Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Response

Development Authority of the North Country
in partnership with National Grid (U.S.)

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September 27, 2022

Gina Raimondo
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
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Dear Secretary Raimondo:

I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to the Department of Commerce's National Communications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant program.

With funding, DANC will expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

I applaud the Development Authority of the North Country for its foresight and sincerely hope the application is met with your approval. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my grants coordinator at (202) 224-6542. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Schumer

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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September 23, 2022

The Honorable Alan Davidson
Administrator
National Telecommunications & Information Administration
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Dear Administrator Davidson,

I write in support of the application submitted by Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for funding from the Middle Mile Grant Program administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. This funding will be used to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 underserved rural counties in northern New York.

DANC was established by New York State to develop and manage the infrastructure needs of the region. The Authority's leadership in economic development planning and deployment has been of great benefit to New York's North Country region. DANC has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate broadband projects, including their 1,800 miles of fiber optic cable and 31 Central Offices (COs) which comprise DANC's North Country Open Access Telecom Network.

The requested funding will expand and extend middle mile infrastructure and connect unserved and underserved areas in New York's rural North Country. This project will expand broadband service to approximately 2,500 currently unserved residences along the fiber route, with approximately 10,000 additional unserved residents living within five miles of the proposed new fiber construction. DANC's partnership with National Grid strengthens this project, as the company will contribute half of the total project cost and allow for the efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements, and rights-of-way—which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs. The completion of this middle mile project will ensure that underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Ryan Kambich, at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand

Kirsten Gillibrand
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September 20, 2022

Ms. Evelyn Remaley
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information
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Dear Ms. Remaley,

Please accept my strong support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The proposed project will build 335 miles of much needed new middle-mile fiber in rural areas of my district and will provide broadband to approximately 10,000 underserved residents. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements, and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs. The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents in NY2 will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business, and commerce.

This project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across NY21 and Northern New York, and it is with this in mind that I respectfully request that you give this application your most serious consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Jo Richards in my Watertown office at 315 782-3150.

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Sincerely,

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Natasha Deschene
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Carl E. Farone, Jr.
Executive Director
Development Authority of the North Country
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September 27, 2022

Dear Mr. Farone,

Partnership Agreement Letter of Financial Commitment

National Grid and Development Authority of the North Country ("DANC")

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") and DANC are working together on the North Country NTIA Middle Mile Proposal (the "Middle Mile Proposal"). The mission of the Middle Mile Proposal is to deploy middle-mile fiber optic infrastructure to support community broadband deployment and connection of community anchor institutions including support communication needs of critical infrastructure.

National Grid agrees to fund a contribution of 40.5% ($9,902,250.00) of the total Middle Mile Grant project cost of $24,450,000. National Grid's cost share of 40.5% was selected as it ensures prudent investment of capital by bolstering reliability and resilience of the electricity grid, increasing grid cybersecurity, and providing satisfactory system value for National Grid electric ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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September 30, 2022

NTIA BEAD Middle Mile Grant Program
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Letter of Support for National Grid BEAD Middle Mile Grant Application

To whom it may concern,

The ConnectALL Office is the state broadband office for New York. ConnectALL's mission is to build the New York State's digital infrastructure and connect all New Yorkers through the internet. As directed by the Governor and authorized by the legislature, the ConnectALL Office oversees the statewide broadband deployment and digital equity plans and is administering over $1 billion in public investments across the state. New middle mile infrastructure is critical for New York.

As New York's Director of Broadband Development, I write to express the support of my office for National Grid and its grant application for funding through the BEAD Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program. From our understanding, the proposed project will enhance broadband coverage in unserved and underserved areas of the state and is complimentary to the state's existing middle mile capacity. This project has secured support from multiple partners and includes team members who have prior experience building broadband projects in partnership with New York State. If funded by NTIA, my office will continue to coordinate with the grant recipient and their partners on this project.

I would like to thank the NTIA for its continued leadership enriching digital infrastructure and equity across the country. Our historic level of broadband investment in New York rests on solid collaboration with our federal partners. We look forward to ongoing partnership with the NTIA through this and other upcoming grant programs.

Very truly yours,

Joshua Breitbart
Senior Vice President, ConnectALL

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September 29, 2022

Office of the Garrison Commander

Mr. Carl E. Farone
Executive Director
Development Authority of the North Country
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Dear Mr. Farone,

Thank you for sharing your interest in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program. I am acutely aware that many residents and businesses in the rural counties surrounding Fort Drum, and northern New York in general, are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband services. As we know, these services are critical to the economic, educational, and general well-being and growth of residents and businesses in those areas, to include the Soldiers, Families and Civilians serving at Fort Drum. Your plan to expand middle mile fiber construction in areas throughout 12 rural counties in northern New York will significantly narrow the existing broadband service gap and benefit those areas.

Based on your current experience installing and maintaining fiber optic infrastructure in other underserved areas of New York State it appears you are well-situated to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. Additionally, it appears your proposed partnerships will contribute enhanced expertise and cost sharing opportunities to the project.

Thank you again for bringing this initiative to my attention. I will watch with great interest as you progress through the process and add critical broadband service to support education, healthcare, and business and commerce in northern New York.

Sincerely,

James J. Zacchino Jr.
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Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program

Re: Development Authority of the North Country Application

Tekwanonwerá:tons | To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs. The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's broadband provider, Mohawk Networks, LLC, is the Tribe's Internet Service Provider. Mohawk Networks delivers high speed Internet to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal community on the reservation, however, many of our tribal members reside in contiguous, underserved communities without access to broadband. For this reason, we are in support of the NTIA Middle Mile grant application submitted by DANC, which would reduce the cost of any future fiber to the home expansion, and increase Internet access to unserved households in areas contiguous to our territory.
Nia:wen/Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL

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September 23, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program

RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

Dear Sir or Madam,

As co-chair of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council, I am writing to ask for consideration of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York.

It is my understanding that the Development Authority will install and maintaining crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and have the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements, and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

This project aligns with the North Country Regional Council's strategy to expand affordable broadband and cellular access throughout the North Country region. Completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business, and commerce. It is with this perspective that I ask for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

James McKenna
NCREDC Co-chair

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September 19, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I write today to offer my strong support for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in collaboration with National Grid.

As the State Senator representing a large portion of upstate New York, my office hears nearly every day from individuals, families and businesses that still do not have access to broadband internet. It goes without saying that in today's world, access to high-speed internet is essential when it comes to education, health care business and commerce. The issue of areas in upstate New York lacking access to broadband was highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, as we continue to be more reliant on technology, the need to connect these populations with high-speed internet is more important than ever.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

Completing this critical project will create a positive ripple effect that will benefit the northern New York region as a whole. Students and families will be better able to learn from their homes, businesses will be able to access the technology needed to boost their bottom lines and communities lacking connectivity will be provided with the infrastructure necessary to attract new residents and businesses, among other benefits.

Again, I strongly support the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions regarding my support of this project, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Patty Ritchie
State Senator

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JOSEPH A. GRIFFO
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September 20, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the 47th State Senate District, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Sincerely,

Joseph A Griffo

Joseph A. Griffo
Senator

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September 22, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country. This grant would expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband.

The Development Authority in partnership with National Grid proposes the project. The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project.

The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly. It will include the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

I fully support this application and strongly recommend funding for this initiative.

Thank you for consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Stec
Senator, 45th District

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September 22, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country

To Whom It May Concern:

I wrote to express my support for the application being submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for funding through the Middle Mile Grant Program.

If secured, these funds will play a critical role in expanding broadband services across twelve rural counties in Northern New York. Under the proposed project, 335 miles of new fiber optic lines would be run throughout the region, allowing roughly 2500 underserved residences to access reliable broadband.

DANC has a longstanding reputation of successfully maintaining and installing fiber optic infrastructure across the state. This proposed project will move quickly, thanks to DANCs partnership with National Grid. This utility company has already agreed to cover half of the project's total cost, which is over $24 million. Additionally, National Grid will also use existing infrastructure, including existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-ways, to make the project a reality.

In today's day and age, reliable and accessible broadband is just as important as electricity. This proposed project will ensure underserved residents across a dozen counties will be able to utilize these fiber lines to support local business growth, healthcare, education opportunities for students, among others.

Again, I strong support the application being submitted by DANC. If you have any questions or would like to see firsthand the impact this project would have, please know I am only a phone call away.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Walczyk
Assemblyman
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Assemblyman 115th District

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September 21, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Assembly District 115, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC). This project will expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York, including Franklin County in my district. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by DANC in partnership with National Grid.

DANC installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs, which often delay projects.

The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce. Throughout the last few years, numerous constituents in Franklin County have reached out to my office because their children were not able to attend remote classes, or they were unable to work from home because of the lack of broadband services. This project covers a large population of residents in my district and New York State who do not have access to broadband services. By granting this project we will help individuals and businesses within my district to have access to this important resource that they so desperately need.

Broadband is needed to help get the North Country to the 21st century. Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Sincerely,

D. Billy Jones
Member of Assembly, 115th District

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September 16, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Franklin County, NY Government, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

I urge you to approve funding so our children, businesses, residences all have access to broadband in our rural, north country region.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Sincerely,

Donna Kissane

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September 21, 2022

National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program

RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

The Development Authority installs and maintains crucial fiber optic infrastructure in areas of New York State that are significantly underserved and has the demonstrated capacity to successfully construct and operate the proposed project. The Authority's partnership with National Grid provides synergies that will progress the project quickly, including the company's contribution of half of the total project cost, and efficient use of pre-existing utility poles, easements and rights-of-way, which will reduce overall make-ready and development costs.

Broadband access for our residents is an important issue for the Board of Legislators. The completion of this project will ensure that many of our County residents that are currently underserved and unserved will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Hagemann, III
County Administrator

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Ryan Piche
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September 19, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Lewis County, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in area in 12 rural counties in Northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

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The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business, and commerce.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Kind regards,

Ryan Piche
County Manager

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September 28, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program

RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of St. Lawrence County, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

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The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce.

The project would help ensure St. Lawrence County citizens gain access to critical infrastructure required to thrive in business, work, and education.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Doyle
County Administrator

Town of Diana

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September 23, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the town of Diana, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

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The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business, and commerce.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Very truly yours,

Zachary Smith
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September 22, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Morristown, I urge your support of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant Program application submitted by the Development Authority of the North Country to expand middle-mile fiber construction in areas of 12 rural counties in northern New York. Many residents and businesses in these areas are unserved or significantly underserved by broadband. The project is proposed by the Development Authority in partnership with National Grid.

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The completion of this project will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business, and commerce.

Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across northern New York.

Very truly yours,

Frank Putman

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Town Supervisor

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September 28, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country and National Grid Middle Mile Partnership Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of O'Connell Electric Co. Inc. , I write to you to confirm that we reviewed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Middle Mile Grant scope at a high level. We can confirm that we have existing contracts in place with National Grid (as part of the contractor of choice program) to support the exact type of work highlighted in this grant opportunity. Insert a couple of sentences about company and capabilities they have.

The completion of projects like these will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce. O'Connell Electric Co. Inc. supports this type of work on a routine basis and stands ready to support this should the need arise. Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across New York State.

Sincerely,

David A Emmi
Vice President – Power Group
O'Connell Electric Co. Inc.

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9-28-2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country and National Grid Middle Mile Partnership Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Asplundh Construction LLC, I write to you to confirm that we reviewed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Middle Mile Grant scope at a high level. We can confirm that we have existing contracts in place with National Grid (as part of the contractor of choice program) to support the exact type of work highlighted in this grant opportunity. Asplundh Construction LLC provides Overhead and Underground Electrical construction services across the United States. We have been a Contractor of Choice in Overhead and Underground with National Grid for the past 10 years. We employee close to 1,000 resources in the northeast, working for various Utilities.

The completion of projects like these will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce. Asplundh Construction LLC supports this type of work on a routine basis and stands ready to support this should the need arise. Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across New York State.

Very truly yours,

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D&D POWER LLC
A DIVISION OF
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September 27, 2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country and National Grid Middle Mile Partnership Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of D&D Power LLC, I write to you to confirm that we reviewed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Middle Mile Grant scope at a high level. We can confirm that we have existing contracts in place with National Grid (as part of the contractor of choice program) to support the exact type of work highlighted in this grant opportunity. D&D Power has been a Contractor of Choice with National Grid for seven (7) years working on overhead distribution and sub-transmission construction and maintenance throughout New York State. We have the resources, crews and expertise available to support this program.

The completion of projects like these will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce. *D&D Power LLC* supports this type of work on a routine basis and stands ready to support this should the need arise. Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across New York State.

Very truly yours,

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9-28-2022

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Middle-Mile Grant Program
RE: Development Authority of the North Country and National Grid Middle Mile Partnership Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Northline Utilities LLC, I write to you to confirm that we reviewed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Middle Mile Grant scope at a high level. We can confirm that we have existing contracts in place with National Grid (as part of the contractor of choice program) to support the exact type of work highlighted in this grant opportunity. Northline is a New York based employee-owned contractor that focuses on being a solutions provider for our utility customers. Some of the main solutions we provide to our customers is transmission, distribution, and substation construction services. We also provide professional services & training through our sister companies, NorPro & Northeast Live Line.

The completion of projects like these will ensure that currently underserved residents will have the opportunity to access critical broadband services to support education, healthcare, business and commerce. Northline Utilities supports this type of work on a routine basis and stands ready to support this should the need arise. Thank you for supporting this project application that will fill a critical need and have a lasting impact across New York State.

Best regards,

Bill Straight

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