

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION**

**AGREEMENT #: GWEP-25-002
AMENDMENT #: 1**

THIS AMENDMENT is made by and between the **State of New Mexico, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion**, hereinafter referred to as the “**OBAE**,” which is administratively attached to the **Department of Information Technology**, and **Otero County**, hereinafter referred to as the “**Grantee**,” and collectively referred to as the “**Parties**.”

WHEREAS, the Parties initially executed Grant Writing, Engineering, and Planning Grant Agreement Number: GWEP-25-002 on May 8, 2025;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 70 of Section 5 of the General Appropriation Act of 2026, the expenditure authority for the Connect New Mexico Fund was extended through June 30, 2027; and

The purpose of this Amendment is to extend the performance period of this grant from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and to clarify reporting requirements.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT AGREEMENT ARE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE; PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE; BUDGET PERIOD

- B. Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date. The period of performance shall start on the Effective Date and the Project must be completed by **June 30, 2027** (hereinafter “Performance Period”). The Office of Broadband may, request approval from New Mexico State Legislature to extend the Performance Period.

- C. Subaward Budget Period Start and End Date. The budget period shall start upon the Effective Date and shall end no later than **June 30, 2027** (hereinafter “Budget Period”). The Department will provide reimbursement for all eligible expenses incurred after the Effective Date. Costs incurred by Grantee after **June 30, 2027** will not be eligible for reimbursement, and Grantee must submit to the State of New Mexico, no later than 90 calendar days (or an earlier date as agreed upon in writing by Grantee and the State of New Mexico) after the end date of the period of performance, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the award.

Any references in the exhibits to June 30, 2026, are hereby changed to June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE 9 – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- D. Monthly Meetings. Grantee shall participate in monthly meetings with OBAE to review project progress, outstanding expenditures, requests for reimbursements, and a spenddown plan.**

All other articles and deliverables of the original agreement remain the same.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Amendment as of the date of execution by the final signatory.

GRANTEE

Signed by:
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