

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION**

**Agreement #: STUC-25-003**

**STUDENT CONNECT GRANT AGREEMENT**

This grant agreement (hereinafter “**Agreement**”) constitutes a state sub-award entered into by the State of New Mexico, acting through its Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (“**Office of Broadband**”), and Oso Internet Solutions, L.L.C. (“**Grantee**”), collectively hereinafter referred to as the “**Parties**.”

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on behalf of the State, the Office of Broadband administers the Connect New Mexico Fund to provide Award funds to subrecipients to foster the deployment of broadband access across Unserved and Underserved areas in New Mexico through sustainable, scalable networks and financially viable business plans and serve the comprehensive community with high-quality, reasonably priced solutions; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature appropriated \$25,000,000 from the Connect New Mexico Fund to the Department to support Public School Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Broadband issued a Notice regarding the Student Connect grant on or about October 16, 2024, by which it sought applications from interested parties for the purpose of making subawards to subrecipients for eligible activities, pursuant to the requirements found in § 1.12.21 NMAC. Specifically, to fund projects that will connect unserved and underserved public school students and faculty within rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Grantee submitted an application (“**Grantee’s Application**”) to the Office of Broadband on or about October 31, 2024, by which it sought Award funding for the Student Connect project as described in Grantee’s Application; and

WHEREAS, based upon its review of Student Connect applications, the Office of Broadband notified Grantee on or about December 6, 2024, that it intended to make a subaward to Grantee for \$2,499,000.00, subject to the execution of a binding legal agreement to be executed between the State of New Mexico and Grantee in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 6-5-1 *et. seq.*, NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-1 *et. seq.*, § 1.4 NMAC, and § 2.20 NMAC regarding procurement and the expenditure of public monies; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Broadband is collaborating with the Public Education Department to identify eligible student and faculty households, and the privacy of eligible households and their Personally Identifiable Information should be protected through rigorous document retention and destruction methods; and

WHEREAS, Grantee has registered with the New Mexico Taxation and Registration Department, in its name as stated herein and has been issued the following BTIN 03-345877-00-4; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is intended to be the sole and exclusive agreement between the State of New Mexico and Grantee regarding the subaward of Award funds by the State of New Mexico to Grantee, and contains the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by the Parties as follows:

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS**

“Award” is Notice of Award dated December 6, 2024, from the State of New Mexico to the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion as described in the Recitals herein.

“Budget Period” has the meaning set forth in Article 5(C) of this Agreement.

“Business Days” means Monday through Friday, except for Federal and State holidays.

“Contract Documents” has the meaning set forth in Article 2(A) of this Agreement.

“Effective Date” has the meaning set forth in Article 5(A) of this Agreement.

“Family Member” means any person who resides within an eligible Student’s residence during the term of the Agreement.

“Grant” or “Grant Amount” has the meaning set forth in Article 3(A) of this Agreement.

“Performance Period” has the meaning set forth in Article 5(B) of this Agreement.

“Personally Identifiable Information” means information that may identify an individual and includes:

1. the first and last name of a Student, a Student’s parent, or a Family Member;
2. the location of the home of a Student (including geographic coordinates);
3. a telephone or cellular phone number of a Student or a Family Member;
4. a personal identifier, such as a Student’s student identification number or the Social Security Identification number of a Student or a Family Member; or
5. other indirect identifiers, such as the date of birth or place of birth of Student or a Family Member.

“Project” has the meaning set forth in Article 3(A) of this Agreement.

“Scope of Work” has the meaning set forth in Article 6 of this Agreement.

“Student” means an individual enrolled in a public school in New Mexico whose residence has been identified as an eligible household which should receive free broadband access as part of this Agreement.

“Third-Party Obligation” means allowable expenditures made by Grantee pursuant to the execution of binding written obligations or purchase orders with third-party contractors or vendors for the provision of services, including professional services, or the purchase of tangible personal property and real property for the Project.

## ARTICLE 2 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- A. Contract Documents. The “**Contract Documents**” consist of this Agreement, any amendments to this Agreement executed in writing by the Parties, and the following exhibits, each of which is incorporated into this Agreement as though fully set forth herein:
1. Scope of Work as described in Article 6 of this Agreement (**Exhibit A**)
  2. Detailed Project Budget (**Exhibit B**)
  3. Service Area Map (**Exhibit C**)
  4. Project Schedule (**Exhibit D**)
  5. Request for Reimbursement (**Exhibit E**)
- B. Precedence. In the case of dispute or ambiguity arising between any of the Contract Documents, the terms and conditions set forth in the main body of this Agreement and its amendments shall take precedence.

## ARTICLE 3 – GRANT AMOUNT AND USES; AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS

- A. Grant Amount. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Department hereby awards exclusively to Grantee a sum not to exceed \$2,499,000.00 (the “**Grant**” or “**Grant Amount**”) to be used for the purposes of funding the Student Connect project described in the Scope of Work attached as **Exhibit A** to this Agreement (the “**Project**”). Grantee shall connect eligible households to broadband with speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps and provide three years of free broadband connectivity to 50 unserved and underserved students and faculty who attend or are employed at Quemado Independent School District. The Grant Amount is to be used only for approved eligible costs used to obtain professional services as specified in the Scope of Work. Grantee certifies that any Project costs funded by the Grant shall not subject to reimbursement by any other state or federal funding source.
- B. Eligible Expenses. Eligible expenses for the Project shall be determined in accordance with the accounting principles identified in § 2.20.5 NMAC and may only be used to cover expenses incurred during the period of performance and for allowable closeout costs incurred during the grant closeout process. The Grant shall not be used for research and development (R&D), or indirect costs. A non-exhaustive list of eligible expenses includes:
1. Data gathering, feasibility studies, community engagement, public feedback processes, needs assessment;

2. Upfront costs for rights of way, easement and condemnation, acquiring permits, costs associated with satisfying the environmental, historical and cultural assessment, reviews and mitigation;
3. Architectural and engineering design;
4. Costs related to workforce development programs, including training for technicians, and digital literacy initiatives that support broadband deployment and adoption;
5. Costs related to the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and assets required to deploy broadband infrastructure including all required materials and labor costs, site planning work (e.g., make ready) and project management;
6. Last-mile network facilities, including electronics necessary to deliver service to an end user including, but not limited to optical line terminal (OLT), optical network terminals (ONT), routers, switches, firewalls, wireless radio equipment, antennae, access points, and any necessary equipment shelters;
7. Middle-mile network facilities, including electronics necessary to deliver backhaul and middle-mile services;
8. Costs related to backup power solutions, cybersecurity measures, and climate-resistant infrastructure;
9. Costs for installing and configuring network electronics at customer premises;
10. Customer premise equipment placed within the premise to enable connectivity, such as routers and modems;
11. The cost of long-term leases (for terms greater than one year) of facilities required to provide qualifying broadband service, including indefeasible right-of-use (IRU) agreements and capital leases;
12. Costs related to provisioning, activating, and testing new broadband services to ensure compliance with performance benchmarks;
13. Costs associated with marketing outreach, and educational programs to increase broadband adoption in the funded service area;
14. Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants required for the implementation of the Project; and
15. Costs associated with the collection, monitoring, and reporting of data as required under the terms of this Agreement.

C. Ineligible Expenses. The following non-exhaustive list of expenditures are not eligible uses of the Grant:

1. Acquisition of spectrum licenses;
2. Operations and maintenance costs (other than grant administration costs);
3. Short-term operating leases;
4. Costs related to customer management, billing, and operational support systems not directly tied to broadband deployment.
5. Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt instruments, or other debt service costs incurred prior to the effective date.
6. Fees or issuance costs associated with the issuance of new debt;

7. Satisfaction of any obligation arising under or pursuant to a settlement agreement, judgment, consent decree, or judicially confirmed debt restructuring plan in a judicial, administrative, or regulatory proceeding;
  8. To support or oppose collective bargaining;
  9. Any expense for which Grantee receives other federal or state funding or reimbursement;
  10. Expenditures related to land buildings, structures, improvements, or equipment not directly used to support the deployment of a broadband network;
  11. Expenditures for any deliverable acquired from a contractor or other third party operating on Grantee's behalf to the extent such deliverable was not procured by Grantee in compliance with the procurement standards set forth in Article 3(F) of this Agreement;
  12. Expenses related to non-broadband infrastructure such as road paving, water or sewer projects, or unrelated utility upgrades; and
  13. Costs related to customer management, billing, and operational support systems not directly tied to broadband deployment.
- D. Availability of Grant Funds. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State of New Mexico hereunder, including, without limitation, the disbursement of Grant funds pursuant to this Agreement, are contingent upon continued appropriation of those funds by the New Mexico State Legislature, and in no event shall the State of New Mexico be liable for any payments or disbursements hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those Award funds, the State of New Mexico shall have the right to authorize the withholding of payment until such Award funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving Grantee written notice of such termination.
- E. Procurement. Grantee's procurement of all services under this Agreement must conform to the applicable procurement standards set forth in New Mexico Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-28 – 13-1-199, § 1.4.1 NMAC, and § 1.12.21 NMAC.
- F. Overbudget. Grantee is responsible for performing to completion the entire Scope of Work even if the total actual expenditures exceed the amount of the grant, and Grantee solely assumes any financial risk the Project may come in over budget.

#### **ARTICLE 4 – NOTICE OF STATE SUBAWARD**

The Award from the State of New Mexico to the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, dated December 6, 2024, was issued pursuant to the 2021 General Appropriation Act at Section 17(B)(2) of Chapter 140 of Laws 2021 to authorize payments to certain sub recipients from the Connect New Mexico Fund.

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

- A. Effective Date. This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by all parties (“**Effective Date**”).
- 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, 2025 (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, 2025 (hereinafter “**Budget Period**”). The Department will provide reimbursement for all eligible expenses incurred after the Effective Date. Costs incurred by Grantee after June 30, 2025 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.
- D. Notice to Proceed. Once this agreement is executed, this will trigger the creation of a Purchase Order reflecting the Grant Amount for the Grantee to receive funds against. No funds shall be disbursed to the Grantee for services that precede the date on the Purchase Order, as set forth in the New Mexico Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, §§ 13-1-1 *et seq.*, and accompanying regulations at § 1.4.1 NMAC

## ARTICLE 6 – SCOPE OF WORK

Grantee’s Scope of Work, including all supporting documents (except for Grantee’s audited financial statements and *pro forma* financials) and any written modifications or reports resulting from the review by the Office of Broadband (collectively “**Scope of Work**,” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**), are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and the representations made therein are binding upon Grantee. Grantee shall engage in activities as set forth in the Scope of Work, and any changes to the Scope of Work must be approved in writing by the Office of Broadband based upon Grantee’s submission of the completed template to be published by the Office of Broadband for the purpose of requesting such changes to the Scope of Work. In considering a change request by Grantee, the Office of Broadband may consider mitigating factors not caused by Grantee and/or outside Grantee’s control. Any failure by Grantee to seek approval prior to making any change to the Scope of Work may be grounds for Project suspension or termination of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 7 – LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- A. Project Requirements. Grantee shall furnish all necessary management, supervision, labor, materials, tools, supplies, equipment, software, services, and/or any other act or thing required to perform and complete the Project in a full and diligent manner in accordance with the Scope of Work. Grantee’s project administration requirements shall include the following:
1. Make a determination that it has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the Project prior to Grantee’s expenditure any portion of the Grant Amount.
  2. Make available to the Office of Broadband all project plans, documents, and data.
  3. Research and comply with all local, state, or federal laws, codes, or regulations applicable to the Project.
  4. Research and comply with all requirements of any local, state, or federal agency or jurisdiction that regulates or governs the Project.
  5. To the extent identified in the Scope of Work and relied upon by Grantee in seeking the Grant, any partnerships with other Internet Service Provider (“ISP”), cooperatives or governmental entities, shall be identified in the Scope of Work and are made a part of and required by this Agreement.
  6. Grantee affirms that it will consult with the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the Office of Broadband, and electric utilities as well as local water sewer utilities as to any possible efficiencies that can be achieved with a “Dig Once” approach.
- B. State Requirements. Grantee acknowledges and hereby certifies that the Project shall comply with the requirements of the Appropriation and all applicable state statutes, regulations, executive orders and any other guidance issued by the State of New Mexico regarding the funds. Grantee may only use the Grant Amount in compliance with the Appropriation and § 1.12.21 NMAC regarding grant programs implemented by the Office of Broadband. Grantee shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance regarding its eligible uses of funds. Grantee also agrees to comply with all other applicable state statutes, regulations and executive orders, including but not limited to applicable statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in programs receiving state financial assistance and all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- C. Civil Rights Compliance. Grantee is a public contractor required to meet legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of state funds found in the Human Rights Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 28-1-1 *et. seq.* Those requirements include ensuring a governmental entity or public contractor do not, directly or indirectly, refuse, otherwise limit or put conditions on services, or otherwise discriminate, on the basis of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, physical or mental disability, serious medical condition or spousal affiliation. Grantee agrees to, upon request, make available to the Office of Broadband such information and documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with the Human Rights Act.

- D. Maintenance of and Access to Records. Grantee shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance state laws, regulations, and related guidance, the Award, and this Agreement. The Department of Finance Administration (DFA), New Mexico Department of Justice, Office of Broadband, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of Grantee in order to conduct audits or other investigations. Records shall be maintained by Grantee for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or reverted to the State General Fund, whichever is later.
- E. Conflicts of Interest. Grantee understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict-of-interest policy consistent with the Governmental Conduct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16-1 *et seq.*, and that such conflict-of-interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award. Grantee must disclose, in writing, to the Office of Broadband, any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds.
- F. False Statements. Grantee understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.
- G. Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: “This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by the State of New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion.”
- H. Debts Owed the State Government.
1. Any funds paid to Grantee (a) in excess of the amount to which Grantee is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of the Award; (b) that are determined by the Department of Finance Administration (DFA), New Mexico Department of Justice, or Office of Broadband to have been misused; or (c) that are determined by Department of Finance Administration to be subject to a repayment obligation, and have not been repaid by Grantee, shall constitute a debt to the State of New Mexico.
  2. Any debts determined to be owed the State of New Mexico must be paid promptly by Grantee. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in State’s initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made, or if Grantee knowingly or improperly retains funds that are a debt as defined in the paragraph above. The State of New Mexico will take any actions available to it to collect such a debt.
- I. Disclaimer.
1. Grantee acknowledges and accepts that the State of New Mexico expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to Grantee or third persons for the

actions of Grantee or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of the Award or any contract, or subcontract under the Award.

2. The acceptance of this Agreement by Grantee does not in any way establish an agency relationship among or between the United States, State of New Mexico, the Department, the Office of Broadband and Grantee.

J. Protections for Whistleblowers. In accordance with the Whistleblower Protection Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16C-1 *et seq.*, Grantee may not take any retaliatory action against an employee in reprisal for:

1. Disclosing to the Office of Broadband, or any other third party, an action or a failure to act that the employee believes in good faith constitutes an unlawful or improper act;
2. Providing information to a public body as part of an investigation, hearing or inquiry into an unlawful or improper act; or
3. Objecting to or refusing to participate in an activity, policy or practice that constitutes an unlawful or improper act,

Grantee shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this subsection, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

K. Domestic Preference in Procurement. In accordance with § NMSA 13-4-5, Grantee will provide a preference for the procurement or use of goods, products, or materials produced, grown, processed, or manufactured in New Mexico.

L. Remedies. If the event of Grantee's noncompliance with the Appropriation, this Agreement, other applicable laws, regulations, executive orders, or any reporting or other program requirement, the State of New Mexico may take available remedies as set forth under the law

M. Return of Funds. Grantee must return to the State of New Mexico any Award funds that are not expended and not obligated by June 30, 2025, as part of the closeout process.

N. Audit Requirements. Grantee understands that the Office of Broadband is subject to annual audit in accordance with the Audit Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-6-2 *et seq.*, and that financial records related to this Award may be subject to review. Grantee agrees to provide unrestricted access to, or produce copies of, any financial related to this award to the State Auditor, Department of Finance Administration, or designated contactor for purposes of completing the audit.

O. Labor.

1. Grantee shall comply with the Public Works Minimum Wage Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 13-4-10 – 13-4-17.

2. Grantee shall provide certification that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of the Project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing, as assessed by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS).
  3. Grantee must register with the NMDWS' Public Works Apprenticeship Application (PWAA) online database system to obtain prevailing wage determinations. Grantees are encouraged to communicate and register with NMDWS' PWAA online portal prior to selection of grant award and grant agreement execution to ensure fidelity with State of New Mexico statutory regulation, and state agency grant administrative processes.
  4. Tribal sovereign nations in New Mexico are exempt from Public Works Minimum Wage Act requirements.
- P. Interest and Insurance. Grantee agrees that any equipment, supplies or real property purchased or, in the case of real property, improved, using Grant funds will be used for the purpose and in the manner described in this Agreement. Grantee agrees to maintain insurance on all equipment, supplies, or real property purchased using Grant funds.

## ARTICLE 8 – CYBERSECURITY

- A. Risk Management Plan. Grantee hereby attests as follows:
1. Grantee has a cybersecurity risk management plan (the “**Plan**”) in place that is either: (a) operational with respect to the Project described in the Scope of Work, or (b) ready to be operationalized upon providing service from the Project described in the Scope of Work;
  2. The Plan reflects the latest version of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (currently Version 1.1), and specifies the security and privacy controls being implemented;
  3. The Plan will be reevaluated and updated on a periodic basis and as events warrant; and
  4. The Plan will be submitted to the Office of Broadband prior to the final payment of Grant funds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and shall be resubmitted to the Office of Broadband within 30 calendar days from the date Grantee makes any substantive changes to the Plan.
- B. Supply Chain Risk Management Plan. With respect to a supply chain risk management plan (“**SCRM Plan**”), Grantee hereby attests that Grantee has a SCRM Plan in place that is either: (a) operational with respect to the Project described in the Scope of Work, or (b) ready to be operationalized upon providing service from the Project described in the Scope of Work.

## ARTICLE 9 – DISBURSEMENT

- A. Conditions of Disbursement. The following conditions apply to the disbursement of the Grant to Grantee:
1. Grantee's expenditures shall be made during the Budget Period and prior to the termination of this Agreement (*i.e.*, the services have been delivered and accepted and/or the services have been rendered for the Grantee);
  2. The total amount received by Grantee shall not exceed the Grant Amount;
  3. Grantee is in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement to the satisfaction of the Office of Broadband; and
  4. Grantee has submitted a request for reimbursement consisting of all documentation required under this Article.
- B. Request for Reimbursement Procedures and Deadlines. Grantee shall request payment for incurred grant expenditures by submitting a request for reimbursement in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E** (hereinafter "**Request for Reimbursement**"). Reimbursement requests are subject to the following procedures and deadlines:
1. Grantee must submit a Request for Reimbursement that includes the Sub-Grant Agreement Number;
  2. Each Request for Reimbursement must contain proof of payment by Grantee or liabilities incurred by Grantee showing that the expenditures are valid or are liabilities incurred by Grantee in the form of actual invoices received by Grantee for Third-Party Obligations; provided, however, that the Grantee may be reimbursed for unpaid liabilities only if the Department, in its sole and absolute discretion, agrees to do so and in accordance with any special conditions imposed by the Department.
  3. Grantee may submit a Request for Reimbursement to the Department based upon invoices received, but not yet paid, by Grantee for a Third-Party Obligation, which the Department may process, at their discretion, if the invoices comply with the provisions of this Agreement and are a valid liability of Grantee, Grantee shall make payment in-full on those Third-Party Obligations within five (5) Business Days from the date of receiving reimbursement from the Department or such shorter period of time as the Department may prescribe in writing. Grantee is required to certify to the Department proof of payment of the Third-Party Obligations within ten (10) Business Days from the date of receiving reimbursement from the Department. Reimbursement for invoices received, but not yet paid, shall only be made at the Department's discretion.
  4. A Request for Reimbursement shall include a statement specifying an amount, if any, of cash or in-kind match contributions being applied by Grantee towards payment of the items set forth in the Request for Reimbursement.
  5. Requests for Reimbursements on a Third-Party Obligation shall be submitted by Grantee to the Department within 30 days from the date the Third-Party Obligation was incurred as evidenced by an unpaid invoice received by the Grantee from a third-party contractor or vendor.

6. Grantee’s failure to abide by the requirements herein will result in the denial of its Request for Reimbursement or will delay the processing of its Request for Reimbursement. The Department has the right to reject a reimbursement request for the Project unless and until it is satisfied that the expenditures in the Request for Reimbursement are for permissible purposes within the meaning of this Agreement. Further, the Department's right to reject any Request for Reimbursement is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other legal or equitable remedy available to the Department due to Grantee's violation of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 10 – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Progress Reports. No later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each fiscal year commencing on the Effective Date and ending upon Project closeout, Grantee must submit to the Office of Broadband a progress report in such form as the Office of Broadband may require. The specific data points required will be designated by the Office of Broadband in guidance to be published on the OBAE website.
- B. Close-Out Report. Grantee shall deliver a close out report to the Office of Broadband no later than ninety (90) calendar days after termination of the Agreement or expenditure of all Grant funds, whichever event occurs last. The specific data points required will be designated by the Office of Broadband in guidance to be published online.
- C. Reporting. Grantee shall comply with all applicable State of New Mexico reporting requirements necessary to comply with the Connect New Mexico Fund.
- D. Post-Completion Annual Project Update. For three (3) years commencing on the first January 31st following Substantial Completion, Grantee must submit an annual update to allow the Office of Broadband to track the Project’s impact. The specific data points required will be designated by the Office of Broadband in guidance to be published online. For illustrative purposes, the types of data required may include the following metrics:
  1. Estimated number of eligible households connected to broadband pursuant to this Project;
  2. Number of family members in a connected residence;
  3. Middle-Mile customers, including for middle-mile projects the number of wholesale customers and interconnection agreements;
  4. Enrollment in adoption assistance programs, including the number of eligible households utilizing free broadband pursuant to this project;
  5. Digital literacy, including results and outcomes related to any digital literacy, internet adoption or internet access programs and initiatives related to the project;
  6. Network speed, including the maximum speed offered by the network and, if varied by location, a narrative regarding the percentage of passed (or covered) premises that can access the highest speed;
  7. Data on any major network maintenance, upgrades, or expansions made to improve service quality, including details on proactive investments to sustain long-term network performance;

8. Data on network uptime and any outages that exceeded more than four (4) hours, including causes of outages and corrective actions taken;
  9. Data on any breaches of protected data, including Personally Identifiable Information, and corrective actions taken;
  10. Network expansions that were enabled by the Project;
  11. Data on community engagement efforts and feedback collected from users regarding service quality, affordability, and accessibility;
  12. Data on the number of households that maintained a subscription with Grantee following at the end of the three-year free broadband period;
  13. Information on whether the project remains financially sustainable post-grant and whether additional funding sources have been secure to maintain the project post-grant with the goal of providing insights into cost recovery and reinvestment into network infrastructure; and
  14. Information on major ownership changes, including changes in subcontractors or operational control, that identify and describe any changes in ownership or control of Grantee or the Project.
- E. Map Reporting to the Federal Communications Commission. Grantee must submit broadband availability data to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) as part of its Broadband Data Collection initiative. The FCC requires that data as of June 30th is due no later than the following September 1st, and that data as of December 31st is due no later than the following March 1st. The specific requirements are stated in the document posted at this website: <https://us-fcc.app.box.com/v/bdc-availability-spec>. This requirement will exist so long as the FCC requires facilities-based carriers to provide such data.
- F. Map Reporting to the Office of Broadband. Grantee must report to the Office of Broadband all data required to be reported during the term of this Agreement by facilities-based providers pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 63-9J-3(J), or any rule promulgated by the Office of Broadband.
- G. Professional Engineer Stamped Review. When required by the State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (“RLD”) or other New Mexico State law Grantee shall provide the Office of Broadband a Professional Engineer stamped review to confirm that the Project has been completed, the design and installation of the Project conform to the Scope of Work and any authorized changes, that the network conforms to all requirements set forth in this Agreement, and that the installed infrastructure will provide the service levels stated in Grantee’s Application. This stamped plan is due no later than 90 calendar days after Substantial Completion.

**ARTICLE 11 – LIASONS**

All project management and coordination on behalf of the Department shall be through a single point of contact designated as the Department’s liaison. Grantee shall designate a liaison that will provide the single point of contact for management and coordination of Grantee’s work.

The liaisons for this Agreement are:

For the Department:  
Drew Lovelace  
Acting Director of Broadband  
OBAB  
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For Grantee:  
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Owner  
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**ARTICLE 12 – PROJECT MONITORING**

The Office of Broadband or any of its authorized agents may monitor and inspect all phases and aspects of Grantee’s performance to determine compliance with the Scope of Work, the proper use of funds, and other technical and administrative requirements of this Agreement, including the adequacy of Grantee’s records and accounts. This section shall survive termination of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 13 – NOTICE**

All notices or communications required or permitted to be given by a Party under the provisions of this Agreement must be in writing and delivered to the other Party’s liaison identified herein in accordance with § 1.12.21.8(D) NMAC.

**ARTICLE 14 – ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT; TRANSFER OF PROJECT ASSETS**

Grantee may not assign or transfer any portion of this Agreement without prior written consent by the Office of Broadband, in its sole discretion. In the event that any assets acquired, in whole or in part, with Grant funds are to be sold, leased, licensed to or operated by a private entity other than Grantee during the useful life of the assets, the sale, lease, license, or operating agreement must be approved before it may become effective by the applicable oversight entity (if any) in accordance with state and federal law or, if no oversight entity is required to approve the transaction, it must be approved before it may become effective by the Office of Broadband based on a determination whether the transaction complies with applicable state and federal law and this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 15 –DEFAULT, CURE, TERMINATION AND REMEDIES**

- A. Default. The Department may unilaterally terminate this Agreement for default by Grantee (“**Event of Default**”) as authorized by, and subject to the requirements of § 1.12.21.14 NMAC.
- B. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default and Grantee’s failure to cure said Event of Default within the applicable cure period as provided by § 1.12.21.14 NMAC, or in the event of termination by the Office of Broadband, the Office of Broadband may, in its sole discretion, exercise any right, or pursue any remedy, authorized by state or federal law, or the terms of this agreement. Such rights and remedies may include, but are not limited to, the following actions:
1. Withhold any or all payments or disbursements of the Grant to be made under this Agreement, in which event Grantee shall have no right, title, or interest in or to any of the undisbursed Grant funds;
  2. Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
  3. Treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any remedies at law or in equity, or both; or
  4. Demand repayment of all or a portion of the Grant funds disbursed to Grantee, plus all costs and reasonable attorney’s fees incurred by the Department in recovery proceedings.

## **ARTICLE 16 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Grantee warrants that it presently has no interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with Grantee’s performance under this Agreement. Grantee certifies that it has followed the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16-1 – 10-16-18, regarding contracting with a public officer, state employee or former state employee.

## **ARTICLE 17 – OWNERSHIP AND PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS**

All reports, information, data, and other materials prepared by Grantee or any of its contractors, subcontractors, or subrecipients in furtherance of this Agreement are the property of Grantee and the Office of Broadband. Both Grantee and the Office of Broadband have the royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, authorize others to use, and to otherwise use, in whole or part, such property and any information relating thereto. No material produced in whole or part under this Agreement may be copyrighted or patented in the United States or in any other country without the prior written approval of both the Office of Broadband and Grantee.

## **ARTICLE 18 – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Commercial Liability Insurance. At its sole cost and expense, Grantee shall maintain occurrence-based general liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate per year. Grantee shall also require that any contractors performing construction services under this Agreement shall maintain the same commercial liability coverage as Grantee is required to maintain hereunder.
  
- B. Professional Liability Insurance. Grantee and any licensed agent or contractor who provides professional engineering services within the scope of his or her license to Grantee in connection with the Project shall procure and maintain professional liability (errors & omissions) coverage with a limit of \$2,000,000 per claim. If this insurance is written on a “claims made” basis, then the policy shall provide “tail coverage” for claims asserted within three (3) years after the earlier of the date of Substantial Completion or the date of termination of this Agreement.
  
- C. General Insurance Requirements. Insurance coverages shall be provided by a company with an A.M. Best rating of A- or better. All certificates and endorsements must be received by the Office of Broadband prior to beginning any activity provided for under this Agreement. Grantee must notify the Office of Broadband immediately of any material change in insurance coverage, such as changes in limits, coverage, or change in status of policy. The Office of Broadband reserves the right to request complete copies of Grantee’s insurance policy, including endorsements, at any time.

## **ARTICLE 19 – DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Grantee will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Office of Broadband, and the State of New Mexico, and their officers, employees and agents free from all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys’ fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of Grantee’s performance of this Agreement, which is caused, or alleged to be caused, by an act or omission of Grantee or of any agent of Grantee in the performance of this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the performance of this Agreement is brought against Grantee and/or any agent of Grantee, Grantee shall, within two (2) Business Days after Grantee receives notice thereof, notify the Department’s liaison in writing.

## **ARTICLE 20 – REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

Recognizing that the Department is relying hereon, Grantee represents and warrants, as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, as follows:

- A. Organization; Power, Etc. Grantee: (1) is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New Mexico; (2) is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in the State of New Mexico; (3) has legal power to own and operate its assets and to carry on its business and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; (4) has duly and lawfully obtained and maintained all material licenses, certificates, permits,

authorizations and approvals necessary to conduct its business or required by applicable laws; and (5) is eligible to obtain the financial assistance from the Department contemplated by this Agreement.

- B. Authority. The execution, delivery and performance by Grantee of this Agreement and the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary actions and do not violate any provision of law or any charter, articles of incorporation, organization documents or bylaws of Grantee or result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, any agreement, security agreement, note or other instrument to which Grantee is a party or by which it may be bound. Grantee has not received any notice from any other party to any of the foregoing that a default has occurred or that any event or condition exists that with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both would constitute such a default.
- C. Consents. No consent, approval, authorization, order, filing, qualification, license, or permit of any governmental authority is necessary in connection with the execution, delivery, performance, or enforcement of this Agreement, except such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect.
- D. Binding Agreement. Each part of this Agreement is, or when executed and delivered will be, the legal, valid, and binding obligation of Grantee, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject only to limitations on enforceability imposed in equity or by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally.
- E. Compliance with Applicable Laws. Grantee will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes and orders materially applicable to the performance and administration of this Agreement.
- F. Litigation. There is no pending or threatened legal, arbitration or governmental actions or proceedings to which Grantee is a party or to which any of its property is subject which, if adversely determined, could have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations hereunder.
- G. Information Submitted with Application. All information, reports, and other documents and data submitted to the Office of Broadband in connection with Grantee's Application were, at the time the same were furnished, complete, and correct in all material respects. Any financial statements or data submitted in connection with Grantee's Application present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grantee and the results of its operations in conformity with standard accounting practices. Since the date thereof, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition or operations of Grantee.

## **ARTICLE 21 – PURCHASES WITH GRANT FUNDS**

Except as specifically authorized in writing in advance by the Office of Broadband, all facilities, materials, equipment, supplies, replacements and all other tangible real or personal property procured for the Project shall not, at the time Grantee submits a Request for Payment to the Office of Broadband for such items, be subject to any conditional sales agreement, mortgage, bailment lease or other agreement reserving to the seller any right, title or lien.

## **ARTICLE 22 – DEBARMENT**

Grantee certifies and agrees to ensure during the term of this Agreement that neither it nor its principals, contractors, subcontractors, or subrecipient entities are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any governmental department or agency.

## **ARTICLE 23 – FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Party will be liable for damages or have any right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or Default in performing hereunder in the event such delay or Default is caused by conditions beyond the Party's control including, but not limited to Acts of God, government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), war, insurrection and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party whose performance is affected thereby.

## **ARTICLE 24 – RECORD RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION CLAUSE**

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1232(g)–(h) and its Regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 99, Grantee has a legitimate educational interest in providing broadband connectivity to the homes of eligible student and faculty households. The Office of Broadband has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Education Department (PED) that authorizes PED to release to OBAE the residential addresses of students, staff, and faculty who attend or are employed at schools that are beneficiaries of a Student Connect grant.

This Agreement permits Grantee access to Personally Identifiable Information, provided to Grantee by the Office of Broadband, the Public Education Department, or Quemado Independent School District that is necessary to ensure broadband connectivity to the homes of eligible student and faculty households. Grantee shall ensure that records containing Personally Identifiable Information are maintained in a manner that does not permit the publication or reproduction of Personally Identifiable Information or documents containing Personally Identifiable Information. Grantee is required to destroy all records containing Personally Identifiable Information on July 1, 2028. Failure to destroy records containing Personally Identifiable Information on July 1, 2028, may result in a Student or a Family Member enforcing rights available to them under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or other applicable federal or state law.

## **ARTICLE 25 – PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE OR DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

Grantee shall not sell, rent, lease, publish, or otherwise transfer or disclose any Personally Identifiable Information of a Student or a Family Member that is obtained as a result of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 26 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed and interpreted according to New Mexico law and applicable federal law. Any judicial proceeding concerning this Agreement shall be brought only in the New Mexico First or Second Judicial District Court. By executing this Agreement, Grantee acknowledges and will submit to the jurisdiction of the court as stated herein over any and all such proceedings arising hereunder.
- B. Workers' Compensation. Grantee will comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees.
- C. Waiver. A Party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not waive or diminish that Party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a Party of any of its rights hereunder will be effective unless made in writing, and no effective waiver by a Party of any of its rights will be effective to waive any of its other rights, duties or obligations hereunder.
- D. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and in the event for any reason, a clause, sentence or paragraph of this Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court, agency or commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, such invalidity will not affect the other provisions of this Agreement, which will be given effect absent the invalid provision.
- E. Headings. Any and all headings within this Agreement are inserted for convenience and ease of reference and will not be considered in the construction or interpretation of any article, section or provision of this Agreement. Numbered or lettered provisions, sections and subsections contained herein refer only to provisions, sections and subsections of this Agreement unless otherwise expressly stated.
- F. Dispute Resolution. In the event dispute arises between the Parties, either Party may send a letter to the other Party requesting the other Party to enter into a dispute resolution process, such as mediation or arbitration, in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 12-8A-1 – 12-8A-3.

G. Entire Agreement. The Contract Documents comprise the entirety of the binding agreement of the parties. They supersede all prior agreements, representations, and understandings. Any amendment must be in a written agreement signed by the Parties.

WHEREFORE, the Parties' authorized representatives sign this Agreement as follows.

GRANTEE

Signed by:  
By: Margaret Merrill Date: 2/27/2025  
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Margaret Merrill  
Owner

OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION

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By: Drew Lovelace Date: 2/27/2025  
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Drew Lovelace  
Acting Director

Approved for financial sufficiency:

Signed by:  
By: Lisa M Jennings Date: 2/28/2025  
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Lisa Jennings  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Approved for legal sufficiency:

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By: Cassandra Brulotte Date: 2/27/2025  
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Cassandra Brulotte  
General Counsel



**Student Connect Program  
Exhibit A - Scope of Work**

Applicant Information	
Organization Legal Name	Oso Internet Solutions, LLC
Project Name	Quemado Independent School District
Project ID	STUC-25-003

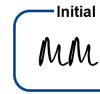
**Solution Overview**

Oso Internet will run buried fiber from their southernmost connect point, south to Fence Lake, NM and then east, ending at Techado, NM. Oso will run fiber to the Cell One tower in Fence Lake and will construct a new tower in Techado. Oso will install fixed wireless equipment, for all four sectors on both towers. This equipment will allow Oso to provide fiber to the home for the 50 unserved student and staff households in this coverage area serving the Quemado Independent School District at no cost, for 3 years (\$).

Technology Metrics			
Technology Type	Fiber/Fixed Wireless	Network Purpose	Education/General
Total Miles	34	Linear Density	144
Number Base Stations	One	Wireless Coverage Footprint	Fence Lake and Techado Areas
Spectrum Frequency	3ghz	Number of Towers / Poles	One New
New Construction	Yes	Leased	Co-locate on one
Min Speed	50mg	Max Speed	1G
Latency	30ms		

Scope of Coverage	
Names of Counties to be Served	Cibola County
Number of CAIs	n/a
Number of Households to be Connected	50 Student and Staff Homes

<b>Student Connect Program</b>	
<b>Exhibit B - Project Budget</b>	
<b>Subrecipient</b>	<b>Oso Internet Solutions, LLC</b>
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Quemado Indep. School District</b>
<b>Project ID</b>	<b>STUC-25-003</b>



<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>Grant %</b>
<b>\$2,499,000</b>	<b>\$2,499,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Categories and Eligible Cost Components	Total Budget for Cost Component	Grant Amount Per Cost Component	Grant Percentage	Brief Narrative for Cost
<b>Design and Engineering</b>				
Fiber route and tower	\$25,000	\$25,000	100%	Design and engineering of fiber route and tower.
<b>Permitting</b>				
ROW permits	\$25,000	\$25,000	100%	ROW permitting Cibola County and NM DOT.
Enter cost component	\$0	\$0	0%	
Enter cost component	\$0	\$0	0%	
<b>Build, Deploy &amp; Test</b>				
Fiber construction	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	100%	Rutherford diversified Industries fiber construction.
Tower	\$250,000	\$250,000	100%	120ft tower @ Techado, NM.
<b>Network Equipment</b>				(please list major equipment)
Tarana Equipment	\$80,000	\$80,000	100%	Tarana Equipment 8BN
<b>CPE Equipment</b>				
Tarana CPE	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%	Tarana CPE 50 Houses
Tarana Routers	\$12,500	\$12,500	100%	Residential Routers/ONTs/Fiber Jumpers
Enter cost component	\$0	\$0	0%	
<b>Administrative</b>				
Project Management	\$56,500	\$56,500	100%	Project Management
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,499,000</b>	<b>\$2,499,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	



## Student Connect Program Exhibit C – Coverage Map

Applicant Information	
Organization Legal Name	Oso Internet Solutions, LLC
Project Name	Quemado Independent School District
Project ID	STUC-25-003



<b>Student Connect Program</b>	
<b>Exhibit D - Project Schedule</b>	
Subrecipient	<b>Oso Internet Solutions, LLC</b>
Project Name	<b>Quemado Indep. School District</b>
Project Number	<b>STUC-25-003</b>

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Project Schedule Status	% Complete
Not Started	100%
In Progress	0%
Completed	0%

WBS#	Activity	Status	Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	End Date (MMDD/YYYY)	Duration (Days)	Comment
1	Design and Engineering	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Company identified.
2	Environmental Assessment & Permitting (Right of way, easements, etc)	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	ROW with Cibola County and NM DOT, including required NEPA compliance.
3	Make Ready & Site Prep	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Contractor identified.
4	Build, Deploy & Test	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Contractor identified.
5	Service Ready, Launch and Operations	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Oso Internet tech team trained and ready.
6	Customer Installation	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Oso Internet ready.
7	Marketing, Sales and Adoption Campaigns	Not started	2/1/2025	6/30/2025	149	Pre-work done at POA meetings.

**NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE GRANTEE  
EXHIBIT E**

Notice of Obligation to Reimburse Grantee # \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Department Representative: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Grantee Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee Official Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Notice of Obligation to Reimburse Grantee

Grant Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As the designated representative of the Department for Grant Agreement number \_\_\_\_\_ entered into between Grantee and the Department, I certify that the Grantee has submitted to the Department the following third party obligation executed, in writing, by the third party's authorized representative:

Vendor or Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Obligation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor or Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party Obligation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the State is issuing this Notice of Obligation to Reimburse Grantee for permissible purposes within the scope of the project description, subject to all the terms and conditions of the above referenced Grant Agreement.

Grant Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

The Amount of this Notice of Obligation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Total Amount of all Previously Issued Notices of Obligation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Total Amount of all Notices of Obligation to Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0.00

*Note: Contract amounts may exceed the total grant amount, but the invoices paid by the grant will not exceed the grant amount.*

Department Rep. Approver: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Request for Payment Form**  
**Exhibit E**

**I. Grantee Information**

(Make sure information is complete & accurate)

- A. Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete Mailing, including Suite, if applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip
- C. Contact Name/Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Grant No: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Grant Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Payment Computation**

- A. Payment Request No. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Grant Amount: \$ 0.00
- C. AIPP Amount (If Applicable): \$ 0.00
- D. Funds Requested to Date: \$ 0.00
- E. Amount Requested this Payment: \$ 0.00
- F. Reversion Amount (If Applicable): \$ 0.00
- G. Grant Balance: \$ 0.00
- H.  CNMF     GF     GOB     STB
- I.  Final Request for Payment (if Applicable)

**III. Fiscal Year :** 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)  
(The State of NM Fiscal Year is July 1, 20XX through June 30, 20XX of the following year)

**IV.  Reporting Certification:** I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, that required reporting is up to date; to include the accuracy of expenditures and grant balance, project status, project phase, achievements and milestones; and in compliance with [the Grant Agreement](#).

**V.  Compliance Certification:** Under penalty of law, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is correct; expenditures are properly documented, and are valid expenditures or actual receipts; and that the grant activity is in full compliance with Article IX, Sec. 14 of the New Mexico Constitution known as the "anti donation" clause.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Grantee Fiscal Officer**  
 or **Fiscal Agent** (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Grantee Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(State Agency Use Only)**

Vendor Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Loc No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the State Agency financial and vendor file information agree with the above submitted information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Fiscal Officer                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Project Manager                      Date

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Owner

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Drew Lovelace

drew.lovelace@connect.nm.gov

Acting Broadband Director

DoIT

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Cassandra Brulotte

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Lisa Jennings

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## **A. ELECTRONIC RECORD AND SIGNATURE DISCLOSURE (ERSD)**

From time to time, New Mexico Department of Information Technology (DoIT), on behalf of the State of New Mexico (SONM), may be required by law to provide you with certain written notices or disclosures. Stated below are the terms and conditions for DoIT's providing you such notices and disclosures electronically through the DocuSign system. Please read this information carefully. If you are able to access this information electronically and agree to this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure (ERSD), please confirm your agreement by selecting the check-box next to "I agree to use electronic records and signatures" before clicking "CONTINUE" within the DocuSign system.

## **B. Obtaining paper copies**

At any time up to twenty (20) calendar days following your use of DocuSign to electronically sign a document, you may request a paper copy of any record provided or made available electronically to you by DoIT. You will have the ability to download and print documents SONM sends you through the DocuSign system during and immediately after the signing session and, if you elect to create a DocuSign account, you may access the documents for a twenty (20) calendar day period after such documents are first sent to you. Following the twenty (20) day period, if you want DoIT to send you paper copies of any such documents from DoIT's office, you will be charged a \$1.00 per-page fee plus postage. You may request delivery of such paper copies from DoIT by following the procedure stated in Section H, below.

## **C. Withdrawing your consent**

If you decide to receive notices and disclosures from DoIT electronically, you may at any time change your mind and inform DoIT you want to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format. The procedure concerning how you may inform DoIT of your decision to receive future notices and disclosures in paper format as well as withdraw your consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically is stated in Section D, immediately below.

## **D. Consequences of changing your mind**

If you elect to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format, it will slow the speed with which DoIT will be able to complete certain steps in specific transactions and deliver paper copies to you. DoIT will need: (1) to send the required notices or disclosures to you in paper format; and (2) wait until DoIT receives your acknowledgment of your receipt of such paper notices or disclosures. Further, you will no longer be able to use the DocuSign system to receive required notices and consents electronically from SONM or to electronically sign documents generated and sent to you from SONM.

## **E. All notices and disclosures will be sent to you electronically**

Unless you inform DoIT otherwise according to these procedures, DoIT will electronically provide you through the DocuSign system all required notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you during the course of your electronic signature relationship with SONM. To reduce the possibility of inadvertent non-receipt, DoIT prefers to provide all required notices and disclosures by the same method and to the same email or physical address that you furnish to DoIT. Thus, you may receive the disclosures and notices electronically or in paper form. If you do not agree with this procedure, please inform DoIT according to the procedures stated in Section I, below. Please also refer to Section D, immediately above, which states the consequences resulting from your declination of electronic delivery of notices and disclosures.

### **F. How to contact DoIT:**

You may inform DoIT of any changes you select regarding SONM's electronic communications with you, to request paper copies of certain information from DoIT, and to withdraw your prior consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically by emailing your request(s) to DoIT at: [esig.withdraw@state.nm.us](mailto:esig.withdraw@state.nm.us)

## **G. To advise DoIT of your new email address**

To inform DoIT of a change in the email address to which DoIT sends you notices and disclosures electronically, you must send an email to DoIT at [esig.change@state.nm.us](mailto:esig.change@state.nm.us) and in the body of such request you must include your previous and new email addresses.

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## **H. To request paper copies from DoIT**

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## **I. To withdraw your consent with DoIT**

To inform DoIT that you no longer wish to receive notices and disclosures in electronic format you may:

(1) Decline to sign a document from within a signing session, and on the subsequent page, select the check-box indicating you wish to withdraw your consent, or you may:

(2) Send DoIT an email to [esig.withdraw@state.nm.us](mailto:esig.withdraw@state.nm.us) and in the body of your request state your email address, full name, mailing address, and telephone number.

## **J. Required hardware and software**

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## **K. Acknowledging your access and consent to receive and sign documents electronically**

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