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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.

We are 8 months into the one year deployment period for this program. We have been reimbursed 11.2 of 71.6 million allocated to us while we have invoiced 16 million. Our modification to show what we were doing with 39% funding vs 100% stayed in review for 155 days during which all of our invoices went unpaid. This of course caused us to suspend much of the work during this period but our one year time frame was not suspended. So we are now in between a rock and a hard place of having to submit modifications in order to submit billings in order to be reimbursed in order to complete the work that all needs to be complete in 4 months from now and step one, the modification, might take longer then all of the time we have left. Hopefully we can suggest some things to improve this situation for ourselves and for others.

A non portal means of communication is essential. We are getting repeat and serial RFI's that we respond to over again, mainly through the portal but the message is not getting through. The vendors affected by these are not getting paid while others are; many vendors don't understand this and that can ruin the teamwork on a construction project.

Some continuity of who is doing the reviews combined with some channels for communication above is needed especially for companies like ours that have started earlier than others and are going about this in a different order (ie ripping then replacing instead of a simultaneous process). We have invited those reviewing our project to the market to gain an understanding of each others needs to get through this together in the easiest manner please consider this.

Eliminate those processes in place right now that seem to create more waste then prevent it. Without a doubt you should be able to submit for reimbursement a cost that comes in under the category amount without a modification . You should also be able to submit an invoice across a couple categories if the vendor bills you that way or offers you a bundled often lower cost. And for sure the invoicing activities should not be shut down or affected at all by submitting modifications that are required on this program.

The big picture is that with 39% funding and a one year clock ticking away there is a near certainty that participants will not end up with a comparable network. There is also no incentive for waste or unreasonable payments. The risk of fraud and abuse is to participants who started down this path and committed to this program in good faith who are at risk of running out of time and funds by delays in reimbursements causing them to miss the time table to receive funding which is only a fraction of the funds required to begin with.

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

Lead time for some equipment is still sitting at 4-6 months which makes it challenging to complete this project in the one year time frame.

* 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?

*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?

*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.

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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