

SCRPS Status Update

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Applicant Information

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Is the contact the same as the contact listed on the Application Request for Funding Allocation? If not, please list below.

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*Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

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Explanation of Effort and Availability of Commercial Equipment

*Provide an explanation of efforts undertaken, and challenges encountered, in permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of covered communications equipment or service.

Yes, my company has conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since submittal of the last form. As of this report, we have completed removal-related work at 58 of 70 sites. We will not, however, be able to complete the removal at the last 12 sites until such time that we have assurance of the availability of reimbursement funds. Yes, my company has conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. As of this report, we have destroyed the covered equipment removed from 58 of 70 sites. We will not be able to complete the removal and destruction of the covered equipment from the last 12 sites until such time that we have assurance of the availability of reimbursement funds. My company has performed only limited work on the replacement of covered equipment and services since the submittal of the last form. 9 RAN sites are still using ZTE equipment which, in turn, means we also continue to use certain ZTE core elements. 2 of the 9 RAN sites where we have insecure covered equipment in service are remote radio locations that rely on insecure covered equipment base units collocated with replaced sites. In other words, at the donor sites for these 2 remotes, we are running both new replacement equipment and the insecure ZTE equipment. Because of the funding shortfall, it has become necessary for us to stop all covered equipment replacement activities at these 11 RAN sites. Likewise, it seems worth restating here that the referenced insecure covered core equipment will remain in service as long as these 11 RAN sites remain in service as equipped.

*Explain whether you are finding commercially available equipment in the marketplace. If not, then explain efforts taken to obtain replacement equipment.

Because the commercial vendors have reasonable expectations of being paid for their goods and services but because of the funding shortfall there is no clear path for that to occur, it has become necessary for us to stop pursuing the equipment and services needed to replace the insecure covered equipment. Therefore, by extension, we are not finding that the replacement equipment and services are commercially available. Without the additional funds needed to complete this national security replacement mandate, we are unable to proceed with additional work. As such, we have now shifted our full focus to the activities necessary to navigate the reimbursement process to pay for, as much as possible, the work that has already been completed. To try to overcome the lack of funding, we have made numerous visits to the offices of multiple elected officials, individually and alongside other program participants and industry groups, both in person and virtually, to plead the case for full program funding. However, as of this writing, no additional funding has been made available.

* If there is additional information relevant to the preceding questions or that you believe the Commission should be aware of, please include the information below.

Program Compliance

*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) all requirements of the Reimbursement Program.

Yes No

*Indicate whether recipient has permanently removed from its communications network all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has replaced all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the replacement process, what estimated percentage of the replacement process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has disposed of all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the disposal process, what estimated percentage of the disposal process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the timeline submitted by the recipient. If not, provide explanation for deviation.

Yes No

*The filer has indicated no to a question in this section, please provide additional information.

Timeline deviation. Without the additional funding, we will not be able to complete the work required and therefore we will not meet the project milestone dates.

Certifications

*By checking the box and providing the electronic signature where indicated below, the Certifying Official on behalf of the filer certifies under penalty of perjury that:

(1) The Certifying Official is authorized to submit this status report on behalf of the above-named filer and, based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the information being submitted, the information set forth in this status report has been examined and is true, accurate, and complete, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Certifying Official acknowledges that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement, or the omission of any material fact on this status report or on any other document submitted by the filer may subject the filer and the undersigned to punishment by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), 1606), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001, §§ 286-287, and § 1343), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and §§ 3801-3812). (2) The filer is in compliance with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program, including but not limited to allocations, draw downs, payments, obligations and expenditures of money, and the Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those statutes, rules, and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. The Certifying Official acknowledges that the filer will maintain detailed records, including receipts, of all costs eligible for reimbursement actually incurred for a period of 10 years; and will file all required documentation for its expenses. The Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to comply with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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