded on the principles of the Silicon Economics(sm) cycle: create a global telecommunications network with the scale to reduce unit costs, stimulate demand with these lower costs, support that demand by scaling even more. Level 3 created a network that serves as a foundation for the communications services of the 21st century by providing information transmission over a fiber optic network and media delivery over a content delivery network.

In 1998, Level 3 constructed 19,600 route miles across the United States, and built the world's first continuously upgradeable network fully optimized for internet protocol (IP). Today, Level 3 operates one of the largest Internet backbones connecting more than 231 metropolitan markets across 21 countries. The network spans 52,000 intercity and 27,000 metropolitan route miles in North America and Europe.

Level 3 is one of only six Tier 1 Internet providers in the world. More than 80 percent of our revenue is derived from investment-grade or higher customers who trust the Level 3 network, including: the top 5 US wireless service providers; 19 of the world's top 20 telecom companies; 9 of the top 10 US ISPs; 9 of the 10 largest US cable companies; 9 of the 10 largest telecom carriers in Europe; and 3 of the top 4 telecom companies in Asia.

Level 3 is a publicly traded company with a leadership team that brings more than 30 years of experience in telecommunications, construction, and network management. The management structure includes a Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Technology Officer, Chief Marketing Officer, and Senior Vice Presidents of our business groups focused on selling to Wholesale, Enterprise, and Content customers across North America and Europe.

End-to-End Service Delivery—from order submittal to service turn-up: Level 3 is committed to efficient service delivery. The steps required to initiate service implementation are described in



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the customer handbook, available to all customers. Once network requirements are identified the Account Director and Sales Engineer work with the customer to finalize the network configuration that identifies how to deliver the service delivered. Upon acceptance of the order a Customer Project Manager is assigned who project manages the service installation and turn-up. All services are monitored 24x7x365 by Level 3's Network Operation Center and customer support teams.

**Billing:** Level 3 will provides a monthly invoice for all installed services. Details are provided on each invoice to verify charges. After installation, our billing system creates an invoice on the day of your bill cycle each following month with recurring charges and appropriate taxes to pre-bill for the next month's services.

**Portal:** The Portal is a convenient, secure, online tool to help manage customer service needs 24x7. This self-access tool provides faster resolution and response times to service management issues. With necessary account permissions, customers access their online Level 3 information and can search, view, and download invoices and account details for the preceding 13 months.

**Customer Technical Support:** Level 3 embraces a strong customer-focused operational philosophy driven by strict performance metrics to deliver the best service. Level 3 rapidly responds to customer inquiries to quickly resolve any problems. Upon service installation, a Technical Services Center technician becomes the single point of contact for service-related issues. The technician creates a ticket with a reference number for tracking service-related problems. The technician also initiates tests and processes to determine a fault and fix agent.

**Other**



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**39. Organizational Chart:**

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**40. Legal Opinion:**

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**41. Government and other Key Partnerships:**

These sites were selected because we have a reasonable expectation based on existing partnerships and community requests that the access will be used by last mile providers to offer higher speed and lower priced broadband to homes, local businesses, public safety and community anchor institutions. For every site awarded we would work very closely with local economic development agencies and last mile service providers to maximize the benefits of this investment. In Clarksville and Hosford, we will be working with [REDACTED], a public-private partnership economic development group. Across Florida, we will work with the Governor and the Florida Office of Economic Recovery.

Level 3 is an experienced federal, state, and local contractor providing a broad range of telecommunications services. [REDACTED]

**42. Recovery Act and Other Governmental Collaboration.**

While Level 3 is not directly applying for funds through other ARRA programs, this project, by significantly reducing the cost of the backhaul for these communities, advances virtually every information-based objective of the ARRA. By opening up the access points on the network this will enable: hospitals to implement telemedicine and electronic medical records to improve health care delivery; educational and research institutions more affordable access to the Internet2 backbone; and public safety entities access to Level 3 E-911 Direct services.

**Community Involvement (BTOP Applicants Only)**

**43. Partnering with Disadvantaged Businesses**

Level 3 EON is committed to give socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses (SDB) an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts and purchases. Level 3



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regularly submits a report to the Government that details our SDB activities. For many of our contracts we have submitted a Subcontracting Plan which sets forth our SDB goals in accordance with FAR 52.219-9. These plans establish set of specific goals which are applicable to each contract for telecommunication services. As a result, Level 3 regularly works with SDB concerns in the execution of its government contracts.

As part of our small business activities, Level 3 maintains written policies and procedures for subcontracting and for purchasing services, goods, and materials. Our policy to give SDB's equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts and purchases is incorporated in the Level 3 Procurement Manual. All employees of the company responsible for or involved in the subcontracting and vendor selection processes are aware of this policy and are required to comply with the procedures contained in the manual.

Level 3 establishes subcontracting relationships with its SDB providers and requires all subcontractors through a flow down of provisions to adhere to applicable provisions of the contract. The Level 3 procurement/buyer personnel and Contract Manager are responsible for the review, approval, and monitoring of all Subcontracting Plans. Subcontracting Plans are regularly reviewed for adherence to either the goals required in Level 3's prime contract or the goals provided by Level 3. In addition, Level 3 provides the appropriate reporting regarding the activities of all small and disadvantaged business categories on its Government contracts.

## **H. Project Budget**

### **44. General Overall Budget**



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**Total Budget:** \$ 2,890,679

**45. Detailed Budget:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**Sustainability**

**46. Reasonableness**

The costs presented in Questions 44 and 45 are based on the solution requirements and Level 3 Communications, LLC's current negotiated rates with optical telecommunications equipment and test and measurement equipment vendors. The outside plant and site preparation estimates are based on Level 3's prior experience in enabling these in-line amplifier sites for add-drop service.

The prices for each component are reasonable and based on our experience buying such equipment in volume elsewhere in our network.

More importantly, the cost advantages of this middle mile solution inure to the benefit of end users who either have no affordable access to high speed service or have to pay very high service rates for indirect or limited capacity access. [REDACTED]

**47. Historical Financial Statements:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**48. Broadband Subscriber Estimates:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**49. Other Services:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**50. Pro Forma 5-Year Financial Forecast and Assumptions:**

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**51. Commitment of Capital Funding Support**

Level 3 EON, LLC will receive the capital for its matching contribution of 25% from Level 3 Communications, Inc. or one of its subsidiaries.

Level 3 EON is seeking 75% grant funding and will provide 25% matching funding. This application is being submitted to both BIP and BTOP. As a publicly traded company, Level 3 Communications, Inc. has fiduciary obligations to its shareholders. It subjects major investment initiatives to a rigorous business model. The model considers subscriber penetration, bandwidth demand and expected revenues and makes a net present value determination. This project would not be possible without the federal funds sought in this application. But for the addition of stimulus act funding, the business case fails. The business case also fails at a 50% match. Level 3 EON can commit up to 25% of the program costs in the form of a cash contribution.

We respectfully ask that RUS waive the 50% loan/match requirement for non-remote rural projects and accept a 75% grant 25% cash match for this project or in the alternative that BTOP be allowed to consider and fund this worthy project.

**BTOP Requirements**

**52. Matching Funds:**

- a. Cash: \$ 722,669.00
- b. In-Kind: \$ .00
- c. Percent of Total Project Cost: 25

**53. Demonstration of Financial Need:**

To establish each in-line amplifier as an add/drop node on the network, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The DWDM, or wavelength layer, must be installed first, which offers the higher bandwidths – 1Gb to 40Gb. However, in many of the areas being targeted by the statute, the last-mile providers are not looking for a 10Gig pipe for their backhaul solution initially. Rather, they are looking for 50-500M of capacity, with projected growths over the next 2-4 years as



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they invest and upgrade their networks. Thus, the business case to provide the full range of services, especially the lower bandwidths, does not prove in given the addressable population of these areas. So, “but for” the BTOP grant, Level 3 would not be able to justify the capital expenditure required to add the add/drop capability. With the BTOP grants, the bandwidth entrance hurdle is reduced, allowing multiple last-mile service providers to utilize the optical backhaul at a lower cost/bit, and provides consumers in these areas more choice of service providers.

**54. Unjust Enrichment**

Level 3 EON does not receive and has not applied for any federal support for non-recurring costs in the area for which we are seeking an award.

**55. Disclosure of Federal and/or State Funding Sources**

Level 3 EON does not receive Universal Service Funds or other federal loans or grants.

**I. Self Scoring – BIP Only Self Scoring**

**56. Self Scoring Sheet**



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Criteria	Method	Points	Self Scores
<b><u>PROJECT PURPOSE</u></b>			
Proportion of Rural Residents Served in Unserved Areas	1 point for every 10,000 unserved households	Up to 5	0
Rural Area Targeting	1 point for every 5% increase in the rural service area up the minimum 75% rural area requirement	Up to 5	5
Remote Area targeting	1 point for every 50 miles a service area is located from a non-rural area	Up to 5	0
Title II Borrower	If you are or were a Title II borrower	5	0
Recovery Act and other governmental collaboration	1 point will be awarded for each governmental or Recovery program the applicant is partnering with	Up to 5	0
<b><u>PROJECT BENEFITS</u></b>			
Performance of the offered services	If a last mile wireline project delivers 20M to household – if a last mile wireless projects delivers 2M to end-user – if a middle mile projects delivers 100M to end points	<b>10</b>	10
Affordable of services offered	Points awarded based on the proposed rate structure and the logistics of the proposed service area	Up to 5	5



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Choice of service provider	If the proposed infrastructure is available to be used by multiple service providers	5	5
Critical Community Facilities	If discounted rate packages at least 25% lower than advertise rates are available to critical facilities	5	5
<b><u>PROJECT VIABILITY</u></b>			
Applicant's organizational capability	Points will be awarded on the strengths and accomplishments of key management	Up to 12	12
Community Support	If a letter of support has been received from a designated representative of the community for every community in the proposed service territory	2	0
Ability to promptly start project	If the applicant can demonstrate that all licenses and regulatory approvals have been received, contractors and vendors are ready to enter into contracts, and equity has been deposited into applicant accounts	10	10
Socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses (SDB), as defined by section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. §637.	If the applicant is a Section 8(a) entity	1	0
<b><u>PROJECT BUDGET AND SUSTAINABILITY</u></b>			
Reasonableness of the budget	Points will be awarded based the	Up to 5	5



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	adequacy of the proposed budget		
Leverage of outside resources (outside funding/financing requested)	(i) 10 points if this ratio is greater than 100% (ii) 7 points if this ratio is between 100% and 75% (iii) 5 points if this ratio is between 75% and 50% (iv) 3 points if this ratio is between 50% and 25% (v) 1 points if this ratio is lower than 25%	10	3
Extent of grant funding (Grant funds/loan funds)	(i) 0 points if this ratio equals 100% (ii) 1 points if this ratio is between 100% and 75% (iii) 3 points if this ratio is between 75% and 50% (iv) 5 points if this ratio is lower than 50% (v) 10 points if no grant funds are requested	10	1
<b>Total Points</b>		100	61



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## J. BTOP Certification Requirements

### Certification (Requested for BTOP)

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document regarding following uploads.

1. U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
2. SF-424D Assurances—Construction Programs (Schedule N)
3. CD-511, Certification Regarding Lobbying (Attachment O)
4. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Attachment P)
5. CD-512, Certification Regarding Lobbying—Lower-Tier Covered Transactions (Attachment Q) This certification will not be required until the time of the grant award, because it applies to subcontractors, etc.

## K. BIP Certification Requirements

### Certification (Requested for BIP)

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document regarding following uploads.

1. Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Certification
2. Certification Regarding Architectural Barriers
3. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition - Policies Act of 1970 Certification
4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions
5. Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements



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6. Network Design and Implementation Plan Certification (to be complete for projects requesting more than \$1 million in federal assistance)

## L. Schedules

### Schedule: A-1 Congressional Districts

**1. State the Congressional District of the Applicant's headquarters**

Colorado - 2

**2. State the Congressional District for each area covered by the Project.**

Florida - 2

Florida - 1

Florida - 5

Florida - 6

Florida - 16

Florida - 23

Florida - 13

Florida - 12

## M. Proposed Funded Service Area Details (BIP & BTOP)

**13. Proposed Funded Service Area (BIP - Last Mile Projects):**

**Proposed Funded Service Area Name:**





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**Census Blocks in Proposed Funded Service Area:**

**Community Name:**

**Rural Classification of the Community:**

**BIP - Service Status:**

**BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**

**BTOP – Service Status:**

**BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**

**Total Square Miles of Community:**

**Total Population :**

**Total Number of Households:**

**Total Number of Businesses:**

**Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities:**

**14. Proposed Service Area (BTOP - Middle Mile Project):**

**Middle Mile Span Name:** Bruce ILA Hut

**Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** 95050011118 95050011147 95050011148 95050011149  
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**Last Mile Service Area Name:** Bruce and Surrounding Area 1  
**Community Name:** Other Area  
**Rural Classification of the Community:** Rural  
**BIP – Service Status:** Underserved

**BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**



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The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

**BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**  
The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40% of households or less.

**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 1,380**  
**Total Population : 77,353**  
**Total Number of Households: 35,135**  
**Total Number of Businesses: 2,210**  
**Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 9**

**Middle Mile Span Name:** Bruce ILA Hut

**Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** 00140122008 00140122009 00140122010 00140122011  
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**Last Mile Service Area Name:** Bruce and Surrounding Area 2  
**Community Name:** Other Area  
**Rural Classification of the Community:** Rural  
**BIP – Service Status:** Underserved





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**BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**  
The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

**BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.**  
The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40% of households or less.

**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 1,380**  
**Total Population : 77,353**  
**Total Number of Households: 35,135**  
**Total Number of Businesses: 2,210**  
**Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 9**

**Middle Mile Span Name:** Bruce ILA Hut

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**Community Name:** Other Area  
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**BIP – Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40% of households or less.

**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 1,671**  
**Total Population : 54,107**  
**Total Number of Households: 24,536**  
**Total Number of Businesses: 1,546**  
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**Last Mile Service Area Name:** Clarksville and Surrounding Area 1  
**Community Name:** Other Area  
**Rural Classification of the Community:** Rural  
**BIP – Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40% of households or less.

**Total Square Miles of Service Area:** 1,326  
**Total Population :** 44,293  
**Total Number of Households:** 18,377  
**Total Number of Businesses:** 1,266  
**Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities:** 19



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**Clarksville ILA Hut**

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**Broadband Infrastructure Application  
Submission to RUS (BIP) and NTIA (BTOP)**

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<b>Task:</b> Submit Application - Infrastructure Programs		<b>Applicant Name:</b> Ms. Monisha Merchant	

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**Last Mile Service Area Name:** Clarksville and Surrounding Area 2  
**Community Name:** Other Area  
**Rural Classification of the Community:** Rural  
**BIP – Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

<b>BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.</b>
The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40% of households or less.

**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 1,326**  
**Total Population : 44,293**  
**Total Number of Households: 18,377**  
**Total Number of Businesses: 1,266**  
**Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19**