

PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Project Construction Period for GREAT (Federally Funded) and CAB Awards

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SECTION A - PROJECT INFORMATION

A.1. Provider Name: Cherokee Cablevision

A.2. Project Contact Completing this Form: Calli Sutton

A.3. Title: Controller

A.4. Primary Phone: 828-339-2940

A.5. Email: csutton@cherokeecablevision.com

A.6. Reporting Period

A.6.1. From: 10/1/2024
(date)

A.6.2. To: 12/31/24
(date)

Contract Information

A.7. Agreement #: 2000070339

A.8. Project Title: Swain County Broadband Expansion Project

A.9. Project County: Swain

A.10. Program Type:
☒ GREAT Federal
☐ GREAT to CAB
☐ CAB

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SECTION B - PROJECT UPDATES

Please provide progress updates on the categories below. Note any significant updates or challenges.

B.1. Design/Engineering:

Please provide a *rough* estimate of how much of the design/engineering work has been completed for the total project by selecting one of the options below.

- ☐ 0% complete
- ☐ Less than 25% complete
- ☐ 25-75% complete
- ☐ 75-99.9% complete
- ☒ 100% complete

Please provide a brief narrative of the work done during the reporting period, work anticipated in the upcoming reporting period, and the expected completion date(s) for remaining design/engineering work:

Construction is underway for 105 addresses included in Phase 1 of existing Cablevision fiber build. Engineering is complete for all phases. Make-ready work is in progress for the remaining addresses in Phases 3 & 4.

B.2. Securing Assets:

Please provide a list for all the following items (including but not limited to the source, agency, or department) required to complete this project and a brief update (such as “pending submission,” “submitted on [date], pending approval,” or “approved”) on any progress securing these items: rights-of-way; easements; other land; access to poles and completion of make-ready work.

RESPONSE:

Fiber Optic Solutions has experienced challenges completing Phase 1 construction in a timely manner. Other challenges include pole permitting/make ready's with Frontier as we proceed with the project.

B.3. Materials/Supplies:

Please provide an update on the status of materials/supplies being purchased for the project.

RESPONSE:

All materials have already been ordered and received for Phase 1. No challenges or delays are expected.

B.4. Staffing/Contractors:

Please provide an update on progress with staffing/labor for the project. Please note whether design/engineering and construction labor is primarily in-house or contractors. Identify any major contractors as well as any changes in the contractors being used.

Staffing/labor update or challenges:

Design/Engineering:

- ☐ Primarily In-House Staff
- ☒ Primarily Contractors
- ☐ Both

Construction/Installation:

- ☐ Primarily In-House Staff
- ☐ Primarily Contractors
- ☒ Both

Contractor identification/additions/changes:

- Weikle & Co.
- Vantage Point - Fiber Optic Solutions

B.5. Construction:

Please provide miles of fiber installed to date as specified below.

	Number of Miles Built Phase 1 only	Number of Miles Proposed in Budget Phase 1 only
B.5.1. Length of aerial distribution cable	61.434	67.09
B.5.2. Length of buried distribution cable	4.297	10.75
B.5.3. Length of aerial Middle Mile* cable		
B.5.4. Length of buried Middle Mile* cable		

***Middle Mile Cable: Must facilitate last-mile service towards specific end-users. Eligible projects do not include middle mile, backhaul, and other similar projects not directed at broadband service to end users.**

B.5.5. Construction Estimate:

Please provide a *rough* estimate of how much construction has been completed for the total project by selecting one of the options below.

In this context, "construction" means broadband infrastructure placed underground or above ground, including but not limited to conduit or fiber cable. It does not include preparation efforts such as obtaining permits or rights-of-way, obtaining pole attachment agreements, performing make-ready work, or ordering/acquiring materials for the project. It also excludes other phases for the project such as design and/or engineering.

- ☐ 0% complete
- ☒ Less than 25% complete
- ☐ 25-75% complete
- ☐ 75-99.9% complete
- ☐ 100% complete

Please describe the type(s) of construction performed during the reporting period and the general geographical area(s) where construction has taken place. Please also describe construction efforts expected in the upcoming reporting period.

Construction is currently in process for Phase 1 (Big Cove) of the existing Cablevision fiber build. Phase 3 (Birdtown) & 4 (Whittier) construction is scheduled to start in 2025.

B.6. Project Expenditures:

Provide the total expenditures for all eligible expenditures as identified in the agreement for the reporting period and cumulative to date.

B.6.1. Project Expense Category	B.6.2. Total Project Budget Amount	B.6.3. Total Expenditures for Reporting Period	B.6.4. Total Expenditures Cumulative to Date
Easements			
Materials	\$348,889.01	\$4,063.68	\$182,275.28
Construction/Installation	\$1,071,417.36	\$11,859.95	\$124,801.12
Testing			
Engineering	\$558,435.92	\$8,622.54	\$71,266.67
Lease/Collocations Fees (one-time fees)			
Other (add as needed)			

B.6.5. Please identify and explain any expenditures in excess, or reasonably anticipated to be in excess, of budget amounts as well as any potential budget changes that might be needed.

N/A

B.7. Project Milestones:

Please indicate if it is anticipated the project will meet each of the following project milestones, as applicable. To determine if a project milestone is applicable, refer to the contractual agreement:

- Evidence of the start of construction

☒ YES
 ☐ NO
 ☐ EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED
- Access available to 10% of locations with submission of address data

☒ YES
 ☐ NO
 ☐ EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED
- Access available to 100% of locations with submission of address data

☐ YES
 ☐ NO
 ☒ EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED

C.1. Note any other significant items in relation to successful completion of this project – successes, challenges, or general progress to note, including any additional items.

RESPONSE:

N/A

SECTION D – PROVISION OF SERVICE

D.1. Is service available yet from the provider to any awarded locations (potential subscribers) within this project?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please provide numbers below:

	Quantity Served	Number of Locations Contracted
D.1.a. Project Households with broadband available:	49	457
D.1.b. Project business locations with broadband available:	39	91
D.1.c. Project Community Anchor Institution (“CAI”) locations with broadband available:	0	0
PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ONLY ON AWARDED LOCATIONS. DO NOT SUBMIT ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE CONTRACTED AGREEMENT. IF ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS ARE INCLUDED THE REPORT WILL BE RETURNED.		

SECTION E – FOR PROJECTS WITH TOTAL COST MORE THAN \$5 MILLION (CAB) or \$10 MILLION (GREAT Federally Funded)

For projects with a total cost of more than \$5 million for CAB Awards or \$10 million for GREAT Federally Funded, please also complete and submit **Construction Period Progress Report Form Exhibit E**. Total cost means the sum of the award, the provider’s matching funds and any matching funds provided by a county or other third party. This Exhibit must be submitted with each progress report and revised as the project progresses.

Exhibit E should not be completed if the total project cost does not exceed \$5 million for CAB Awards or \$10 million for GREAT Federally Funded.

SECTION F - COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION/DEPLOYMENT PHASE OF PROJECT

If you have completed the entire construction/deployment phase of this award, and made service available to all required locations, please indicate below:

- ☐ YES (all construction/deployment is completed and service availability to all locations is complete.)

For providers indicating completion of the construction/deployment phase of the project, the final report form will be given for completion by the provider.

The final report form will include questions about service provision, speeds available, data caps, and providers will be required to submit address data to confirm that service is available to all locations required by the award.

Broadband access is considered available if service can be provided to the location(s) immediately or within 10 business days upon request and without cost to the customer other than standard connection fees.

Once the final report is submitted to the NCDIT Broadband Infrastructure Office, deliverables will be verified by the office. Upon verification, providers will move to the maintenance/monitoring period of the award.

SECTION G - PROVIDER CERTIFICATION & ATTESTATION

Broadband Provider Certification and Attestation

The undersigned representative of the provider certifies that the information in this progress report is true, correct, and complete to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. The signatory further certifies that as authorized representative, the signatory is authorized to file this progress report.



SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

1/14/2025

Date

Ryan Sherby - CEO

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