

Categorical Exclusion Questionnaire

Categorical Exclusion (CE) Questions

Categorical Exclusion A-01

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-01 applies to your project.

CE A-01 - *Minor renovations and additions to buildings, roads, airfields, grounds, equipment, and other facilities that do not result in a change in the functional use of the real property (e.g. realigning interior spaces of an existing building, adding a small storage shed to an existing building, retrofitting for energy conservation, or installing a small antenna on an already existing antenna tower that does not cause the total height to exceed 200 feet and where the FCC would not require an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for the installation). This Categorical Exclusion does not apply where the project must be submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for review and NCPC determines it does not have an applicable categorical exclusion.*

A-01-1	<p>Will you be renovating buildings, roads, grounds, equipment, and other facilities that do not result in a change in the functional use of the real property?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
A-01-2	<p>Will you be installing an antenna on an already existing telecommunications tower?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, is the planned tower free standing Yes _____ No _____ or guyed?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, will the new tower height exceed 200 feet? Yes _____ No _____</p>

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- A description of all proposed construction activities, including project maps and ground-level and aerial photographs depicting proposed fiber optic broadband infrastructure locations, and a description of the type of equipment infrastructure that will be installed and where exactly it will be located.
- The extent of proposed ground disturbance and whether the ground has been previously disturbed.
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Categorical Exclusion A-02

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-02 applies to your project.

CE A-02 - New construction upon or improvement of land where all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The site is in a developed area and/or a previously disturbed site,
- (b) The structure and proposed use are compatible with applicable Federal, tribal, state, and local planning and zoning standards and consistent with federally approved state coastal management programs,
- (c) The proposed use will not substantially increase the number of motor vehicles at the facility or in the area,
- (d) The site and scale of construction or improvement are consistent with those of existing, adjacent, or nearby buildings, and,
- (e) The construction or improvement will not result in uses that exceed existing support infrastructure capacities (roads, sewer, water, parking, etc.).

This Categorical Exclusion does not apply where the project must be submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for review and NCPC determines that it does not have an applicable categorical exclusion.

A02-1	Does your project involve new construction? Yes _____ No _____ (if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-03.)
A02-2	Is the project site in a developed area or on previously disturbed site (<i>i.e.</i> , a brownfield site)? Yes _____ No _____
A02-3	Will the project require rezoning or require a variance to Federal, state, local or tribal planning or zoning standards? Yes _____ No _____
A02-4	Is your project in the Federally designated Coastal Zone? Yes _____ No _____
A02-5	Will the project increase vehicular traffic? Yes _____ No _____
A02-6	Describe adjacent property uses (<i>e.g.</i> , residential, commercial, schools, park land or other).
A02-7	Will your project require construction of new or upgraded infrastructure (water, sewer, new road, parking area)? Yes _____ No _____

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Categorical Exclusion A-03

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-03 applies to your project.

CE A-03 - *Software development, data analysis, or testing, including but not limited to computer modeling in existing facilities.*

A03-1	Does your project involve software development, data analysis, testing, or computer modeling in an existing structure? Yes _____ No _____ (if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-04.)
A03-2	Will these activities be conducted in an existing facility or building? Yes _____ No _____

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- A description of all proposed construction activities (if any), including project maps and ground-level and aerial photographs depicting proposed fiber optic broadband infrastructure locations, and a description of the type of equipment infrastructure that will be installed and where exactly it will be located.

- The extent of proposed ground disturbance (if any) and whether the ground has been previously disturbed.
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Categorical Exclusion A-04

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-04 applies to your project.

CE A-04 - Siting/construction/operation of microwave/radio communication towers less than 200 feet in height without guy wires on previously disturbed ground.

A04-1	Does your project involve the construction or operation of a microwave/radio communication tower? Yes _____ No _____ (if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-05.)
A04-2	What is the proposed height of the tower? _____
A04-3	Will the tower require Guy wires? Yes _____ No _____ (if Yes, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-03.)
A04-4	Provide the total land use expected for each tower (Acres): _____ (Note: For guyed towers, include the extent of the guyed wires in the expected land use)
A04-5	Does the state the tower is located in require compliance with ANSI/TIA 222 or similar standards, or has the state adopted ANSI/TIA 222 as a legal requirement? Yes _____ No _____

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Categorical Exclusion A-05

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-05 applies to your project. CE A-05 - *Retrofit/upgrade existing microwave/radio communication towers that do not require ground disturbance.*

A05-1	<p>Does your project include the retrofit or upgrade of an existing microwave radio communication tower? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>(if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-06.)</p>
A05-2	<p>If yes, will this retrofit/upgrade require any excavation or ground disturbance?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>(if Yes, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-06.)</p> <p>Please Explain:</p>
A05-3	<p>Has a new load map, per ANSI/TIA 222, been developed to demonstrate addition of the new load to the tower will not impact tower performance? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, provide a copy of the load map.</p> <p>If No, provide structural analysis demonstrating the new dish (<i>i.e.</i>, load) will not result in torsion or structurally impact the tower.</p>

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Categorical Exclusion A-06

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-06 applies to your project.

CE A-06 - *Adding fiber optic cable to transmission structures or burying fiber optic cable in existing transmission line rights-of-way.*

A06-1	Does your project involve deployment of fiber optic cable? Yes _____ No _____ (if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-07.)
A06-2	How many feet or miles of the project will be buried and how many feet or miles of the project will be aerial? Buried _____ Aerial _____
A06-3	If aerial deployment, will you be utilizing existing poles? Yes _____ No _____ Partially _____
A06-4	If No or Partially, how many new poles will need to be installed? _____
A06-5	Will buried fiber be installed in an existing ROW? Yes _____ No _____ Partially _____ If Yes or Partially, describe the current use for the ROW (e.g., power transmission, water utility, mixed utility, road, or other):
A06-6	Who owns the ROW? _____

A06-7	How many miles of buried fiber will be deployed in undisturbed areas? _____
A06-8	Will buried cable be installed in duct? Yes _____ No _____ Partially _____ If No, will cable be direct earth buried (DEB)? Yes _____ No _____ Partially _____
A06-9	Are permits required to access, or utilize the ROW? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, select below: _____ Yes, permits have already been obtained for the proposed project. _____ Yes, application to use the ROW have been submitted, but are not approved. _____ Yes, we will submit applications for the required permits once a Grant is awarded.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Categorical Exclusion A-07</p> <p>Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-07 applies to your project.</p> <p>CE A-07 - Acquisition, installation, operation, and removal of communications systems, data processing equipment, and similar electronic equipment.</p>	
A07-1	Will you be acquiring, installing, or operating or removing communications systems, data processing equipment, and/or similar electronic equipment for your project? Yes _____ No _____ (if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-08.)
A07-2	If Yes, please explain:

A07-3	If you will be removing communications systems, data processing equipment, and/or similar electronic equipment, what are your disposal plans for this equipment?
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<p style="text-align: center;">Categorical Exclusion A-08</p> <p>Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-08 applies to your project.</p> <p>CE A-08 - <i>Planning activities and classroom-based training and classroom-based exercises using existing conference rooms and training facilities.</i></p>	
A08-1	<p>Does your project involve Planning activities and classroom-based training and classroom-based exercises? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>(if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-09.)</p>
A08-2	<p>If yes, will you be conducting these activities in an existing facility or building?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p>
A08-3	<p>If not, please explain where these activities will take place:</p>

A08-4	<p>Will training be provided to (mark all applicable):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A) Improve community use and adoption</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B) Build technical capability and capacity for operating and maintaining deployed systems (<i>i.e.</i>, Workforce Development)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C) Other (explain):</p>
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Categorical Exclusion A-09

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-09 applies to your project.

CE A-09 - *Purchase of mobile and portable equipment and infrastructure which is stored in previously existing structures or facilities.*

A09-1	<p>Does your project involve the purchase of mobile or portable equipment and/or infrastructure such as cell phones, laptops, routers, etc. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(if No, this CE will not apply, please proceed to Section A-10.)</p>
A09-2	<p>If yes, please describe this equipment:</p>
A09-3	<p>If this equipment will be stored, please describe where:</p>

NOTE: If the equipment will be stored in a new building that is being constructed as part of this grant application, this CE will not apply.

Categorical Exclusion A-10

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-10 applies to your project.

CE A-10 - *Siting, construction (or modification), and operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated buildings) within or contiguous to an already developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). This Categorical Exclusion does not apply where the project must be*

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A10-1	<p>Does your project involve siting, construction, or modification, and/or operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated buildings)? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>(if No, this CE will not apply, please move on Section A-11.)</p>
A10-2	<p>If yes, please describe the type of support building(s) you are proposing and location of these structures. (e.g., Are they contiguous to an already developed area?)</p>

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Categorical Exclusion A-11

Answers to questions in this section will determine if CE A-11 applies to your project.

CE A-11 - Personnel, fiscal, management, and administrative activities, such as recruiting, processing, paying, recordkeeping, resource management, budgeting, personnel actions, and travel.

A11-1	<p>Does your project involve providing salaries or benefits of newly hired or existing personnel?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, please describe:</p>
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A11-2	<p>Will grant funds be spent on fiscal, managerial, or administrative functions such as recruiting, processing, paying, recordkeeping, resource management, budgeting, personnel actions, and travel?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, please describe:</p>
A11-3	<p>Will the project cover the cost of broadband service for community members?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If Yes, please describe:</p>
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