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<b>RECIPIENT NAME</b>	PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC	<b>OMB Control No.</b>	OMB Control No. 0660-0052
		<b>Expiration Date</b>	Exp. Date: 2/28/2027

Middle Mile Grant Program Bi-Annual Performance Report				
A. GENERAL INFORMATION				
<b>1a. Recipient Organization:</b>	PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC	<b>1h. Award Identification Number:</b>	26-40-MM196	
<b>1b. Recipient Street Address:</b>	1901 W RIDGE ST	<b>1i. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	05/19/2026	
<b>1c. City, State, and Zip Code:</b>	MARQUETTE, Michigan 49855-2485	<b>1j. Final Report:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>1d. Unique Entity Identification (UEI) Number:</b>	H1TJJENJ2M23	<b>1k. Report Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	10/01/2025	
<b>1e. Award Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	07/01/2023	<b>1l. Report Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	03/31/2026	
<b>1f. Award End Date (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	06/30/2028			
<b>1g. Name of Person Completing Report:</b>	Tammy Smith			
B. PROJECT NARRATIVE				
Please use the section below to provide a project narrative of the project(s). This section aims to help reviewers better understand what project is being proposed and steps taken to achieve this goal.				
<b>2a. A brief description of the recipient's organization and scope of work/project priorities.</b>	Peninsula Fiber Networks, LLC (PFN) is a high valued broadband provider created in 2004 as a limited liability company taxed as a partnership whose members are Baraga Telephone Company (BTC) and Hiawatha Communications Inc. (HCI). PFN has built Middle Mile (MM) fiber optic network spanning >5,470 fiber miles across Michigan (MI), Wisconsin (WI), and Minnesota (MN), and prides itself on service reliability, stable high throughput, and a low latency self healing network for our customers' end users. PFN offers state of the art carrier grade data transport services including optical transmission, next generation IP solutions, high volume Core Internet access, cellular backhaul, Next Generation 911 (NG911) Call Management System Services, tandem			

	<p>switching, and local exchange voice services to 433 unique customers. Notably, PFN is the sole source provider of Next Generation 911 (NG911) Call Management System Services to 82 of 83 counties in MI and in Florence County, WI. Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC (PFN) project titled Infrastructure for Michigan's Peninsulas and Critical Crossings (IMPACC) was developed to meet both the State of Michigan and NTIA Middle Mile Grant (MMG) program goals; to connect middle mile infrastructure to last mile networks that provide or plan to provide broadband service to households in unserved areas, to offer wholesale broadband services at reasonable rates on a carrier neutral basis, and to strengthen national security.</p>
<p><b>2b. An overview of the significant outputs and outcomes to be accomplished in the project.</b></p>	<p>To accomplish these goals, Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) will construct three routes that traverse Michigan's lakes and unserved counties and towns bringing essential middle mile infrastructure for our state and into rural counties serving over 35,000 homes in need of broadband internet connectivity.</p> <p>Route #1 Byron Center to Chicago</p> <p>1.1 Undersea Chicago to St Joseph</p> <p>1.2 Undersea Benton Harbor to Chicago</p> <p>1.3 Chicago Landfall to Federal &amp; Cermak (terrestrial)</p> <p>1.4 Byron Center to Benton Harbor/St Joseph (terrestrial)</p> <p>Route #2 Upper Peninsula (UP) to Beaver Island to Charlevoix to Gaylord</p> <p>2.1 Gulliver to Lake MI (terrestrial)</p> <p>2.2 Undersea UP Beaver Island Charlevoix</p> <p>2.3 Charlevoix to Gaylord (terrestrial)</p> <p>Route #3 Port Huron to Flint</p> <p>3.1 On land from Port Huron to Internet Exchange Carrier (IXC) in Flint</p>
<p><b>2c. How would the project meet the recipient's business and/or administrative need(s)?</b></p>	<p>Upon completion, this project will establish a continuous loop within Peninsula Fiber Network's (PFN) network connecting the Upper Peninsula to the Lower Peninsula and extending to Chicago; creating both redundancy and reliability for those served along this network. The east side route from Port Huron to Flint, when complete, will also connect to PFN's existing network providing redundancy and reliability to a historically impoverished area. All three routes will connect to 123NET's state of the art data center. These benefits along with high count fiber strands and an open access network will provide PFN with the opportunity to monetize each area of the routes while maintaining fair low cost pricing for Internet Service Providers (ISP).</p>
<p><b>2d. Provide an overview of key accomplishments achieved for this reporting period on the MM infrastructure project.</b></p>	<p>R1 = Route 1, Chicago to Benton Harbor/St. Joseph to Byron Center</p> <p>R2 = Route 2, Gulliver to Beaver Island to Charlevoix to Gaylord</p> <p>R3 = Route 3, Flint to Port Huron</p> <p>Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN)</p> <p>General Progress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weekly/bi-weekly meetings with Federal Program Officer (FPO), Grant Management Specialist (GMS), and Federal Environmental Program Officer (FEPO).</li> <li>2. Quarterly Conference Call with FPO, GMS and EPO.</li> <li>3. Participated in National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)Bi-Weekly Office Hours.</li> <li>4. Weekly progress, monitoring and oversight meetings with 123NET, JSI Engineering LLC, GEI Consultants, Wopschall Consulting and HBK Engineering.</li> <li>5. Monthly financial review of subrecipient, engineers, and engineering subcontractors' invoices and milestones.</li> <li>6. Weekly internal team meetings for discussion and decision making.</li> <li>7. Met bi-monthly with the State of Michigan's Permitting Team. They provide leadership and support if issues arise at the local agency level.</li> <li>8. Monthly meetings with State of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) who reviews and approves the Infrastructure for Michigan Peninsulas and Critical Crossings Project (IMPACC) joint permit agreements.</li> <li>9. Completed 20 drawdowns (10 PFN and 10 123NET).</li> <li>10. PFN staff made site visits to Lapeer County, Elba Township, Berrien County Broadband Taskforce, and Chicago.</li> <li>11. Community Event at Shanty Creek for Route 2 stakeholders.</li> <li>12. All items in 123NET's corrective action plan to address compliance concerns were successfully resolved by 12/1/2025.</li> <li>13. Submitted 4/1/2025 – 9/20/2025 semi-annual report</li> </ol>

14. PFN transitioned to low-risk status as a subrecipient with National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) / National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Network Design

15. Finalized contract with IT International Telecom, Inc. (IT Telecom), submarine cable installer, and Nexans, submarine cable provider.

Environmental

- 16. Formal consultation with Tribal Historical Preservation Office Program (THPO) concluded, no Tribal monitoring needed.
- 17. Formal consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), Section 7 is underway
- 18. Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted to NTIA for review and approval
- 19. Michigan (MI) and Illinois (IL) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence received.
- 20. Illinois Joint Permit Application (JPA) for bottomlands
- 21. MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) – marine and terrestrial permits

Site Prep, Land Purchases

- 22. Benton Harbor – permanent easement secured.
- 23. St. Joseph –property purchased, permanent easement under review
- 24. St. James Township, Beaver Island – hut lease under negotiation
- 25. Central Michigan University (CMU), Beaver Island – permanent easement under negotiation
- 26. Gulliver – Seul Choix Lighthouse and bottomland easement with MI Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in progress
- 27. Majority of local rights of way permits have been issued.

Construction

- 28. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) contractors identified and contracts under negotiation
- 29. Terrestrial contractors secured
- 30. Telco shelters procured

123NET

Network Design

- 31. Route 1 Design revisions per municipality requests.
- 32. Route 2 Design revisions per municipality requests.
- 33. Route 2 Permitting progress as the route is being built.

Environmental

34. Mostly not applicable to 123NET, but lending support to JSI Engineering on environmental issues whenever needed/possible

Site Prep, Land Purchases

- 35. Riley Township – original property special use plan was denied by township, property owner across the street agreement fell through, looking at another site in Richmond Township
- 36. Richmond Township – Analyzing site location to replace Riley Township.

Construction

37. Route 3 Deployed 33.11 miles of conduit and fiber.

JSI Engineering/GEI Consultants/Gray & Pape Heritage Management

Network Design

- 38. Route 1 Prepared the following documents to support bid packages for Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) boring at the shore landing locations: civil site drawings, geotechnical baseline report, geotechnical data report, vibrocore data report, and technical specifications
- 39. Route 1 & Route 2 Facilitated bidding process, evaluation, summary, and selection of awardees for HDD boring at the shore landings.
- 40. Route 1 & Route 2 Designed a straight-line diagram for submarine cable manufacturer
- 41. Route 1 Facilitated bidding process, evaluation, summary and selection of awardees for conduit installation within the City of Chicago freight tunnel system.
- 42. Route 2 Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse water well evaluated with a downhole camera to obtain construction details. Data collected informed a reroute of the HDD bore path to provide a minimal horizontal offset of 70 feet from the well.
- 43. Route 2 Gaylord terrestrial route modified (cable moved to the opposite side of the roadway), including memo describing ecological and cultural resource findings.

Environmental

- 44. Route 1 & Route 2 Biological assessment submitted to USFWS to support Section 7 concurrence.
- 45. Route 1 & Route 2 Environmental assessment and alternatives analysis developed and submitted to NTIA.
- 46. Route 1 Permit applications were prepared, submitted and revised as needed to satisfy regulatory requirements.
  - Illinois
    - o US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Section 10 – Nation Wide Permit (NWP) 57
    - o Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Part 3704
    - o Chicago Department of Transportation (DOT) Harbor Permit
    - o USACE Section 408 Permit
    - o IDNR License Agreement
  - Michigan
    - o USACE Section 10
    - o EGLE 303, 325
    - o MDNR Bottomlands Lease
    - o EGLE Air Quality Division Permit to Install
    - o Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) Study Request
- 47. Route 1 The following deliverables were prepared and submitted to Michigan and/or Illinois SHPO to obtain Section 106 concurrence:
  - MI SHPO Section 106 Application
  - IMPACC Route 1 Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment
  - IMPACC Route 1 Archaeological Inventory and Evaluation Report
  - IMPACC Route 1 Illinois Terrestrial Archaeological Report
  - IMPACC Route 1 Architectural Resources Survey Report
  - Route 1 Unanticipated Discovery Plan
- 48. Route 2 Permit applications were prepared, submitted and revised as needed to satisfy regulatory requirements.
  - Michigan
    - o USACE Section 10
    - o EGLE 303, 325
    - o MDNR Bottomlands Lease
    - o EGLE Air Quality Division Permit to Install
    - o MNFI Study Request
- 49. Route 2 The following deliverables were prepared and submitted to Michigan SHPO to obtain Section 106 concurrence:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MI SHPO Section 106 Application</li> <li>• IMPACC Route 2 Marine Archaeological Resources Assessment</li> <li>• IMPACC Route 2 Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation</li> <li>• IMPACC Route 2 Illinois Terrestrial Archaeological Report</li> <li>• Route 2 Finding of Effect, Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse</li> <li>• Route 2 Unanticipated Discovery Plan</li> </ul> <p>50. Route 3 A minor reroute was approved by EGLE for Yager Road to address St. Clair County Road Commission concerns.</p> <p>HBK Engineering (Chicago Engineering Firm – Route 1) General</p> <p>51. Weekly meetings with project team to discuss legal and design updates/concerns</p> <p>52. Outreach to data center owners/engineers</p> <p>53. Assistance with Park District relations and permitting</p> <p>54. Assisted with The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) Right of Way agreement</p> <p>55. Coordination and permitting with Chicago railroads</p> <p>56. Initiated Chicago Harbor Permit process</p> <p>57. Assisted PFN and GEI Consultants with Chicago tunnel construction bid package</p> <p>Network Design</p> <p>58. Completed tunnel and terrestrial bore design and construction plans</p> <p>59. Identified inside fiber paths to core data centers</p> <p>60. Prepared and submitted plans to City of Chicago - Office of Underground Coordination (OUC)</p> <p>Environmental (Route 1)</p> <p>61. Provided support to USACE 408 review</p>
<p><b>2e. Provide any roadblock experienced during this reporting period impacting the expansion of the MM infrastructure project (i.e., supply chain, availability of labor).</b></p>	<p>The government shutdown caused a delay in engagement with US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) which has subsequently delayed review of our application and biological assessment. Concurrence is pending and anticipated early June at which time National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) can formally issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Infrastructure for Michigan Peninsulas and Critical Crossings (IMPACC) project. An additional challenge is that the IMPACC project’s joint permit applications with the State of Michigan and US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permits all require Section 7 concurrence for completion.</p> <p>Any further delays in this process have the potential to impact Peninsula Fiber Network’s (PFN) ability to complete the required construction planned for the 2026 construction season, which has a direct impact on the subsea deployment schedule for Spring 2026.</p> <p>Semi-annual report updates: Subscriber and Speed - Anchor Institutions Section 15a1 and 15a2 for Year 3 Period 1 should both be 15 instead of 32. PFNs projected number of Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) was not overwritten with actual CAI's passed through 9/30/25. Accurate data for Year 3 Period 2 has been entered. Subscriber and Speed - Broadband Wholesalers &amp; Last Mile Providers - 15b1 and 15b2 for Year 3 Period 1 should both be zero. PFN's projected numbers were not overwritten with actuals through 9/30/25. Accurate data for Year 3 Period 2 has been entered. Network Build Progress - Indicators - 16a Total New Fiber Miles (aerial or buried) for Year 3 Period 1 should be 13.86. PFN's projected numbers were not overwritten with actuals through 9/30/25. Accurate data for Year 3 Period 2 has been entered.</p> <p>An updated kmz for Route 3 has been uploaded in the Build America Buy America (BABA) section. Changes were made to Route 3 during construction due to local government and property challenges.</p>
<p><b>2f. Provide any barriers to improving job quality experienced during this reporting period.</b></p>	<p>None this reporting period.</p>

**C. INFRASTRUCTURE MILESTONE CATEGORIES AND PROJECT TIMELINE**

Please use the chart below to provide the start date and end date of your project.

OVERALL PROJECT	PROJECT DURATION	3a. PROJECT START DATE	3b. PROJECT END DATE
	1826	07/01/2023	06/30/2028

Please provide the start and end dates for each milestone category of your project. The duration is be based on the start and end dates of each category.

Please use the table provided to indicate your EXPECTED percentage of completion on a bi-annual basis for each year of your project. Year 1 begins with your award start date.

The percentage of completion should be based primarily on the expenditure of your project budget and should be reported cumulatively from award inception through the end of each semi-annual reporting period. For example, if you expect to complete a particular milestone within the first three periods of your project, the third period and all subsequent periods should state 100%.

\*\*\* Period 1 ends September 30 and Period 2 ends March 31.

Please write "0" in the duration field if your project does not include an activity. If necessary, please insert additional milestones at the end.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT MILESTONES***				Year 1 Baseline		Year 2 Baseline		Year 3 Baseline		Year 4 Baseline		Year 5 Baseline	
3c. MILESTONE CATEGORIES	3d. DURATION (Days)	3e. START DATE	3f. END DATE	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2
<b>Overall Project</b>	1263	2023-07-01	2026-12-15	0.41%	3.07%	14.66%	22.52%	24.85%	36.85%	98.98%	100%	%	%
<b>Environmental Assessment</b>	310	2023-10-10	2024-08-15	0%	16.3%	100%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

<b>Network Design</b>	389	2023-09-08	2024-10-01	9.8%	85.4%	100%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Rights Of Way</b>	-123	2024-09-01	2024-05-01	0%	0%	6.4%	66.1%	100%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Construction Permits And Other Approvals</b>	136	2024-09-01	2025-01-15	0%	0%	21.7%	100%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Site Preparation</b>	277	2024-10-01	2025-07-05	0%	0%	0%	28%	100%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Equipment Procurement</b>	124	2025-07-14	2025-11-15	0%	0%	0%	0%	59.5%	100%	%	%	%	%
<b>Network Build (all components - owned, leased, Infeasible Rights of Use, etc.)</b>	491	2025-06-01	2026-10-05	0%	0%	0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	100%	%	%	%
<b>Equipment Deployment</b>	39	2026-09-01	2026-10-10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	66.7%	100%	%	%
<b>Network Testing</b>	39	2026-10-10	2026-11-18	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	%	%





Please use the table provided to indicate your ACTUAL percentage of completion on a bi-annual basis for each year of your project. Year 1 begins with your award start date.

The percentage of completion should be based primarily on the expenditure of your project budget and should be reported cumulatively from award inception through the end of each semi-annual reporting period. For example, if you expect to complete a particular milestone within the first three periods of your project, the third period and all subsequent periods should state 100%.

Please provide a brief description of the primary activities involved in meeting each milestone (a single description should be provided for each milestone, covering all periods in years one through N).

\*\*\* Period 1 ends September 30 and Period 2 ends March 31.

Please write the number "0" if your project does not include an activity. If necessary, please insert additional milestones at the bottom of the chart. Please add additional milestones as applicable.

ACTUAL PROJECT MILESTONES***		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	
		Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2
4a. MILESTONE	4b. DESCRIPTION	Actual Milestone Completion (Cumulative)									
<b>Overall Project</b>	All phases of the project from start to completion.	0.5%	1.4%	3.6%	6.7%	10%	31%				%
<b>Environmental Assessment</b>	Agency interactions, applications, additional studies as required, analysis, review and response for all EHP activities. EA submitted to NTIA. Undergoing review.	0%	7.5%	15%	33%	80%	99%				%
<b>Network Design</b>	Mapping, design, field staking, site locations identified, hut/landing sites secured. Michigan subsea and terrestrial design complete. Chicago design completed.	5.4%	20%	62.2%	70%	97%	100%				%
<b>Rights Of Way</b>	Final staking sheet revisions, Chicago conduit route finalized	0%	1%	2%	2.7%	10%	100%				%
<b>Construction Permits And Other Approvals</b>	State permits almost complete, pending Section 7 concurrence.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	59%				%
<b>Site Preparation</b>	Site locations secured, temporary & permanent easements in process.	0%	2%	4%	4%	15%	75%				%





Subrecipient and Subawards										
List of Subrecipient(s) that received a subaward or subcontract from the eligible entity and a description of the specific project for which grant funds were provided. Associate projects names to any subrecipient or subaward associated with grant, approved grant funds, and expenditures to date.										
5a. Project Name	Status	5b. Project Description	5c. Subrecipient	5d. Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)	5e. Women's Business Enterprises (WBE)	5f. Labor Surplus Area Firm	5g. Awarded Funds	5h. Expenditures to Date	5i. Remaining Grant Balance	5j. % of work complete
Infrastructure for Michigan Peninsulas and Critical Crossing (IMPACC)	Active	<p>Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC (PFN) and 123NET (Subrecipient) will build the following broadband network infrastructure routes (Program Routes) in support of PFN's Infrastructure for Michigan Peninsulas and Critical Crossings (IMPACC) Program Grant.</p> <p>1.1 Undersea Chicago to St Joseph            1.2 Undersea Benton Harbor to Chicago            1.3 Chicago Landfall to Federal &amp; Cermak            1.4 Byron Ctr to Benton Harbor/St Joseph            2.1 Gulliver to Lake MI            2.2 Undersea UP Beaver Isl Charlevoix            2.3 Charlevoix to Gaylord            3.1 Port Huron to Flint</p> <p>Subrecipient Construction Responsibilities. Subrecipient will construct Program Routes 1.4 (Byron Center to Benton Harbor/St. Joseph) and 3.1 (Port Huron to Flint). Subrecipient will use best value for the Program and prepare initial designs.</p>	123NET	false	false	false	\$27816422	\$9030180.15	\$18786241.85	32%

**D. INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET EXECUTION DETAILS**

Please provide details below on your total budget and total fund expended to date for each budget element, including detailed disbursements of both matching funds approved and federal funds obligated from project inception through end of this reporting period. Figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the applicable reporting period.

6a. Projected Budget Element	6b. Federal Funds	6c. Non-Federal Funds	6d. Total Project Budget	6e. Total Federal Funds Expended to Date	6f. Total Non-Federal Funds Expended to Date	6g. Total Funds Expended	6h. Percent of Federal Funding Expended to Date (Cumulative)
<b>6a. Administrative and legal expenses</b>	\$1,983,618.00	\$850,122.00	\$2,833,740.00	\$1,309,615.09	\$561,264.47	\$1,870,879.56	66%
<b>6a. Land, structures, rights-of way, appraisals, etc.</b>	\$2,613,149.00	\$1,119,921.00	\$3,733,070.00	\$1,518,918.10	\$650,964.57	\$2,169,882.67	58%
<b>6a. Relocation expenses and payments</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>6a. Architectural and engineering fees</b>	\$1,819,881.00	\$779,949.00	\$2,599,830.00	\$2,423,907.90	\$1,038,817.24	\$3,462,725.14	133%
<b>6a. Other architectural and engineering fees</b>	\$448,938.00	\$192,402.00	\$641,340.00	\$1,995,476.18	\$855,203.99	\$2,850,680.17	444%
<b>6a. Project inspection fees</b>	\$1,299,312.00	\$556,848.00	\$1,856,160.00	\$226,203.17	\$96,944.22	\$323,147.39	17%
<b>6a. Site work</b>	\$312,662.00	\$133,998.00	\$446,660.00	\$399.84	\$171.36	\$571.20	0%
<b>6a. Demolition and removal</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>6a. Construction</b>	\$42,654,968.73	\$18,280,700.88	\$60,935,669.61	\$11,466,139.57	\$4,914,059.84	\$16,380,199.41	27%

<b>6a. Equipment</b>	\$6,498,513.00	\$2,785,077.00	\$9,283,590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
<b>6a. Miscellaneous</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>6a. Subtotal</b>	\$57,631,041.73	\$24,699,017.88	\$82,330,059.61	\$18,940,659.85	\$8,117,425.69	\$27,058,085.54	33%
<b>6a. Contingencies</b>	\$3,625,664.00	\$1,553,856.00	\$5,179,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
<b>6a. Totals</b>	\$61,256,705.73	\$26,252,873.88	\$87,509,579.61	\$18,940,659.85	\$8,117,425.69	\$27,058,085.54	31%

<b>E. COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT</b>	
<p>As stated in the MM Grant Program NOFO a Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) is an agreement signed by community benefit groups and a developer, identifying the community benefits a developer agrees to deliver, in return for community support of the project.</p> <p>Please use the fields below to state the Community Benefit Group and Developer Name and describe the activities in how this partnership has supported with the Middle Mile Infrastructure project (i.e. wage agreements, targeting hiring of apprentices and disadvantaged groups in labor marker, education and training opportunities, sub-contracting to local small business for construction, services, and supply chain needs).</p>	
<b>Description of Community Agreement</b>	
<b>7a. Community Benefit Group Name:</b> Please provide the name of the Community Benefit Group	<p>These questions were answered via file upload.  <b>Number of Community Agreements:</b> 1  <b>File(s) Uploaded with Responses:</b> PFN 26-40-MM196 CBA St. Joseph Twp.pdf</p>
<b>7b. Developer Name:</b> Please provide the name of the Developer.	
<b>7c. Community Benefit Group and Developer Partnership:</b> Please describe in the space below the nature of the partnership and how the MM grant funds being used are assisting to provide community support for the infrastructure project.	

**F. CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

Recipients must demonstrate that they have sufficiently accounted for current and future weather and climate related risks to new MM infrastructure projects. At present, weather and climate related risks to broadband networks include wildfires, extreme heat and cold, inland and coastal flooding, and the extreme winds produced by weather events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and other weather events. Because retrofitted and new infrastructure for broadband might be expected to have a lifetime of 20 years or more, recipients must account not only for current risks but also for how the frequency, severity, and nature of these extreme events may plausibly evolve as our climate continues to change over the coming decades.

**Climate Resiliency Risk Mitigation**

This purpose of this section is for the recipient to demonstrate that they have sufficiently accounted for current and future weather and climate-related risks to new MM infrastructure projects. In particular, each recipient should demonstrate how they've addressed the known and identifiable risks of current and future projected weather and climate conditions through measures such as (but not limited to) choice of a technology platform suitable to the climate risk of the region, reliance on alternatives siting of facilities (i.e., underground construction where appropriate), retrofitting, or hardening of existing assets, and use of network redundancy to safeguard against threats to infrastructure.

**8a.** Were any geographic areas identified for this reporting period subject to an initial and/or updated hazard screening for future weather and climate related risk? If so, please provide the date of the screening and provide related documentation as an attachment to this report.

No

<b>8b. Climate Resilience Category</b>	<b>8c. Date of Most Recent Hazard Screening</b>	<b>8d. Name and Title of Representative Completing Most Recent Hazard Screening</b>	<b>8e. Date of Report Completion</b>
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Files Uploaded for Hazard Screening Information: PFN 26-40-MM196 Hazard Screening 8b-e.pdf

**8f. Identified Risk:** For your MM project, what are the potential weather and climate hazards that may be most important to be addressed that could impact the resiliency of the middle mile infrastructure deployed (i.e. wildfires, extreme heat and cold, inland and coastal flooding, extreme winds: tornadoes, hurricanes and other weather events)?

Potential weather and climate hazards for our middle mile project include: extreme temperatures, winter storms, high winds, tornados and flooding. Some of the required studies and then the actual installation activities are planned for the optimal weather conditions, based on historical trends and averages. All these activities can be significantly impacted by extremes of heat, cold, wind, and other conditions affected by what might be considered the more frequent aberrations from the historical averages. Adjustments can and must be made to the expected timeframes and the processes required to study and then to install in the methods with the least impact. The materials to be used are designed for minimal long-term impact on the environment, and minimal impact to from the environment on the cable. Once the optical fiber cable is installed it can be expected to be nearly impervious to any climate changes except the most extreme weather events. PFN's planning process incorporates industry best practices to respond automatically to any impacts immediately once they occur. This planning includes routines for inspection, preventive maintenance, and repairs to all network components including but not limited to hazards related to climate change.

**8g. Weather and Climate Hazards:** Were any significant climate or weather hazards experienced during this reporting period (i.e., floods, tornados) impacting infrastructure buildout or service? Briefly describe how you monitored for weather and climate caused issues for the reliability of the system. If so, please provide the date of the disaster, location and backup documentation related (i.e., news articles).

No

PFN's staff and consultants have not experienced any disruptions during this reporting period.

**8h. Risks to Deployment of New Infrastructure:** Has the team identified any risks impacting the deployment of new or repaired infrastructure due to current and future weather and climate-related threats during this reporting period?

No

**8i. Risk Mitigation:** How will the project avoid and/or mitigate the risk identified? If not applicable, please explain why.

PFN's risk mitigation plan accounts for extreme temperatures, winter storms, high winds, tornados and flooding using input from permits, environmental assessments, and surveys of the site locations. All PFN network installations follow these mitigation strategies to provide maximum accessibility, reliability and redundancy to ensure our facilities can withstand weather events and keep our clients connected.

PFN has equipment, spare parts, technicians and other personnel, at the ready to deploy and reach our facilities in a timely manner should a disruption occur from a weather event. Outages are assessed for damage and replacement parts installed as needed to rapidly restore service to our customers.

As a general practice, PFN uses buried techniques to place fiber plant underground minimizing exposure to weather events. Fiber for this project will be constructed using buried techniques and watertight splice cases to strengthen availability of service. Additionally, PFN's mapping and monitoring system allows us to monitor and anticipate climate related impacts. As new routes and equipment are brought online, they are added to PFN's mapping and monitoring systems.

For this project PFN has designed a network with increased capacity and redundancy for each route to maintain service availability, should isolated parts of the network become compromised.

Electronics, cabinets and hut locations:

- PFN uses electronics that are temperature hardened, withstanding fluctuations from -40 degrees Celsius to 65 degrees Celsius.
- Sites with temperature sensitive electronics are temperature controlled by HVAC systems with batter backups capable of running a minimum of 8 hours in the event of a commercial power failure.
- Passive cooling aspects of the cabinets, airflow, shade and 'openness' in the cabinets assist with heat transfer.
- If critical temperatures are reached an alarm would trigger, immediately notify our Network Operations Center and technicians would be dispatched to mitigate the impact to PFN's electronics by deploying fans or portable cooling units.
  - This safety mechanism allows for the quickest return to available service once temperatures return to tolerable levels.
- CO buildings and cabinets have backup power generators onsite in the event of extended power outages.

**8j. Additional Information:** Is there any additional information you would like to share during this reporting period that the grant team should be aware of regarding the management of sustainable climate resiliency for your MM project?

Nothing new for this reporting period.

**8k. Additional Resources**

Has the team utilized the available resources to assist with mitigation and long-term planning efforts for this reporting period? If so, which resources?

2018 National Climate Assessment  
NOAA's 2022 State Climate Summaries  
NOAA Disaster and Risk Mapping Tool  
NOAA's Storms Event Database  
NOAA Climate Explorer and Digital Coast  
FEMA National Risk Index  
Consulted FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plans prepared by states in which they propose to build middle mile infrastructure to help identify key risk and hazards

Yes

Historical reference to 10-year floodplain maps and insurance data have been analyzed as extreme weather events affect this data and expectations. As this data expands, PFN will continue to adapt operations planning and prepare for a response to any network-impacting events, and/or risks that might be mitigated. The redundancy of the proposed equipment, especially the cable paths, is the first step in preparation. Ongoing adjustments to processes are anticipated. PFN's greatest resource is our hands-on experience constructing and operating communication facilities in this region. This experience allows us to anticipate potential problems and develop a precise plan.

**G. Workforce**

For projects receiving over \$5,000,000 (based on expected total cost), as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor by subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the "Davis-Bacon Act"), all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing.

**Davis-Bacon Certification**

9a. Does the recipient have access to the information requested (all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of such project are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing?)

Yes

**Local Hire Prioritization and Impact**

Local hiring is a goal or requirement to hire people who live close to the place of work. This aim is often more specifically structured as a requirement for contractors awarded certain types of publicly funded projects to recruit a certain proportion of the people working on the project from a particular area. Please **provide all direct hires and contractors supporting** the MM Infrastructure project.

Please use the table below to describe how the project prioritizes local hiring.

Hires by Race, Ethnicity and Sex	Number of Hires																				Totals
	Race/Ethnicity																				
	9b. Hispanic or Latino			9c. Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino																	
				9c-1. Men							9c-2. Women										
	9b-1. Men	9b-2. Women		White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Two or More Races						
Number of Local Direct Hires	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
Number of Non-Local Direct Hires	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0

Percentage of Local Direct Hires on Award	0%	0%		100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%							
Number of Local Subcontractors	1	0		2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0							5
Number of Non-Local Subcontractors	0	0		9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0							11
Percentage of Local Subcontractors on Award	100%	0%		18%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%							

Davis-Bacon Act Wages	
<b>Please confirm if wages are at least prevailing*</b>	
*As stated in the MM NOFO as determined by the U.S. Secretary Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the "Davis-Bacon Act"), for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State (or the District of Columbia) in which the work is to be performed.	
10a. Are wage rates at least the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage for all laborers?	Yes
10b. Please cite your source of how this information was gathered (for 10a).	All contractors and subrecipient, 123NET have used Sam.gov to determine appropriate Davis Bacon prevailing wages.

10c. Are wage rates at least the prevailing wage for all mechanics?	Yes
10d. Please cite your source of how this information was gathered (for 10c).	All contractors and subrecipient, 123NET have used Sam.gov to determine appropriate Davis Bacon prevailing wages.
10e. If you answered "No" to either 10a. or 10c., please provide an attachment reporting the wages and benefits of workers on the project by job classification, and whether those wages are less than the prevailing wage.	

Workforce Demographic Data																					
Jobs by Race, Ethnicity and Sex	Number of Jobs																				
	Race/Ethnicity																				
	11-a. Hispanic or Latino			11b. Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino																	Totals
				11b-1. Men							11b-2. Women										
	11a-1. Men	11a-2. Women		White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	White	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Asian	Native American or Alaska Native	Two or More Races						
Jobs Created	1	0		3	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0					8	

Workforce Demographic Data																				
<b>Jobs Retained</b>	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0

Unionized Workforce	
12-a. Does this project include some workforce elements that are unionized?	No
12-b. Are workers provided access to union educators/organizers on employer property or during the work day?	No
12-c. Does your MM project utilize a project labor agreement?	No
12-d. Did workers receive additional information or training about their workplace rights in addition to already required notice postings?	No

**H. Workforce Continuity Plan  
National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158 (f))**

As stated in the MM NOFO, if a recipient has not provided a certification that a project either will use a unionized project workforce or included a project labor agreement, meaning a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement consistent with section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158 (f)), then the recipient must provide a project workforce continuity plan.

**Workforce Continuity Plan**

13a. Please describe the steps taken to ensure the project has ready access to a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled and unskilled labor to ensure construction is completed skillfully throughout the project's life (as required in Section III.B of the MM NOFO). As stated in the MM NOFO, the middle mile grant recipient is capable of carrying out the proposed project in a competent manner, including a plan to attract or retain an appropriate skilled and credentialed workforce.

PFN will use contractors for engineering, cable, and construction. PFN solicits bids after issuing a request for proposal, holds at least one bidders' conference, evaluates the proposals, and then selects a winning bid. PFN requires that contractors and subcontractors submit certified prevailing wage payroll reports for all projects that are subject to Davis Bacon compliance. PFN does not employ any laborer's directly so prevailing wage is not applicable for our direct employees. All PFN contractors/subcontractors present invoices for progress payments and payment upon final completion. PFN pays all approved contractor/subcontractor invoices within thirty

days from receipt.

PFN's subrecipient, 123NET integrates various strategies, including the attraction of external talent, implementation of comprehensive training programs, and the retention of skilled individuals. Their structured training program is designed to identify and nurture talent, coupled with mentorship initiatives that enable experienced team members to guide and train junior staff. 123NET places strong emphasis on upskilling existing laborers, preparing them for advanced roles. Their commitment to leadership development is evident in the identification of high-potential individuals within their workforce, providing them with targeted training to prepare for leadership roles. The adoption of a competency-based hiring framework ensures that new recruits possess the necessary qualifications and expertise required for this NTIA MM project. In terms of compensation, 123NET continuously reviews and adjusts packages to remain competitive in the job market, complemented by the implementation of performance-based incentives to reward and retain skilled employees.

For your MM project, please provide a brief description of efforts made to attract, train or retain a skilled and credentialed workforce.

PFN does not have union workers nor any collective bargaining agreements in place, and will ensure all subcontractors have a commitment to union neutrality. However, PFN does provide competitive wages, benefits, and training to its employees. PFN subscribes to Salary.com to ensure pay is competitive in State and National markets for each position, and ensures employees are paid fairly. PFN employs both nonexempt hourly and salaried employees, as well as exempt salaried employees. Nonexempt hourly employees prepare timesheets of time worked. The standard workday is 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday with a minimum of paid 15-minute breaks every four hours and an hour unpaid break for lunch. Overtime is paid at time and a half for any time over eight hours in an individual day and for any time exceeding forty hours in a work week. Exempt salaried employees meet all federal standards for this classification and are not eligible for overtime pay. PFN's wage scales and overtime payment practices are well above the minimum level.

Has the team offered any of the following resources to assist with maintaining a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled labor force for this reporting period? If so, which resources (please provide a brief description of any of the following that apply):

- Professional Certifications
- In-House Training
- Registered Apprenticeships
- Labor-Management Partnerships
- Partnerships with entities like unions, community colleges, or community-based groups

123NET has comprehensive training programs to retain skilled workers. Trainings are designed to identify and nurture talent, coupled with mentorship initiatives that enable experienced team members to guide and train junior staff.

13b. Please describe below, the steps taken to minimize risks of labor disputes and disruptions that would jeopardize the timeliness and cost-effectiveness of completing the MM project.

Clear and transparent communication channels will be established throughout the project, creating an environment where expectations, project timelines, and potential challenges are openly communicated between PFN, 123NET and JSI, and internally within each organization. Additionally, conflict resolution protocols will be implemented to address issues promptly.

For skilled and non-skilled workforce working at 123NET, conflict resolution will be addressed with designated points of contact or mediators facilitating communication and resolution. Fair compensation and benefits packages, subject to regular reviews and adjustments, will contribute to employee contentment and reduce dissatisfaction. Safety and compliance programs will prioritize a secure work environment, significantly diminishing the risk of accidents and injuries that may lead to disputes. Furthermore, investments in training and skill development programs will not only enhance workforce capabilities but also demonstrate a commitment to employee growth, reducing potential discontent. Diversity and inclusion initiatives will be actively promoted to create an inclusive workplace culture, reducing the likelihood of disputes related to discrimination or inequity.

Major disruptions, including but not limited to logistics, labor and supply chain availability, and extreme weather, could impact our proposed timeline. We have planned accordingly but are cognizant of numerous aspects beyond our direct control. Most materials we intend to deploy are available from numerous vendors who are improving availability and lead times. Significant increased demand and availability of labor or materials could impact expected delivery, beyond the 'buffers' proposed in our timelines. The undersea optical fiber cable requires customized design and long lead times for crafting and delivery. If feasible, we plan to order the undersea cable materials a year before they are needed on site. Should there be delays beyond what we have anticipated, we will keep the NTIA informed and work together to adapt as needed.

13c. Please describe below the steps to ensure a safe and healthy workplace that avoids delays and costs associated with workplace illnesses, injuries, and fatalities.

PFN can verify that our subrecipient, 123NET, and all current and future subcontractors have/will have safety and employment law compliance practices required for participating in a federal grant.

123NET's workforce is not unionized and has professional certifications in OSHA 30, OSHA 10, traffic control, confined space, first aid, trenching shoring and excavation, silica safety, distracted driving, PPE C176 safety, heat and cold stress, and ladder training. 123NET implements full safety programs across all departments which includes in-person and digital safety trainings on 19 different topics. The job titles that are expected to work on this project are: Designers, Project Managers, Permitting Inspectors, Foreman, Team Lead, Operator, Laborer. Although these job titles are not the same as Davis Bacon job titles, different titles may be used for the actual wage determination.

JSI has staff available with experience and expertise needed to work as full-time on-site observers and informally supervise the construction process. They will act as the 'eyes and ears' of PFN to ensure the contractors are complying with all specifications and observe good safety practices and a 'common sense' approach to any unforeseen situations that may arise. In any such instance these observers will bring such issues to the attention of the on-site construction supervisor, JSI project management and PFN to expeditiously resolve in an appropriate manner.

13d. For your MM project, please provide a brief description below of efforts made to ensure a safe and healthy workplace.

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123NET holds weekly Safety Briefings for the IMPACC project. The team reviews different hazards that crews could face daily. Weekly briefings include:

- Trench safety - When and how to use a Trench Box
- TTC (Temporary Traffic Control) - How to set up and control lane closures, Traversing the roadway with equipment, Proper use of an Arrow Board
- Pedestrian Safety - Sidewalk closure, how to safely detour pedestrian foot traffic
- Cold Stress - What is frostbite, how care for cold weather emergencies, Proper clothing and gloves
- Heat Stress - Different types of Heat stress, how to render First Aid properly
- Infectious Disease - While performing First Aid how to protect yourself from diseases
- Ladder Safety - Safeguarding holes in Walking & Working Surfaces
- Fire Extinguishers - Filling from portable fuel cells, appropriate safety measures to follow while filling
- Material Handling - Safe lifting Techniques, Use of Telehandler for moving and stacking material in temporary yards
- PPE Hazard Assessments - Discussing the proper use of individual types of PPE that could be required
- PPE Eye Protection - What is required per ANSI for eye protection
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- Miss Digg - How to use the Miss Digg system properly, To be able to accurately tell if it's clear to start work
- Underground Utilities - How to properly hand excavate on underground utilities, how to locate utilities
- Excavation Safety - When using an excavator on the jobsite, Digging around other workers
- Excavation Safety -How to properly slope and bench sidewalls, where to put spoil piles
- Utility Strikes - What to do in the event of a utility strike
- Jobsite vehicle safety - How to park vehicles and trailers, where to place cones around vehicles and what type of cones are legal in the roadway
- Caught in between Hazards - Proper clothing around spinning and moving equipment, operators need visual when walking around equipment
- Jobsite Awareness - Properly and safely navigate jobsites with machines or vehicles. "keeping your head on a swivel"
- Housekeeping - All jobsites will be kept clean at all times, company provided vehicles to keep a maintained look, and any loose trash will be picked up

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Has the team offered any of the following resources to assist with maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for this reporting period? If so, which resources (please provide a brief description of any of the following that apply):

Safety Training

Certifications and/or Licensure Requirements for all relevant works (e.g., OSHA 10, OSHA 30, confined space, traffic control, or other training required of workers employed by contractors)

Issues raised by workplace safety committees and their resolutions

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- 123NET crews are trained in First Aid and CPR every 2 years. Underground crews receive Confined Space training. Aerial crews receive bucket truck certification.

### Subcontracted Entities Information

As stated in the MM NOFO, if a recipient has not provided a certification that a project either will use a unionized project workforce or included a project labor agreement, meaning a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement consistent with section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158 (f)), then the recipient must provide a project workforce continuity plan.

13e. Please provide the name(s) below of any subcontracted entities performing work on the project, and the total number of workers employed by each entity.

13e-1. Name of Subcontracted Entity Performing Work	Status	13e-2. Total Number of Workers within this Subcontract	13e-3. Job Categories of Workers Supporting Project within this Subcontract
123NET	Active	27	Design, engineering, permitting, construction.
JSI is PFN's engineering firm on this project. A contractual agreement between PFN and JSI was fully-signed in Y1 Period 2. JSI does not employ laborers or mechanics, but will hire them through a subcontract to perform work on the project.	Active	4	Project engineers and project manager
GEI is JSI's environmental consultant providing EHP support to PFN and 123NET for all 3 route.	Active	7	Environmental Engineers, Project Manager, Geologist, HDD Design Engineer, Environmental Scientist, Archeologist, Biologist, GIS/AutoCAD Specialists
Seaworks hired by JSI	Inactive	4	Engineer and Hydrographer
HBK hired by PFN	Active	1	Design, engineering, permitting in Chicago, IL
Wopschall Consulting hired by PFN	Active	1	Submarine cable specialist
7NT	Active	1	Geotechnical boring engineer and laborer
Strata	Active	1	Geotechnical boring engineer and laborer
Gray & Pape	Active	1	Archeologists
13f. Please describe below the steps taken to ensure that workers on the project receive wages and benefits sufficient to secure an appropriately skilled workforce in the context of the local and regional labor market.			
PFN ensures that subrecipient and all contractors with laborers and mechanics are using prevailing wages to compensate these workers. Sam.gov is used as the source for wage determinations.			

I. ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS	
Please provide Anchor Institution (AI) data for the current period only (not cumulative). Please add rows as needed.	
14a. Anchor Institution Name	





<b>15a-4. AIs with new access</b>										
<b>15a-5. AIs with improved access</b>										
<b>15a-6. Total number of AIs served with speeds of at least 1/1Gbps</b>										
<b>15b. Broadband Wholesalers or Last Mile Providers***</b>										
<b>15b-1. Total number of broadband wholesalers or last mile providers served</b>										
<b>15b-2 Broadband wholesalers or last mile providers with new access</b>										
<b>15b-3. Broadband wholesalers or last mile providers with improved access</b>										
<b>15b-4. Total number of broadband wholesalers or last mile providers offering speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps</b>										
<b>15b-5. Total number of broadband wholesalers or last mile providers offering speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps</b>										
<b>15b-6. Total number of broadband wholesalers or last mile providers offering speeds of at least 1/1 Gbps</b>										

**K. BROADBAND ACCESS KEY INDICATOR: NETWORK BUILD PROGRESS**

Please use the following table to provide anticipated key indicators and progress of your Infrastructure project. Except as indicated, information should be reported cumulatively from award inception through the end of the bi-annual period. Please write the number "0" if your project does not include this indicator.

\*\*\* Period 1 ends September 30 and Period 2 ends March 31.

<b>NETWORK BUILD PROGRESS***</b>	<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>		<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Year 4</b>		<b>Year 5</b>	
<b>KEY INDICATOR</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>



<b>16c. Total of existing fiber miles upgraded</b>										
<b>16d. Total number of new microwave links</b>										
<b>16e. Total number of new towers</b>										
<b>16f. Total number of new interconnection points</b>										
<b>16g. Total number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers</b>										
<b>16h. Total of potential agreements (i.e., agreements currently being negotiated) with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers (This Total should NOT be reported cumulatively)</b>										

<b>L. QUANTIFIABLE METRICS</b>										
<b>Quantifiable Metrics</b> - Section designed to assist with <b>reporting</b> and <b>audit</b> purpose to quantify how much progress was made and track the location of where the progress was made.										
*** Period 1 ends September 30 and Period 2 ends March 31.										
<b>17a. Fiber Optic Based ***</b>	<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>		<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Year 4</b>		<b>Year 5</b>	
	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>
<b>17a-1. Is the fiber a buried/aerial or undersea application?</b>	yes	yes	Buried/aerial/undersea	buried/aerial and undersea	Burred and aerial	Burried/aerial				
<b>17a-2. Number of strands deployed</b>	0	0	0	0	288	288				



<b>17a-6. Deployment cost per mile of buried fiber optics</b>										
<b>17a-7. Deployment cost per mile of aerial fiber optics</b>										
<b>17a-8. Total Spent on Buried Fiber Deployment this reporting period</b>										
<b>17a-9. Total Spent on Aerial Fiber Deployment this reporting period</b>										
<b>17a-10. Total spent on Fiber Deployment this reporting period</b>										

**17a. Fiber Optic Based \*\*\*, Long Text Responses and File Uploads**

**Current Period (Year 3, Period 2)**

<b>17a-11. Please provide any additional information about the Fiber Optic deployment (200 words or less)</b>	The total cost of \$2,024,199 encompasses expenses for Design and Engineering, Permitting and Rights-of-Way, Construction Labor, property acquisitions for huts, and the LOC Fee. Administrative expenses are excluded from the cost per mile calculation.
<b>17a-12. Please provide the digital mappings (e.g., CAD, Revit, KMZ, KML) for the new aerial fiber and buried fiber equipment installed during this reporting period.</b>	File(s) uploaded for digital mappings: PFN Route 3 Completed 10-1-25- 3-27-26_JSI KMZ file for 17a-12.kmz

<b>17b. Microwave Based ***</b>	<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>		<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Year 4</b>		<b>Year 5</b>	
	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Period 2</b>
<b>17b-1. How many microwave nodes have been deployed?</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0				
<b>17b-2. How many microwave nodes are operating for reporting period?</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0				
<b>17b-3. Installation cost per microwavable node</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				



**17b. Microwave \*\*\*, Long Text Responses and File Uploads**

**Current Period (Year 3, Period 2)**

<b>17b-9. If you answered "Other" to question 17b-5 or if it is a combination of multiple types, please provide a detailed narrative description detailing what type of tower or what combination of towers is used for the project and the associated costs. (200 words or less).</b>	0
<b>17b-10. Please provide the digital mappings (e.g., CAD, Revit, KMZ, KML) for the microwave nodes created during this reporting period.</b>	

17c. Satellite ***	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2
<b>17c-1. What satellite provider is being used?</b>	0	0	N/A	PFN is not deploying satellite based service.	0	0				
<b>17c-2. What is the estimated capacity of the satellite link (i.e. throughput)?</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0				
<b>17c-3. What is the associated cost to use this satellite service?</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			

17c. Satellite ***	Year 6		Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2
<b>17c-1. What satellite provider is being used?</b>										
<b>17c-2. What is the estimated capacity of the satellite link (i.e. throughput)?</b>										

<b>17c-3. What is the associated cost to use this satellite service?</b>										
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**17c. Satellite \*\*\*, Long Text Responses and File Uploads**

**Current Period (Year 3, Period 2)**

<b>17c-4. Please provide any additional information about the Satellite deployment (200 words or less)</b>	0
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<b>17c-5. Please provide the digital mappings (e.g., CAD, Revit, KMZ, KML) for the satellite network accessed during this reporting period.</b>	
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**Certifications**

18. Please provide certification evidencing compliance with Federal labor and employment laws along with the requirements of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Middle Mile Grant Program, for the bi-annual period for which this report is being filed.

I certify that Peninsula Fiber Network is in compliance with Federal labor and employment laws along with the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Middle Mile Grant Program, for the bi-annual period for which this report is being filed.

19. Please provide certification evidencing compliance with the Build America, Buy America Act. The Build America, Buy America Act requires that all of the iron, steel, manufactured products (including but not limited to fiber-optic communications facilities), and construction materials used in the project or other eligible activities are produced in the United States unless a waiver is granted.

I certify that Peninsula Fiber Network is exempt from compliance with the Build America, Buy America Act as determined by US Department of Commerce letter dated 8/27/2023 regarding Revision of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS for the NTIA MIDDLE MILE GRANT PROGRAM April 2023) No. 15 “Build America, Buy America – Required Use of Domestic Fiber Optic Glass and Fiber Optic Cable”.

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**20. I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.**

<b>20a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official:</b>	Tammy Smith
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<b>20b. Signature of Certifying Official:</b>	Tammy Smith
<b>20c. Telephone (area code, number and extension):</b>	9068691511
<b>20d. Email Address:</b>	tsmith@pfllc.net
<b>20e. Date:</b>	05/19/2026