

MN BEAD Program Environmental and Historic Preservation Project Details Questionnaire

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Subgrantee Name:

[If Applicable] Contractor Name:

Project Name and ID [Use the name ID assigned by OBD]:

Project Technology Code (two digit code):

Contact Information for Follow-Up Questions: (Include name, email and phone number)

Brief Description of Project:

Number of BSLs Within This Project:

1. Project Overview

Project Details

1.1 Does the proposed project include the construction of new buried and/or aerial telecommunications lines, cables, and related facilities?

Yes No

1.1.1 If yes, will new fiber be added to transmission structures or buried in existing Rights of Way?

Yes No N/A

1.2 Will new or existing communications systems be acquired, installed, operated, or removed for the proposed project?

Yes No

1.3 Will system instruments be retrofitted, upgraded, repaired, or replaced?

Yes No

1.3.1 If yes, will the actions impact a structure that is eligible for the [National Register of Historic Places](#)? **If not known at this time, please leave this answer blank.**

Yes

No N/A

1.4 Indicate which general infrastructure elements (bolded) are included in the proposed project. Below each general infrastructure element is a more specific related project action. For each selected general infrastructure element, indicate all specific actions that are applicable with the proposed project scope.

Proposed Project Infrastructure Element

Towers and directly related structures

Siting

Construction/Installation

Operation/Maintenance

Retrofitting

New construction upon or improvement of land and/or non-tower structures

Construction or modification of aerial or buried utility, or communications systems that use existing Rights of Way, easements, grants of license, distribution systems, facilities, or similar arrangements

New construction in developed area or on previously disturbed site

Land improvement in developed area or on previously disturbed site

Construction or improvement of operations or support facilities, switching stations, maintenance facilities, or other non-tower structures on previously disturbed ground

Construction or improvement of new temporary buildings or experimental equipment on previously disturbed ground

Construction, land improvement, or modification of structures in an undeveloped area or on a pristine (undisturbed) site

Modification of existing fiber optic cable

Modifications, changes, or upgrades of existing telecommunication lines, transmission lines, or aerial or buried utility or communication systems

Pole replacement

Rebuilding existing power or telecommunication lines

Existing buildings, roads, airfields, grounds, equipment, and other facility modifications

Exterior renovation, addition, repair, alteration, or demolition

Internal renovation or additions

General minor renovations and/or additions

Purchase, lease, or use of existing facilities (or a portion thereof)

Conducting new activities or operations in existing structures

Installing, operating, maintaining, retrofitting, upgrading, repairing, removing, and/or replacing instruments

Collocating equipment on instruments, structures, or buildings

Changes to existing telecommunication facilities (including updates, changes, or additions)

Acquisition, installation, operation, and/or removal of communication systems

Close facilities, decommission equipment, or temporarily discontinue use of facilities or equipment

Phase or voltage conversions, reconductoring, or upgrading of existing electric distribution lines or telecommunication facilities

Low-earth orbit (LEO) satellite deployment and supporting activities

Satellite development or deployment

New ground station construction

Updates to existing ground stations

Firmware or hardware updates to existing ground stations

Upgrades of existing ground station fiberoptic connection or electric utilities

Supporting infrastructure construction such as permanent or temporary access roads, fencing, new electric poles outside of the fenced area, and storm water detention ponds

Landscaping and vegetation management, such as grading, vegetation removal, tree removal, pesticide use, or substrate replacement

1.5 Is ground disturbance necessary to implement the project? If so, provide the area of necessary ground disturbance in acres, and the methods used. Will the ground disturbance be new, or located in a previously disturbed area? If no ground disturbance will occur, state below, “No ground disturbance will occur to implement this project.”

Yes

No

1.6 Towers and directly related structures. Briefly summarize the proposed construction. Include the total height of any tower structures, if any tower structures require guy wires, if the proposed actions will impact any [National Register of Historic Places](#) eligible structures, and if the construction of any tower structures will trigger an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statements by a federal agency. If your project does not include towers and directly related structures, answer N/A.

1.7 New construction upon or improvement of land and/or non-tower structures. Briefly summarize the proposed construction. Include if any of the project actions will require ground disturbance in an undeveloped area or on a pristine (undisturbed) site, if all construction or improvement will be compatible with local planning, zoning, and [Coastal Zone Management Programs](#), if the site and scale construction or improvement will be consistent with the scale of existing, adjacent, or nearby buildings, and if any construction or improvement require new local infrastructure. If your project does not include new construction upon or improvement of land and/or non-tower structures, answer N/A.

1.8 Modification of existing fiber optic cable. Briefly summarize the proposed construction. Include if any of the proposed actions will take place outside of Rights of Way, and—if outside Rights of Way—if the proposed action(s) will be adjacent to Right of Way, new road, or easement. Also include (if applicable) the original and new pole quantities, if the new poles will be of similar appearance to the original pole structures, be in or near the original pole locations, and will occur within the existing Right of Way. If your project does not include modification of existing fiber optic cable, answer N/A.

1.9 Existing buildings, roads, airfields, grounds, equipment, and other facility modifications. Briefly summarize the proposed construction. Include if the proposed actions will result in a change in the functional use or operations of real property, if the changes to telecommunications sites and structures require new physical disturbance or fencing, the area of new physical disturbance or fencing in acres, if the proposed actions will impact any [National Register of Historic Places](#) eligible structures, and if hazardous waste will be disposed of at approved sites in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and requirements. If your project does not include existing buildings, roads, airfields, grounds, equipment, and other facility modifications, answer N/A.

1.10 Low-earth orbit (LEO) satellite deployment and supporting activities. Briefly summarize the proposed construction. Include if any of the project actions will require ground disturbance in an undeveloped area or on a pristine (undisturbed) site, if all construction or improvement will be compatible with local planning, zoning, and [Coastal Zone Management Programs](#), if the site and scale construction or improvement will be consistent with the scale of existing, adjacent, or nearby buildings, if any construction or improvement require new local infrastructure, such as new electric utility connections or fiberoptic cable installation; if new pole installation is required, and if any actions will take place out of existing Right of Ways. Also briefly describe all non-construction project actions needed to complete the project. If your project does not include LEO satellite deployment and supporting activities, answer N/A.

1.11 Refer to the Limited Permissible Pre-Implementation Activities found in the accompanying Instructions document for this questionnaire, or in the [General Terms and Conditions for NTIA BEAD Program Funds](#). Does this project involve any limited permissible pre-implementation activities?

Yes No

1.12 If yes, what limited permissible pre-implementation activities have been completed?

1.13 To your knowledge, what permits (federal, state, county, municipal) will be required to implement this project? Are any of these permits already in progress? Note that permits are not required to be in hand to be considered NEPA compliant for BEAD but are required prior to beginning project implementation.

1.14 If applicable, describe the post-construction actions anticipated to occur for this project, including but not limited to revegetation, decommissioning, maintenance plan, etc.

1.15 Provide the anticipated general construction schedule, identifying any potential seasonal or regulatory construction constraints. Include a timeline showing construction activities from the beginning of construction to in-service.

1.16 Is the proposed project area on or traversing [federally recognized Tribal land](#)?

Yes No

1.17 List the public properties that would be crossed by the project area—including but not limited to [U.S. Forest Service Land](#), [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Land](#), state, federal, or local government buildings; schools, and other government-owned land. State if public access restrictions would be necessary for construction.

1.18 Provide a list of all cities, villages, towns, and their respective counties, that the proposed project, any associated facilities, and any potential construction activities would intersect.

1.19 Summarize the location of the proposed projects in terms of existing Rights-of-Way (ROWs) and easements and describe what new ROWs and easements will be required for this project to proceed (public/private landowners, area needed, location, etc.). Include the size of the ROWs and easements required (width and length, new and existing). Summarize any work that would occur outside of the ROWs or easements as well.

1.20 Summarize the off-ROW access roads and staging/preparation areas that may be required. Provide an identifying name or number for each off-ROW access road and staging/preparation area. If access roads need to be constructed, provide the dimensions (length and width) and construction method, including if any modifications would be needed to utilize the off-ROW access roads, such as road widening, road fill placement, or tree clearing.

1.21 Would this project corridor require a MnDOT Permit? - [Minnesota Department of Transportation \(MnDOT\) ROWs](#)

Yes No