

**CAPITAL FUNDS GRANT PROJECT UPDATE  
LATAH COUNTY FTTH BROADBAND PROJECT**

# LATAH COUNTY BROADBAND TEAM

*Engaging stakeholders to build future-proof broadband infrastructure in Latah County*

- Tom Lamar, Latah County Commissioner (Chair)
- Christine Nauman, Latah County Finance Officer
- Ari Woodyard, Latah County Prosecuting Attorney Office
- Tim Besst, Chief Deputy, Latah County Sheriff's Office



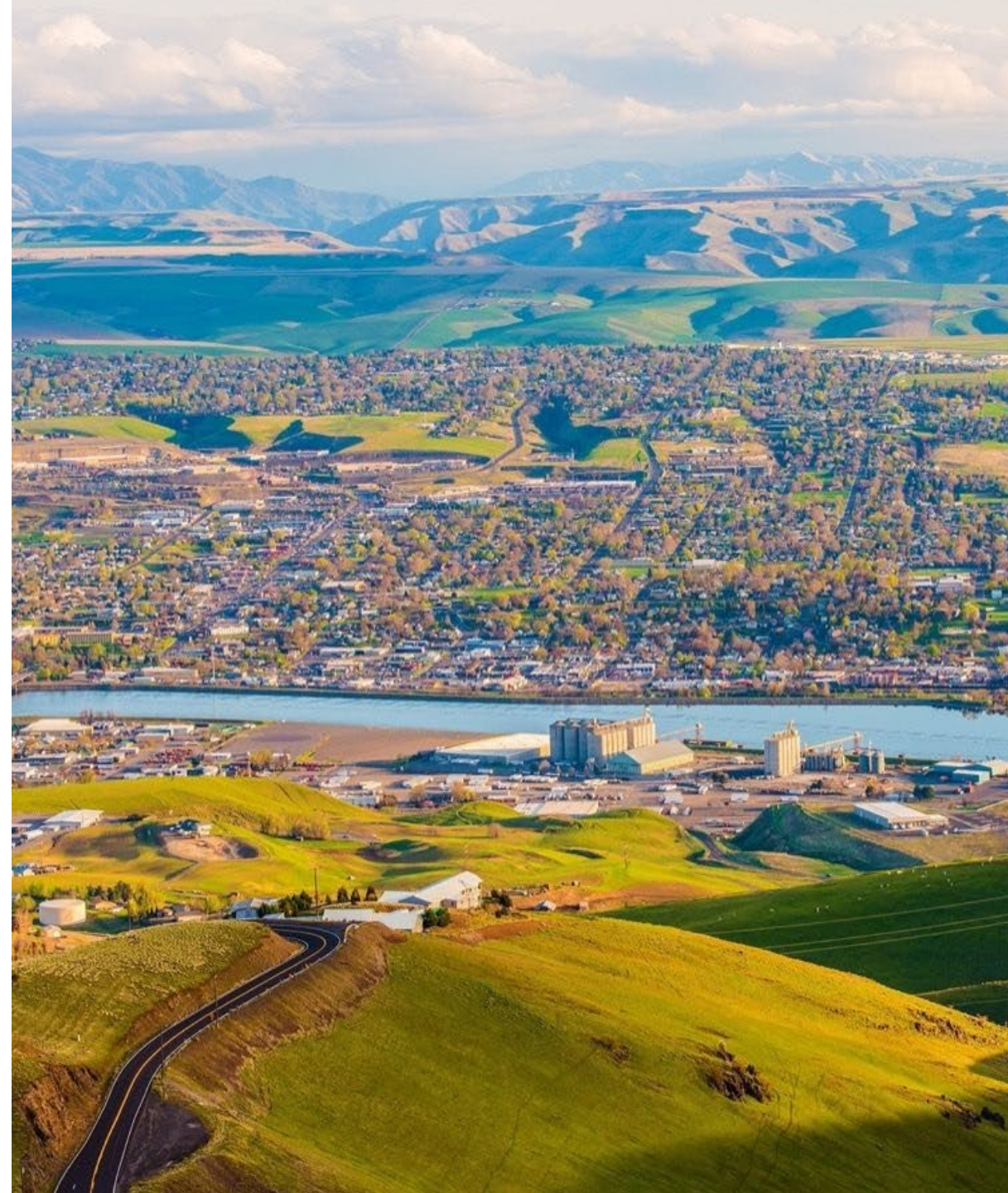
# OUR WORK IN IDAHO

## Internet Service Providers

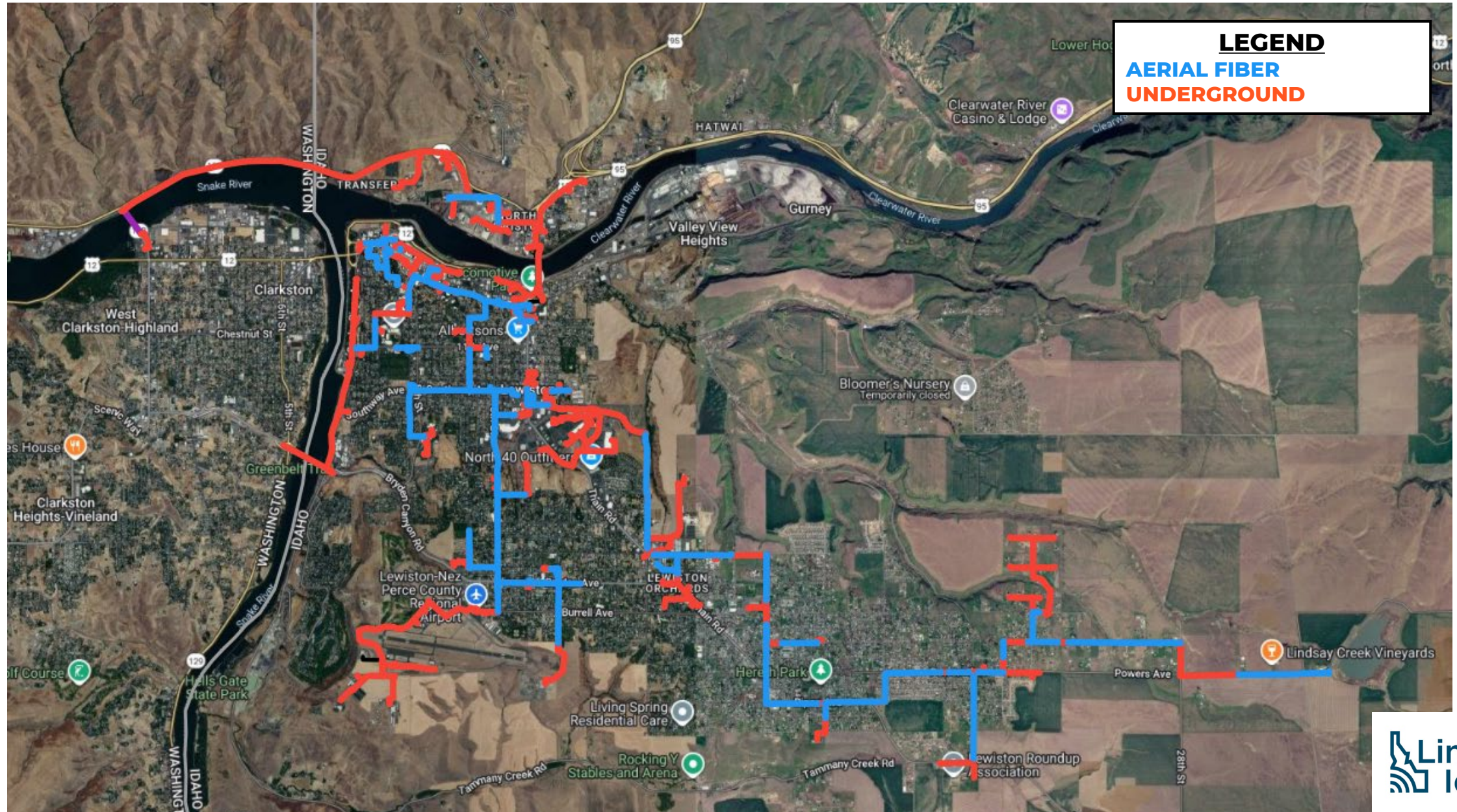
- CableOne
- Airbridge Broadband
- Open Optic
- Inland Cellular/EMERGE
- First Step Internet
- Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON)

## Organizations Benefitting from Networks

- Nez Perce Tribe
- University of Idaho
- City of Moscow
- City of Lewiston
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Port of Lewiston



# LEWISTON NETWORK MAP



# ZERO dB

*Specializing in Fiber Optic Design and Construction Services*

## Customers

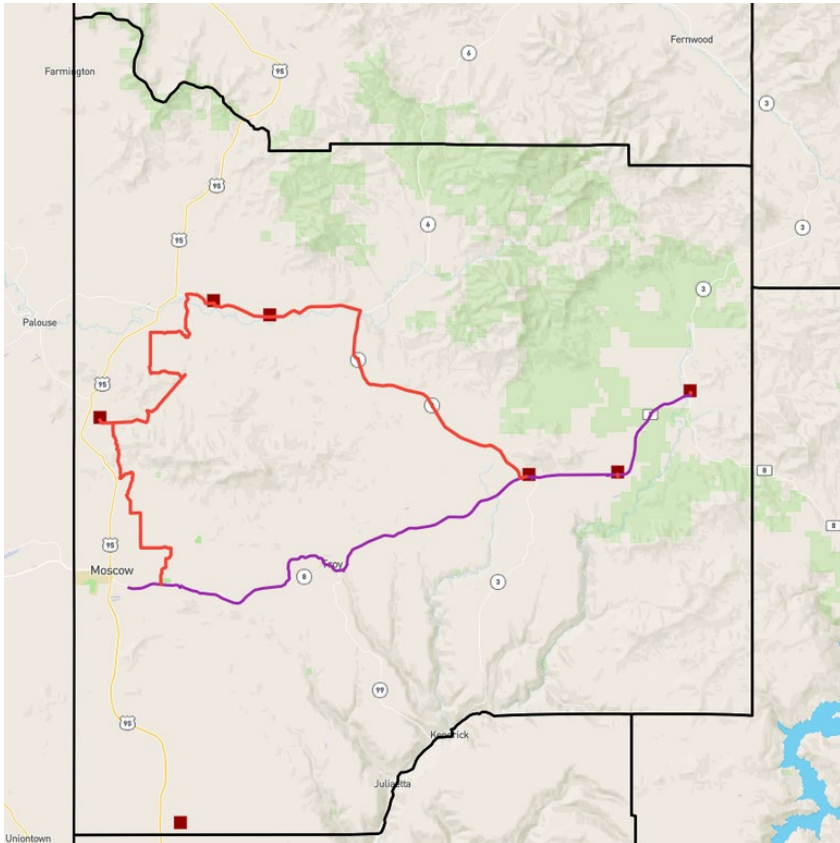
- AT&T
- Avista
- City of Coeur d'Alene
- City of Moscow
- Intermax
- Kootenai County
- North Idaho College
- Spectrum
- Xfinity
- Zayo



Mark Kennedy- VP of Engineering Operations



# PROJECT SCOPE



- (red line)  
County-constructed middle-mile fiber line
- (purple line)  
First Step middle-mile fiber line
- (burgundy squares)  
Project cabinets

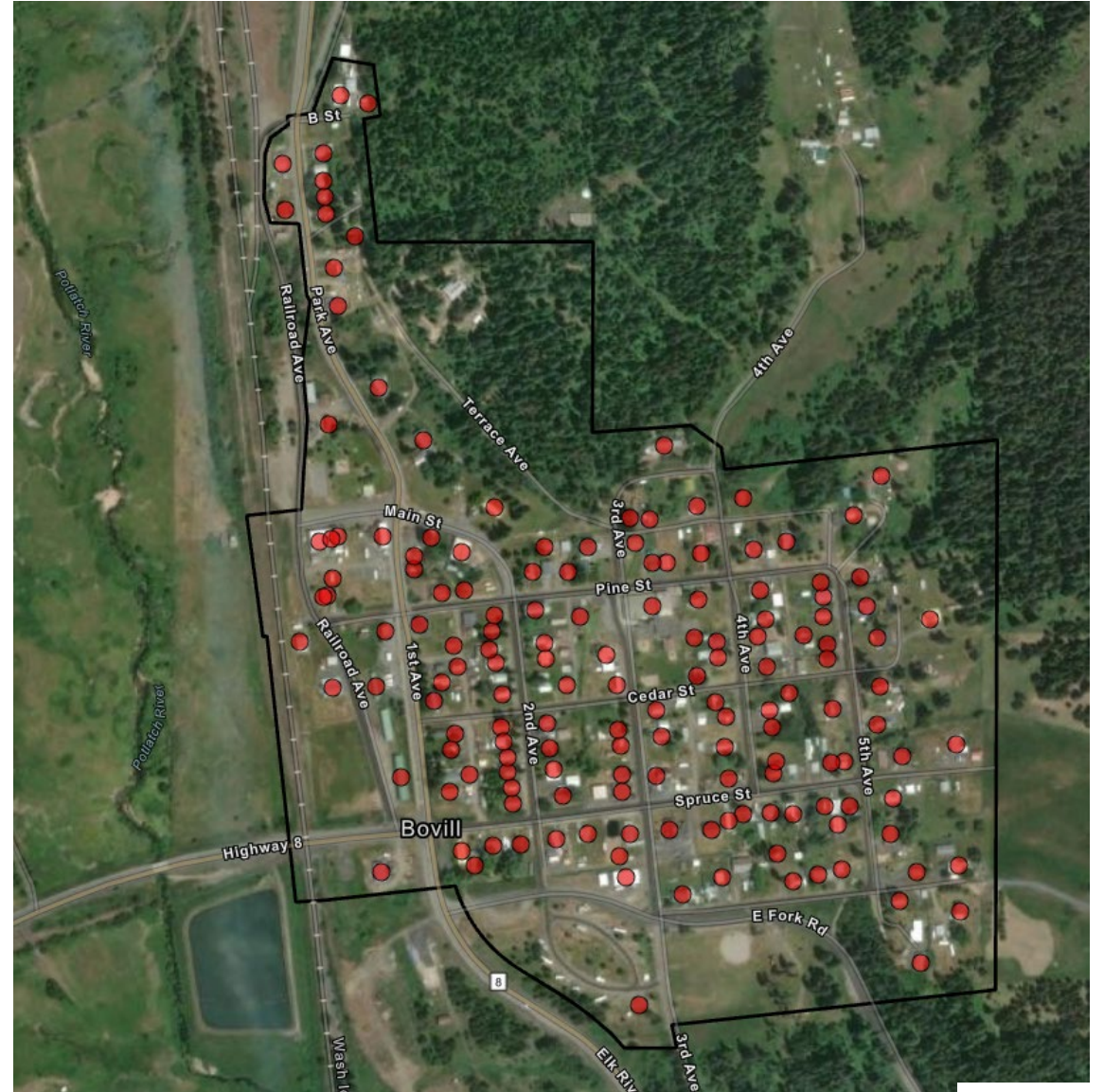
**Middle-mile Fiber**

Project Area	Locations Served
Bovill	157
Deary	295
Genesee	456
Hampton/Princeton	90
Harvard	43
Helmer	31
Potlatch	394
Viola	59
Bennett Lumber (HWY 6)	4
	<b>1529</b>

**FTTH Locations Served by Market**

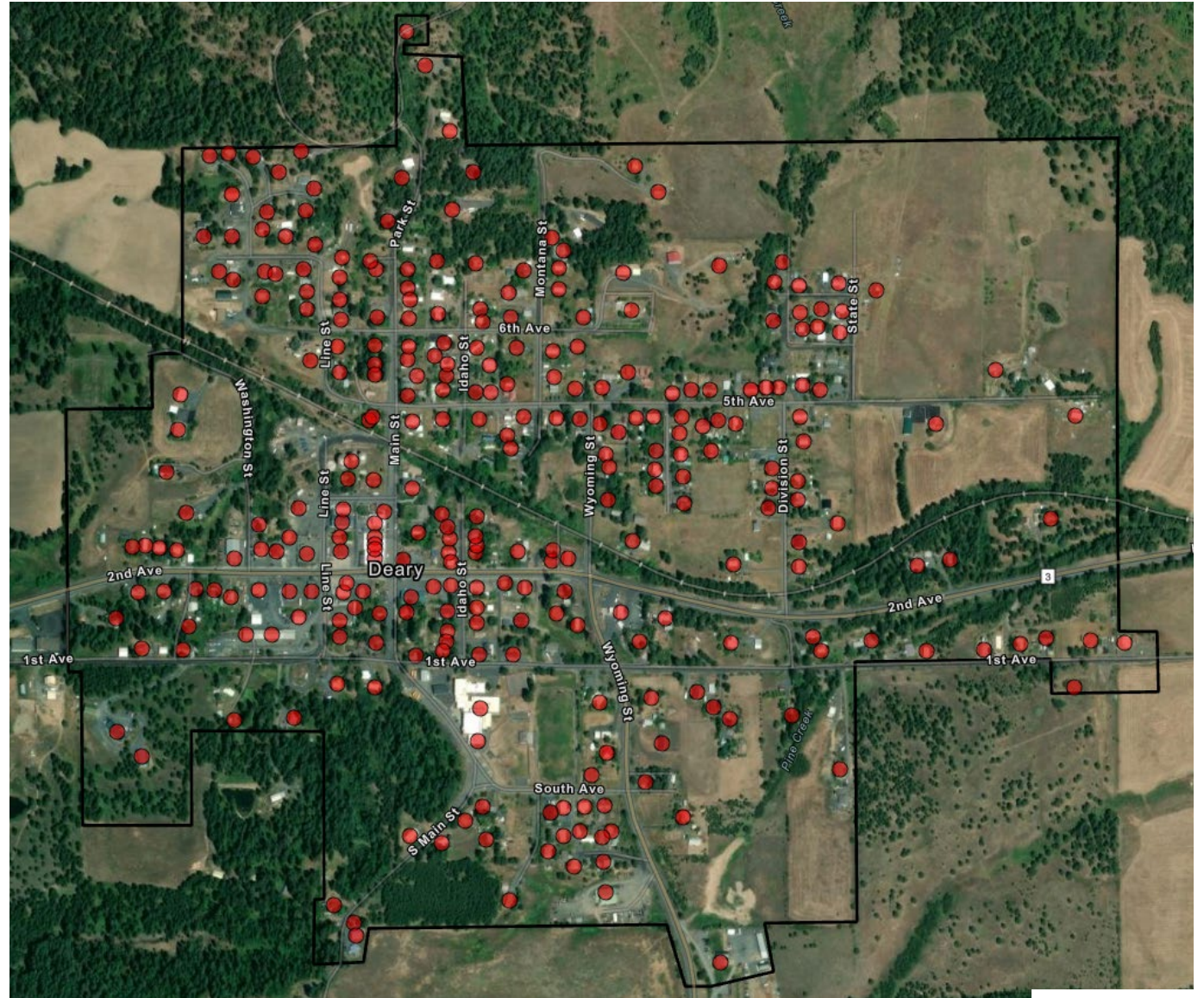
# BOVILL

Locations served: 157



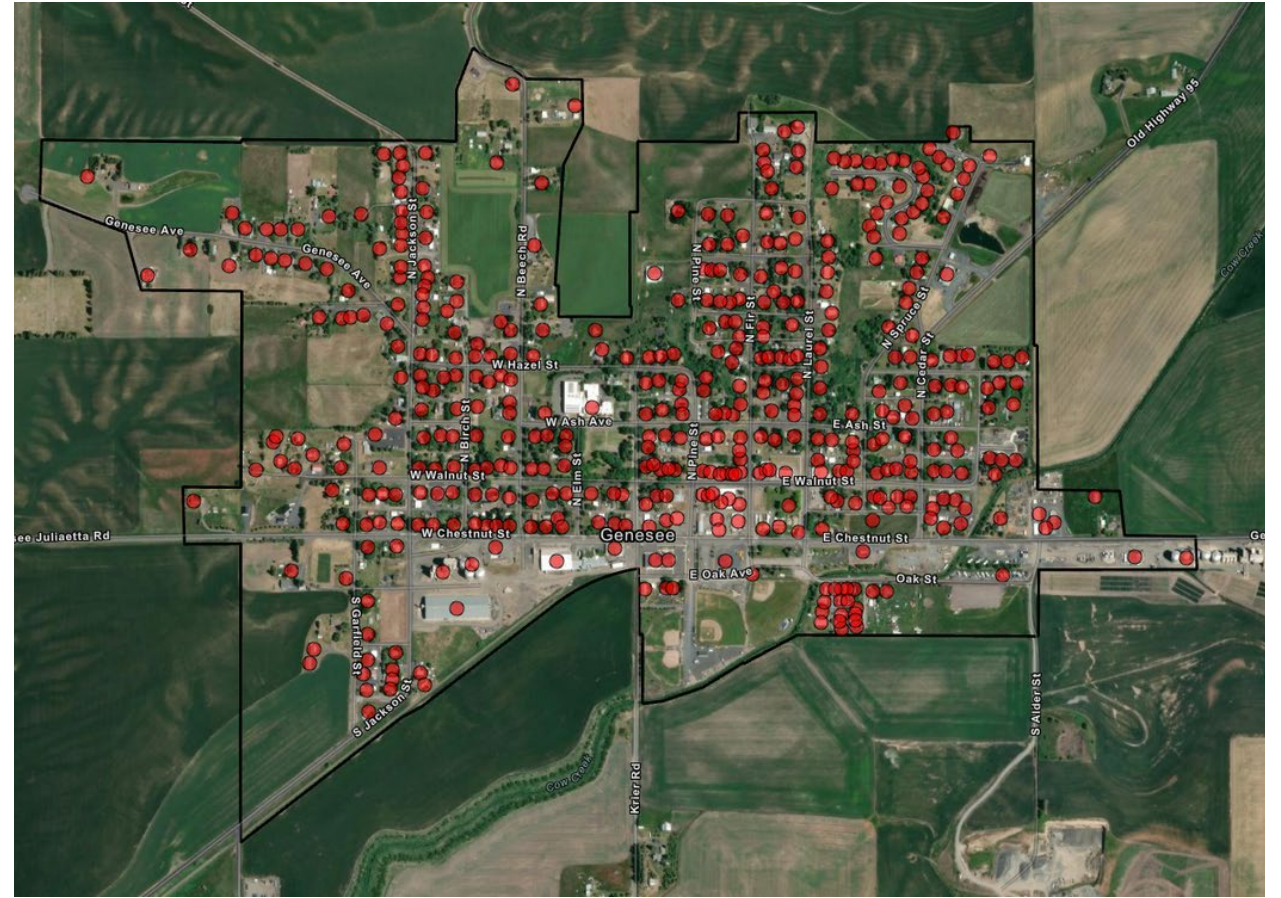
# DEARY

Locations served: 295



# GENESEEE

Locations served: 456



# HAMPTON/PRINCETON

Locations served: 90



# HARVARD

Locations served: 43



# HELMER

Locations served: 31



# POTLATCH

Locations served: 394



# VIOLA

Locations served: 59



# BENNETT LUMBER

Locations served: 4



# ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS



## Topic: Matching Funds

How is Latah going to reach the match commitment that the county is contracted for? (25% or \$3,750,000 of in-kind/cash match)

Provide a detailed explanation for each match component included in this project. Be sure to address the following:

1. How each match component directly relates to the project scope?
2. How each match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CRF 200?
3. Confirmation that the project includes cash and/or in-kind match equal to or exceeding \$3,750,000. Latah should be ready to address and describe each individual match component.

# 2 CFR 200.306 COST SHARING (MATCH)



(b) For all Federal awards, the Federal agency or **pass-through entity must accept any cost sharing funds** (including cash and third-party in-kind contributions, and also including funds committed by the recipient, subrecipient, or third parties) **as part of the recipient's or subrecipient's contributions to a program when the funds:**

- (1) Are verifiable in the recipient's or subrecipient's records;
- (2) Are not included as contributions for any other Federal award;
- (3) Are necessary and reasonable for achieving the objectives of the Federal award;
- (4) Are allowable under subpart E; (*Cost Principles 200.400 – 200.476*)
- (5) Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award, except where the program's Federal authorizing statute specifically provides that Federal funds made available for the program can be applied to cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs;
- (6) Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the Federal agency; and
- (7) Conform to other applicable provisions of this part.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE FEDERAL AWARD



**Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Objective:** Investments in high-quality broadband infrastructure and prioritizing investments in broadband for communities that currently lack access to the affordable, reliable, high-quality broadband internet that is necessary for full participation in school, healthcare, employment, social services, government programs, and civic life is crucial for their success.



**Link Up Idaho's Objective/Mission:** Provide all Idahoans with access to affordable and reliable broadband infrastructure.



**Project Objective:** Meet the CPF objective and the Link Up Idaho's mission by connecting eight communities to affordable, reliable fiber infrastructure including improvements to tower infrastructure for emergency communications and wireless broadband connectivity.

# MATCH- COMMITMENT AND COMPONENTS

Total Project Budget \$18,750,000

CPF Grant Award \$15,000,000

**Match Commitment \$3,750,000 or 25% of total project budget**

Match Component	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Cost Principles 2 CFR 200.420 – 200.476	Description of Match (Cash, Asset, Equipment, Time)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$658,800.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Troy	TDS	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$151,200.00
City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$762,900.00
Planning/Reports	Latah County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.430	Staff Time	\$93,260.00
Repeater Sites	Latah County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Equipment, Asset	\$1,761,401.21
Storage for Fiber Materials	University of Idaho	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.465	Rental Cost	\$8,910.00
Staff Time for Project Management	Latah County	Dollar	2 CFR 200.430	Staff Time	\$123,316.26
Mid-mile Connection to Redundant Backhaul	IIG	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$1,706,517.00

# “LATAH COUNTY MATCH”

## Sent to Commerce 07.07.2025

Latah County Match



kara@petrichor broadband.com

To ○ 'Krista Baker'; ○ 'Ramon Hobbley-Sanchez'  
Cc ○ 'Tim Best'; ○ 'Christine Nauman'; ○ 'Tom Lamar'; ○ 'Stephen Kwiatkowski'

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- MatchAttestation\_TDS\_FINAL.pdf .pdf File
- MatchAttestation\_FirstStep\_FINAL.pdf .pdf File
- MatchAttestation\_CountyPlanning.pdf .pdf File

Krista and Ramon,

Latah County must provide \$3,750,000 in match for the project. Attached for your review are the County's attestation for the match amounts listed below. The County is currently \$324,438.79 short of its required match and discussing additional match contributions that could be leveraged.

Community/Project Area	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed
Repeater Sites	Latah County	In-Kind	\$1,761,401.21
Planning/Reports	Latah County	In-Kind	\$93,260.00
City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	\$760,900.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Troy	TDS	In-Kind	\$151,200.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	\$658,800.00
Easements for colocation facilities	Cities/County	In-Kind	TBD
Staff Time for Project Management	Latah County	Dollar	TBD
Storage for Fiber Materials		In-Kind	TBD
Equipment for handling fiber materials		In-Kind	TBD
Cash	Latah County	Dollar	TBD
			<b>\$3,425,561.21</b>



**Kara Riebold**  
Executive Director  
Petrichor Broadband LLC  
Mobile: 509-288-0179

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# “ADEQUATE MATCH DOCUMENTATION”

Received from Commerce  
07.14.2025

**From:** Krista Baker <[Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 3:44 PM  
**To:** Alexis Malcomb <[alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov)>; Ewa Szewczyk <[Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez <[ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** CPF: Latah County Match

Hi Ewa & Alexis-

Latah County has been working on securing their match and has shared the below email as well as the attached documents for our review. Could you review and let me know if this documentation sufficient for us to accept all 5 of these sources of match?

Thanks,  
Krista

**From:** [Krista Baker](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)  
**To:** [Christine Nauman](mailto:Christine.Nauman@commerce.idaho.gov); [Tim Besst](mailto:Tim.Besst@commerce.idaho.gov); [Stephen Kwiatkowski](mailto:Stephen.Kwiatkowski@commerce.idaho.gov); [Tom Lamar](mailto:Tom.Lamar@commerce.idaho.gov); [kara@petrichor broadband.com](mailto:kara@petrichor broadband.com)  
**Cc:** [Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez](mailto:Ramon.Hobdey-Sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** CPF: Latah County Match  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025 12:22:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
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[Warning: External Email]

Hi Latah Team-

Please see correspondence below related to the match documentation your team provided

Thanks,  
Krista

**From:** Alexis Malcomb <[alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2025 12:17 PM  
**To:** Krista Baker <[Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)>; Ewa Szewczyk <[Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez <[ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Latah County Match

Hello Krista-

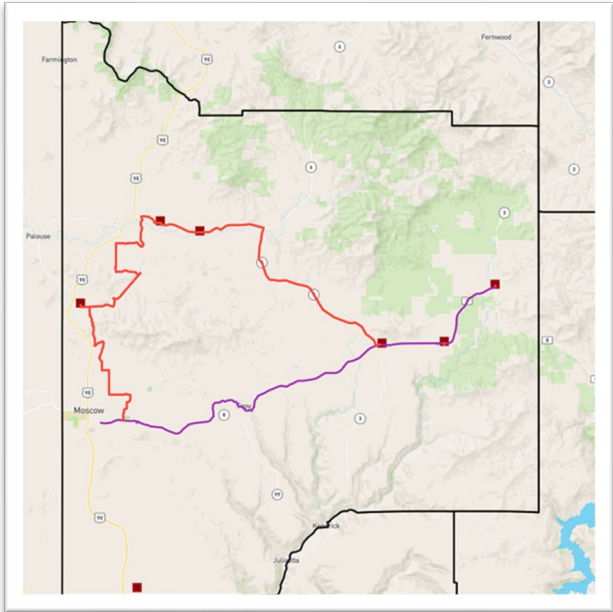
So sorry this took a moment to get to! Yes, these would work as adequate match documentation for us.

Kind Regards,

**Alexis Malcomb**  
Grants & Contracts Officer  
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# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO BOVILL

Match Component	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Cost Principles 2 CFR 200.420 – 200.476	Description of Match (Cash, Asset, Equipment, Time)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed	Running Total
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$658,800.00	\$658,800.00



# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO BOVILL

Through an Agreement with Latah County, First Step granted the County an indefeasible right to use (IRU) one fiber strand for thirty years from Moscow, ID to Bovill, ID. The value of this strand was calculated by determining the market lease rate for one strand from Moscow to Bovill over a thirty-year period:

**36.6 miles x \$50 per mile= \$1,830/month X 360 months.**

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 658,800.00

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.



Eastside Marketplace  
PO Box 9587  
Moscow, Idaho 83843

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3/27/2025

I hereby attest that:

1. First Step Internet LLC (First Step) constructed fiber from First Step's office in Moscow, Idaho (A) to Bovill, Idaho (Z).
2. Through an Agreement between Latah County and First Step (Attached), First Step granted the County an indefeasible right to use one fiber strand for thirty years.
3. The value of this strand can be calculated by determining the market lease rate for one strand from A to Z over a thirty-year period.

36.6 miles x \$50/mile = \$1,830/month

\$1,830 x 360 months = \$658,800

**The value of the strand is \$658,800.**

*Kevin Owen*

Kevin Owen, President/CEO

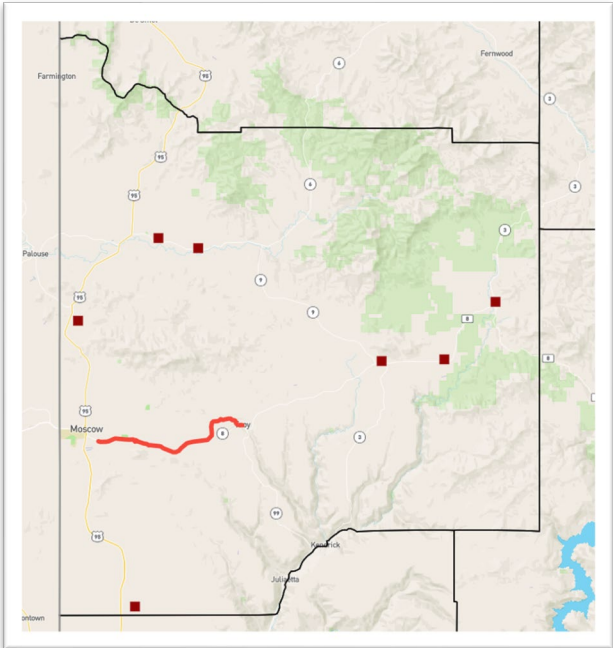


## MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO BOVILL

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce  
07.07.2025**

# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO TROY

Match Component	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Cost Principles 2 CFR 200.420 – 200.476	Description of Match (Cash, Asset, Equipment, Time)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed	Running Total
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$658,800.00	\$658,800.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Troy	TDS	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$151,200.00	\$810,000.00



# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO TROY

TDS granted Latah County an infeasible right to use (IRU) two fiber strands for 30 years, with operations and maintenance services (“O&M”) to be provided by TDS from Moscow, ID to Troy, ID. The value of this strand was calculated by determining the market lease rate for two strands from Moscow to Troy over a thirty-year period:

**24 miles x \$60 per strand mile= \$1,440/year X 30 years, plus the O&M services at \$3,600 per year X 30 years.**

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 151,200.00

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.



June 9, 2025

Board of Latah County Commissioners  
Latah County Courthouse  
522 S. Adams St.  
Moscow, ID 83843

**RE: FAIR MARKET VALUE ATTESTATION**

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby attest that:

1. I am the Director of Network Planning & Implementation for TDS Telecommunications LLC and its local operating subsidiaries, including Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, an Idaho corporation that provides telecommunications services in Latah County, Idaho ("TDS").
2. TDS installed underground fiber in Latah County, Idaho from A Location at approximately LAT 46.7399 / LON 116.8124, to Z Location at approximately LAT 46.740092 / LON 116.812264 (the "Fiber System").
3. Pursuant to the attached Fiber Optic Agreement dated May 12, 2025, TDS granted Latah County an indefeasible right to use 2 fiber strands within the Fiber System for 30 years, with operations and maintenance services ("O&M") to be provided by TDS (collectively, the "IRU").
4. The value of the IRU can be calculated by determining the market lease rate for two strands from A to Z over a thirty-year period and adding annual O&M fees.

Route mileage = 12 miles | Strand mileage (2 strands) = 24 miles

Basis for IRU value = \$60 / strand mile / year	
\$60 x 24 strand miles = \$1,440 / year	
\$1,440 x 30 years =	<b>\$43,200.00</b>

Basis for O&M Value Fee = \$300 / route mile / year:	
\$300 x 12 route miles = \$3,600 / year x 30 years =	<b>\$108,000.00</b>

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<b>Total value of the IRU including O&amp;M services:</b>	<b>\$151,200.00</b>
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5. No federal funds were used to construct the Fiber System.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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John Amundson

Director - Network Planning & Implementation

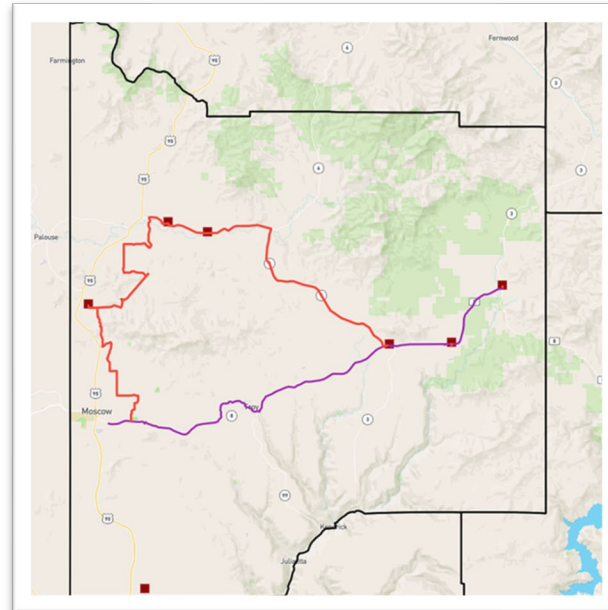
# MID-MILE STRANDS MOSCOW TO TROY

Attestation Submitted to Commerce 07.07.2025



# MATCH COMPONENT- CITY & COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Match Component	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Cost Principles 2 CFR 200.420 – 200.476	Description of Match (Cash, Asset, Equipment, Time)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed	Running Total
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$658,800.00	\$658,800.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Troy	TDS	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$151,200.00	\$810,000.00
City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$762,900.00	\$1,572,900.00



# MATCH COMPONENT- CITY & COUNTY ROWS

For broadband fiber, in-kind Right-of-Way (ROW) is essential for allowing service to reach its end-users, ensuring that the fiber can be installed efficiently decreasing both material costs and functionality loss. In-kind access to ROWs significantly increases the marketability and value of the County's fiber assets.

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 762,900.00

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being "necessary and reasonable" under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.



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 Moscow, Idaho 83843  
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**Assessor**  
 David Sutherland

**Senior Deputy Assessor**  
 Justin Miller

# CITY & COUNTY ROWS

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce 07.07.2025**

## Estimate of Assessed Land Value Associated with Latah County Broadband Grant

Area	Line Miles	Land Requirement (Acres)	Est. Taxable Value/AC	Est. Taxable Value
State HWY	21.85	79.45	\$3,650	\$290,000
County Road	26.44	96.15	\$3,184	\$306,000
City Bovill	2.29	4.16		\$42,400
City Deary	5.13	9.33		\$50,000
City Helmer	1.13	2.05		\$36,000
City Genesse	7.27	13.22		\$83,600
City Harvard	1.13	2.05		\$25,000
City Princeton	1.69	3.07		\$100,800
City Pottlatch	5.57	10.13		\$107,100
6 Box areas (Bovill, Deary, Genesse, Helmer, Princeton, Viola)				\$12,000
<b>Total (Does not include State HWY value.)</b>				<b>\$762,900</b>

Note: these values are from schedules for determining taxable value for Assessment purposes and are not intended for a market valuation which would require a fee appraisal. These values are also not equal to easement values since the Latah County Assessor's office is not aware of the value of easements. This is not an appraisal, but a response to the Latah County Broadband Committee who asked for what the Assessed value would be for the amount of land associated with right of way areas given to the Assessor by the committee for this project.

*David Sutherland*



# MATCH COMPONENT- PLANNING/REPORTS

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City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$762,900.00	\$1,572,900.00
Planning/Reports	Latah County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.430	Staff Time	\$93,260.00	\$1,666,160.00

# MATCH COMPONENT- PLANNING/REPORTS

Latah County staff time was dedicated for the Latah County Broadband Coalition coordination, broadband research and grant application preparation. Additionally, the County contracted with the Port of Lewiston to complete the Latah County Broadband Utility Assessment report, which outlines existing assets, proposed networks, and cost estimates for fiber construction, networking equipment, and upgrades to enable minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps, scalable to 100 Mbps symmetrical.

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 93,260.00

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.430 Compensation-personal services

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.



## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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**Richard I. Skiles**

Sheriff

**Tim Besst**

Chief Deputy



**Shane Anderson**

Operations Captain

**Matthew Stinebaugh**

Support Services Captain

## PLANNING/REPORTS

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce**  
**07.07.2025**

July 7, 2025

I hereby attest that:

1. Latah County staff time for the Latah County Broadband Coalition coordination, broadband research and grant application preparation in the value of \$71,760, and
2. A contract was signed with the Port of Lewiston to complete the Latah County Broadband Utility Assessment report, which outlines existing assets, proposed networks, and cost estimates for fiber construction, networking equipment, and upgrades to enable minimum speeds of 100/20 Mbps, scalable to 100 Mbps symmetrical in the amount of \$21,500, and
3. This work has been completed.

Tim Besst

Chief Deputy

Latah County Sheriff's Office

# MATCH COMPONENT- REPEATER SITES

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Repeater Sites	Latah County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Equipment, Asset	\$1,761,401.21	\$3,427,561.21

# MATCH COMPONENT- REPEATER SITES

From Grant Application, Detailed Budget

## DETAILED BUDGET

Build / Construction Cost			GRANT ASK TOTALS - SCENARIO 1			PROJECT BREAKDOWNS - SCENARIO 1		
Phase 1 - Build fiber loop, fill gaps	\$ 16,029,179.76		PHASES 1-4 - CPF	\$ 28,006,469.76		CPF: Phases 1-4		
Phase 2 - Connect CAIs	\$ 1,477,612.47		Design, Engineering, Project Mgmt	\$ 1,400,323.49		Grant Ask	\$ 35,708,248.94	74%
Phase 3 - FTTP design/engineering	\$ 175,000.00		Contingency	\$ 5,601,293.95		In-Kind Match	\$ 11,624,297.99	24%
Phase 4 - Fiber to Towers	\$ 10,324,677.53		Indirect Costs	\$ 700,161.74		Cash Match	\$ 1,000,000.00	3%
Phase 5 - FTTP builds in Cities	\$ 4,282,600.00			\$ 35,708,248.94	TOTAL		\$ 34,708,248.94	TOTAL
Phase 6 - Additional fiber expansion	\$ 665,000.00							
	\$ 32,954,069.76	TOTAL						
In-Kind Match			GRANT ASK TOTALS - SCENARIO 2			PROJECT BREAKDOWNS - SCENARIO 2		
Repeater Site Upgrades	\$ 1,600,000.00		PHASES 1-3 - CPF	\$ 17,681,792.23		CPF: Phases 1-3		
Coalition Building, Planning	\$ 71,760.00		Design, Engineering, Project Mgmt	\$ 884,089.61		Grant Ask	\$ 22,544,285.09	68%
Broadband Asset Report	\$ 21,500.00		Contingency	\$ 3,536,358.45		In-Kind Match	\$ 9,718,297.99	29%
City & County ROWs	TBD		Indirect Costs	\$ 442,044.81		Cash Match	\$ 1,000,000.00	3%
FSI Route	\$ 4,557,751.68			\$ 22,544,285.09	TOTAL		\$ 21,544,285.09	TOTAL
POL Route	\$ 3,467,286.31		PHASES 4-6 - BEAD	\$ 15,272,277.53		BEAD: Phases 4-6		
Towers	\$ 1,200,000.00		Design, Engineering, Project Mgmt	\$ 763,613.88		Grant Ask	\$ 19,472,153.85	44%
ISPs Make-Ready	\$ 706,000.00		Contingency	\$ 3,054,455.51		In-Kind Match	\$ 24,450,285.09	
	\$ 11,624,297.99	TOTAL	Indirect Costs	\$ 381,806.94		Cash Match	\$ -	
				\$ 19,472,153.85	TOTAL		\$ 19,472,153.85	TOTAL
Cash Match							\$ 41,016,438.94	G
Latah County	\$ 1,000,000.00							
Latah County - Dark Fiber Revenue	\$4,500,000.00 - \$13,500,000.00							
	\$ 1,000,000.00	TOTAL						

**In-Kind Match**

<b>Repeater Site Upgrades</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b>
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# MATCH COMPONENT- REPEATER SITES

From Grant Agreement, Project Scope

## ATTACHMENT B – PROJECT SCOPE AND MILESTONES

### Statement of Work

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and this Statement of Work (SOW), the Department and Grant Recipient agree as follows:

**If time and funding allow, select tower locations will also be connected with fiber.**

Participant shall perform the agreed upon work in accordance with the specifications and Budget set forth below.

### Project Scope:

Project connects locations in four participating incorporated cities, locations in four unincorporated areas, and the community anchor institutions within those areas with wired fiber to the premise. It also builds a middle mile fiber loop in the northern part of the County, connecting a total of roughly 1,155 locations, and enabling thousands of additional locations to be connected in subsequent funding rounds. If time and funding allow, select tower locations will also be connected with fiber.

# MATCH COMPONENT- REPEATER SITES

Repeater Sites enhance emergency communications for anchor institutions and first responders, which is expressly contemplated in the CPF project scope, the County's original application and the monthly project updates sent to Commerce starting September 2024. The fiber loop funded by CPF includes vaults and mid-mile infrastructure positioned for future fiber extensions to these towers, ensuring interoperability and scalability. The project connects to two critical sites in Genesee and on Paradise Ridge.

**Component Match Amount:** \$1,761,401.21

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.439 Equipment and other capital expenditures.

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

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# MATCH COMPONENT- REPEATER SITES

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## MEMO

**TO:** Idaho Department of Commerce  
**FROM:** Latah County Broadband Leads  
Christine Nauman, Finance Officer  
Tim Besst, Chief Deputy  
Ari Woodyard, Civil Attorney  
Tom Lamar, Commissioner  
**DATE:** November 20, 2025  
**RE:** Request for Funds – Additional Information Requested Email Dated 11/18/2025

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### INFORMATION REQUEST:

*Can you please provide a justification detailing how the Latah Co Office of the Sheriff - Contract with RACOM Corp - Install of Radio system match relates to your project costs?*

### RESPONSE:

The upgrade of the system relates to the project’s intent to improve connectivity for anchor institutions, including the Sheriff’s Office, Fire Stations, and Emergency Medical Services. The repeater site upgrades were necessary to improve emergency communications between critical emergency services provided by the anchor institutions including the Latah County Sheriff’s Office, rural fire districts, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and first responders. The fiber project facilitates additional capacity to improve the connection that these anchor institutions need. This project funds the mid-mile loop that includes vaults located at strategic points for a future project phase to build a fiber extension to each of the tower sites that received upgrades. Attached to this email is a .kmz file that shows the tower locations and the fiber extensions as preliminarily designed. The following excerpts from the design show the vault and mid-mile fiber that will be part of this project’s construction. Materials have been purchased and the construction contract awarded for this work.

# PARADISE RIDGE TOWER SITE

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- Bryan Noe, Systems Engineer RACOM*

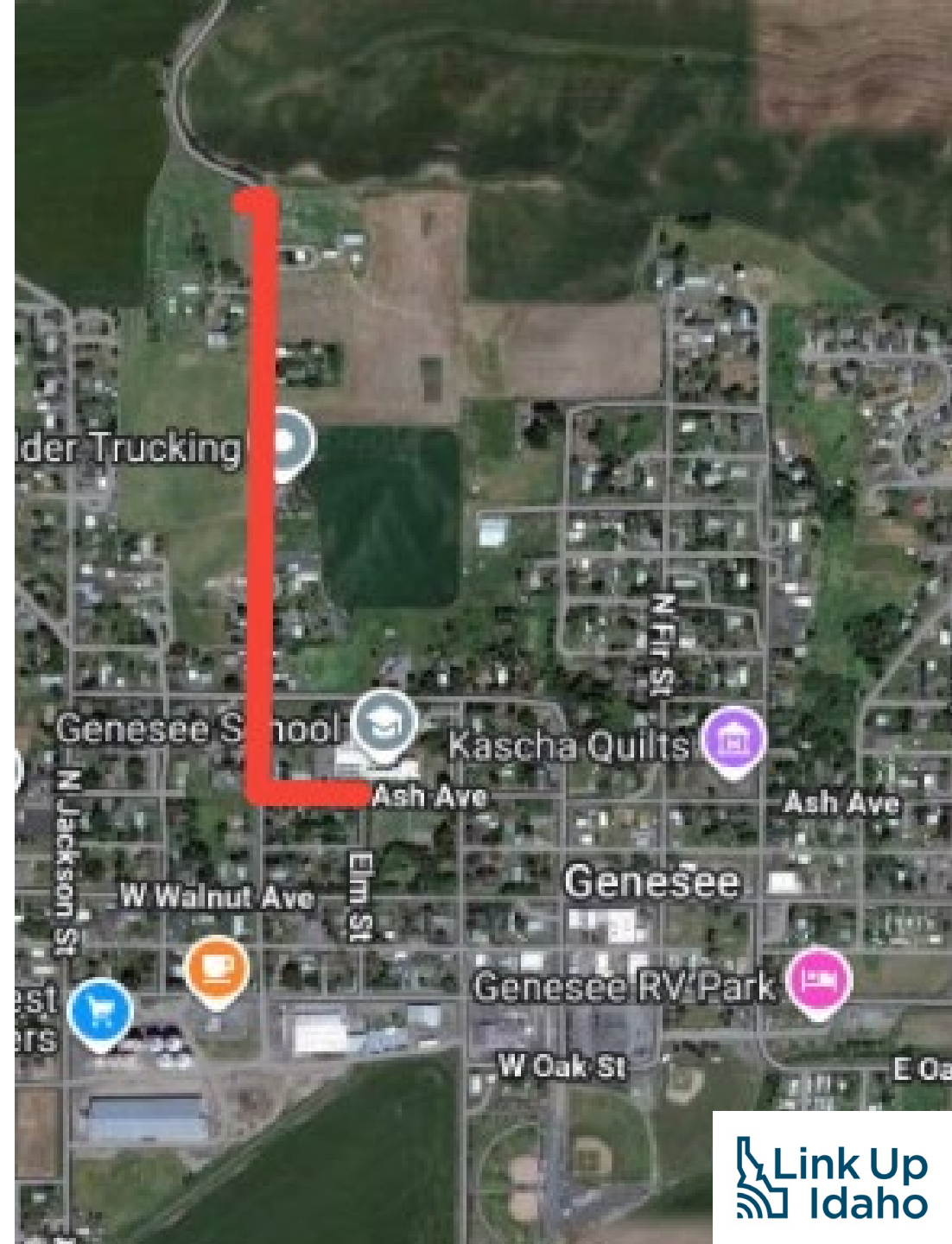
- The closest point to reach the Middle mile is the Port of Lewiston handhole south of Hwy 8, outside Moscow.
- Engineering estimate is \$750,000. This includes materials, engineering and construction and can be completed by 12/31/2026.
- Project budget allows for the inclusion of this build.
- County road up to the fence.



# GENESEE TOWER SITE

*"Fiber is the best solution for backhauling sites."  
- Bryan Noe, Systems Engineer RACOM*

- Included in Genesee FTTH
- No additional permits or easements needed
- Provides layer of redundancy for this site
- Improves backhaul for ISPs located on tower network providing wireless service to rural residents outside of incorporated towns in Latah County.





## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LATAH COUNTY, IDAHO

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**Richard I. Skiles**

Sheriff

**Tim Besst**

Chief Deputy



**Shane Anderson**

Operations Captain

**Matthew Stinebaugh**

Support Services Captain

## REPEATER SITES

**Attestation Submitted to  
Commerce 07.07.2025**

April 25, 2025

I hereby attest that:

1. A contract was signed with RACOM Corporation to complete install of the County's simulcast cast radio system for Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS at 7 repeater sites for the amount of \$1,761,401.21.
2. Construction was initiated on 08/23/2024.

Tim Besst  
Chief Deputy  
Latah Conty Sheriff's Office

# “LATAH COUNTY MATCH”

## Sent to Commerce 07.07.2025

Latah County Match



kara@petrichor broadband.com

To ○ 'Krista Baker'; ○ 'Ramon Hobdley-Sanchez'  
Cc ○ 'Tim Best'; ○ 'Christine Nauman'; ○ 'Tom Lamar'; ○ 'Stephen Kwiatkowski'

You forwarded this message on 1/30/2026 1:01 PM.

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Mon 7/7/2025 2:21 PM

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- MatchAttestation\_TDS\_FINAL.pdf .pdf File
- MatchAttestation\_FirstStep\_FINAL.pdf .pdf File
- MatchAttestation\_CountyPlanning.pdf .pdf File

Krista and Ramon,

Latah County must provide \$3,750,000 in match for the project. Attached for your review are the County's attestation for the match amounts listed below. The County is currently \$324,438.79 short of its required match and discussing additional match contributions that could be leveraged.

Community/Project Area	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed
Repeater Sites	Latah County	In-Kind	\$1,761,401.21
Planning/Reports	Latah County	In-Kind	\$93,260.00
City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	\$760,900.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Troy	TDS	In-Kind	\$151,200.00
Mid-mile strands Moscow to Bovill	FSI	In-Kind	\$658,800.00
Easements for colocation facilities	Cities/County	In-Kind	TBD
Staff Time for Project Management	Latah County	Dollar	TBD
Storage for Fiber Materials		In-Kind	TBD
Equipment for handling fiber materials		In-Kind	TBD
Cash	Latah County	Dollar	TBD
			<b>\$3,425,561.21</b>



**Kara Riebold**  
Executive Director  
Petrichor Broadband LLC  
Mobile: 509-288-0179

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# “ADEQUATE MATCH DOCUMENTATION”

Received from Commerce  
07.14.2025

**From:** Krista Baker <[Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 3:44 PM  
**To:** Alexis Malcomb <[alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov)>; Ewa Szewczyk <[Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez <[ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** CPF: Latah County Match

Hi Ewa & Alexis-

Latah County has been working on securing their match and has shared the below email as well as the attached documents for our review. Could you review and let me know if this documentation sufficient for us to accept all 5 of these sources of match?

Thanks,  
Krista

**From:** [Krista Baker](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)  
**To:** [Christine Nauman](mailto:Christine.Nauman@commerce.idaho.gov); [Tim Besst](mailto:Tim.Besst@commerce.idaho.gov); [Stephen Kwiatkowski](mailto:Stephen.Kwiatkowski@commerce.idaho.gov); [Tom Lamar](mailto:Tom.Lamar@commerce.idaho.gov); [kara@petrichor broadband.com](mailto:kara@petrichor broadband.com)  
**Cc:** [Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez](mailto:Ramon.Hobdey-Sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)  
**Subject:** CPF: Latah County Match  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025 12:22:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

[Warning: External Email]

Hi Latah Team-

Please see correspondence below related to the match documentation your team provided

Thanks,  
Krista

**From:** Alexis Malcomb <[alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2025 12:17 PM  
**To:** Krista Baker <[Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Krista.Baker@commerce.idaho.gov)>; Ewa Szewczyk <[Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:Ewa.Szewczyk@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez <[ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:ramon.hobdeysanchez@commerce.idaho.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Latah County Match

Hello Krista-

So sorry this took a moment to get to! Yes, these would work as adequate match documentation for us.

Kind Regards,

**Alexis Malcomb**  
Grants & Contracts Officer  
Idaho Commerce  
700 W State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702  
Office: 208.780.5144  
Cell: 208.954.0856  
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[alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:alexis.malcomb@commerce.idaho.gov)

# MATCH COMPONENT- STORAGE FOR FIBER MATERIALS

Match Component	Contributor Name	Type of Donation (In-Kind or Dollar)	Cost Principles 2 CFR 200.420 – 200.476	Description of Match (Cash, Asset, Equipment, Time)	Dollar Amount or Dollar Equivalent Contributed	Running Total
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City & County ROWs	Cities/County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.439	Asset	\$762,900.00	\$1,572,900.00
Planning/Reports	Latah County	In-Kind	2 CFR 200.430	Staff Time	\$93,260.00	\$1,666,160.00
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# MATCH COMPONENT- STORAGE FOR FIBER MATERIALS



Storage space for the fiber materials related to the broadband project, including but not limited to vaults, fiber optic cable, splice cases, trays, and drop cables is necessary for the project.

A contract was signed with University of Idaho to store the materials at no cost to Latah County. The formula to calculate the match amount was \$10 per square foot X 8% yield rate or \$495 per month for 7,425 square feet.

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 8,910.00

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.465 Rental costs of real property and equipment.

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.





**FACILITIES**  
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facilities@uidaho.edu

November 3, 2025

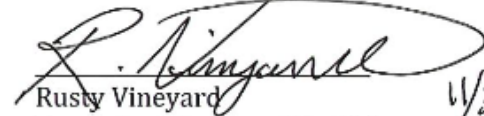
## STORAGE FOR FIBER MATERIALS

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce  
11.03.2025**

I hereby attest that:

1. Latah County needs storage space for the fiber materials related to its broadband project, including but not limited to vaults, fiber optic cable, splice cases, trays, and drop cables, and
2. A contract was signed with Latah County to store the materials for the Latah County Broadband project at no cost to Latah County, and
3. The value of this storage for the contract term is \$8,910.

The space is 225' x 33' or 7,425 square feet. The formula we used is \$10 per square ft x .08 (8% yield rate) = .8 This is our multiplier for the annual cost to rent said space.  $.8 \times 7425 = \$5,940$  annual rent or \$495 per month.  $\$495 \times 18 = \$8,910$  total rent for the lay-down space.

  
Rusty Vineyard  
Executive Director of Facilities  
11/3/25

# MATCH COMPONENT- STAFF TIME FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT



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Staff Time for Project Management	Latah County	Dollar	2 CFR 200.430	Staff Time	\$123,316.26	\$3,559,787.47

# MATCH COMPONENT- STAFF TIME FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Staff time for project management for ongoing coordination, documentation, and compliance oversight to keep the project on track. Managing schedules, budgets, reporting, and communication is essential to meeting grant requirements and ensuring successful project delivery. Staff time is tracked, calculated and billed at current wage rates over the course of the project.

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 123,316.26

**2 CFR 200 Eligible Cost:** 2 CFR 200.430 Compensation

**2 CFR 200.306 (b)(1-7) Cost Sharing:** Satisfies all seven standards including being “necessary and reasonable” under 2 CFR 200.306(b)(3).

This match component is **necessary, reasonable, and directly tied to the performance of this project as an eligible cost** in alignment with 2 CFR 200.



Latah County  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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*Tony Johnson ♦ Thomas C. Lamar ♦ Jason Stooks*  
*District 1 District 2 District 3*

February 20, 2026

Idaho Office of Broadband  
700 W. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Salary Attestation

Dear Idaho Office of Broadband,

I, Commissioner Thomas C. Lamar, hereby attest that:

1. From May 22, 2023 to July 31, 2024, Christina Mangiapani was employed by Latah County to manage the Capital Project Funds (CPF) to support broadband in Latah County.
2. From May 22, 2023 to July 31, 2024, the only work Ms. Mangiapani completed was for CPF related to Broadband.
3. In fiscal year 2023 from May 22, 2023 to September 30, 2023, Ms. Mangiapani was paid a total of \$39,935.92.
4. In fiscal year 2024, Ms. Mangiapani was paid a total of \$83,380.34.
5. During Ms. Mangiapani's work, Latah County paid a total amount of \$123,316.26.
6. Ms. Mangiapani was paid out of the general fund revenue and property taxes.

These payroll reports have been attached.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Lamar  
Chair

Attest:  Date: February 20, 2026  
Clerk/Deputy

# STAFF TIME FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce**  
**02.20.2026**

# ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS



Topic: Matching Funds- IIG

- Please explain how the proposed IIG addition remains specific to the Latah County CPF project and how it is **necessary, reasonable, and directly aligned with the established project scope**, including its role in connecting unserved and underserved locations within Latah County.
- The cure documentation references backhaul connection in Spokane, Lewiston, Orofino—none of which are located in Latah County. Please clarify how this additional match consideration **provides a direct and demonstrable benefit to Latah County residents** and is in alignment with the Latah County CPF application and grant agreement.

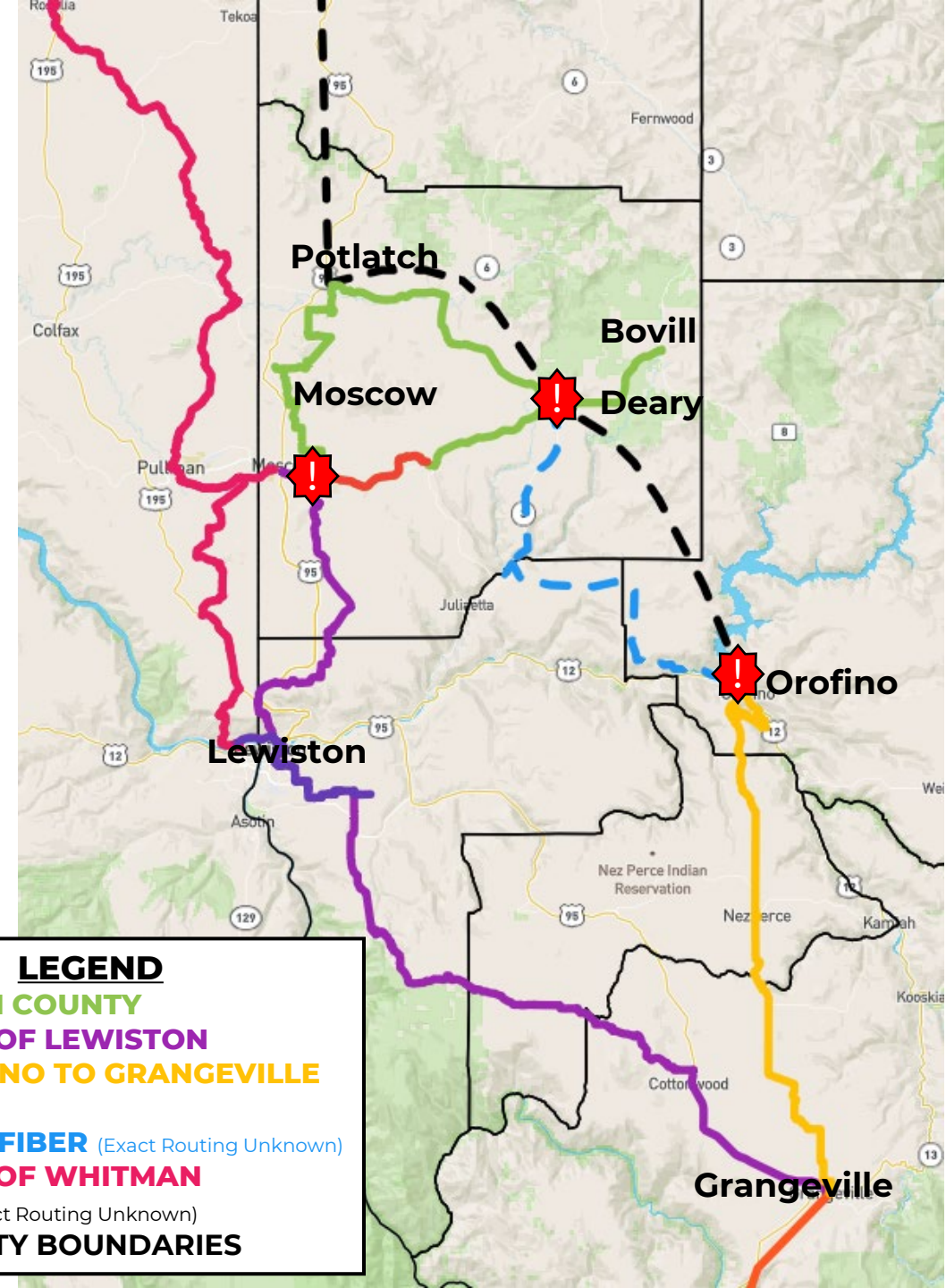
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# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE CONNECTION TO REDUNDANT BACKHAUL

! Potential single points of failure if the Latah County project is not completed as we will not have complete connections for redundancy at these locations.

**IIG Match is from Deary to Potlatch.**



**LEGEND**

- LATAH COUNTY
- PORT OF LEWISTON
- OROFINO TO GRANGEVILLE
- IRON
- - - ZIPLY FIBER (Exact Routing Unknown)
- PORT OF WHITMAN
- - - IIG (Exact Routing Unknown)
- COUNTY BOUNDARIES

# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE CONNECTION TO REDUNDANT BACKHAUL

The addition of the Intermountain Infrastructure Group (IIG) dark fiber trunk build to the Latah County project will **eliminate the single points of failure for the Latah County network and others** by **closing the loop** between the Port of Lewiston, Idaho County/DIGB2, and Latah County projects with a further proposed path by IIG extending on to Spokane, Washington a **major fiber infrastructure hub.**

# LETTER OF SUPPORT



“As part of the original DIGB2 plan, the Latah County CPF Fiber Project became one of four projects applied for and funded by IBAB in North Central Idaho. All grant applications were competitive and selected by IBAB for funding awards. The first two projects are the Port of Lewiston, Moscow to Lewiston and Lewiston to Grangeville project and the Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON)/Intermountain Infrastructure Group (IIG) that were funded in the first round of IBAB grant projects. Following those awards are the two CPF projects, Idaho County/DIGB2 and Latah County.

**The projects** mentioned previously are **all connected and interdependent and it is important to note that these projects are collaborative in nature as they are public facing and require a great deal of collaboration and cooperation between the Counties, the Port of Lewiston, IRON, and IIG.** Each project has the support of the other as we all understand the need as it is unique in what is considered the "Frontier" of Idaho in terms of terrain and rurality.”

# MATCH COMPONENT- MID-MILE CONNECTION TO REDUNDANT BACKHAUL

IIG's commitment will connect the Latah loop of fiber to Spokane, Lewiston, and Orofino, resulting in additional backhaul capacity and redundancy to the system and ensuring the long-term ability to service all current and future needs. The claimed \$1,706,517 match amount represents the cost contribution of IIG to create this additional capacity above Latah County's original estimated construction cost of \$2,045,759.09.

**Component Match Amount:** \$ 1,706,517.00

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February 19, 2026

Idaho Department of Commerce Office of Broadband  
700 W. State St.  
Boise, ID 83720-0093

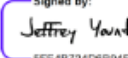
**RE: Latah County CPF Project**

Dear Idaho Department of Commerce Office of Broadband,

Intermountain Infrastructure Group, LLC ("IIG") is a registered Service Provider within the state of Idaho and has been building a fiber optic cable network across the state. One hundred percent (100%) of the costs have been made through private investment.

Please consider this letter as IIG's support for the successful completion of the Latah County CPF Project, known as the Latah Loop Project. To the extent that the funds are still needed and will be used in compliance with federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, IIG, acting as a third-party joint trench participant, agrees to provide the incremental funds of \$1,706,517 above and beyond the original \$2,045,759.09 to increase the conduit from one 2" conduit to three 1.25" conduits for the Latah County CPF Project. This cash match funding will be provided upon verification that Latah County has the authority, financial capacity, and technical feasibility to complete the Latah County CPF Project.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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Jeffrey Yount  
President & CEO  
Intermountain Infrastructure Group, LLC

# MID-MILE CONNECTION TO REDUNDANT BACKHAUL

**Attestation Submitted to Commerce  
02.20.2026**



# MATCH COMMITMENT

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<b>COMMITTED MATCH</b>					<b>\$5,266,304.47</b>	
<b>MATCH COMMITMENT</b>					<b>\$3,750,000.00</b>	
<b>VARIANCE</b>					<b>\$1,516,304.47</b>	

**\$3,750,000 or 25% of total project budget.**

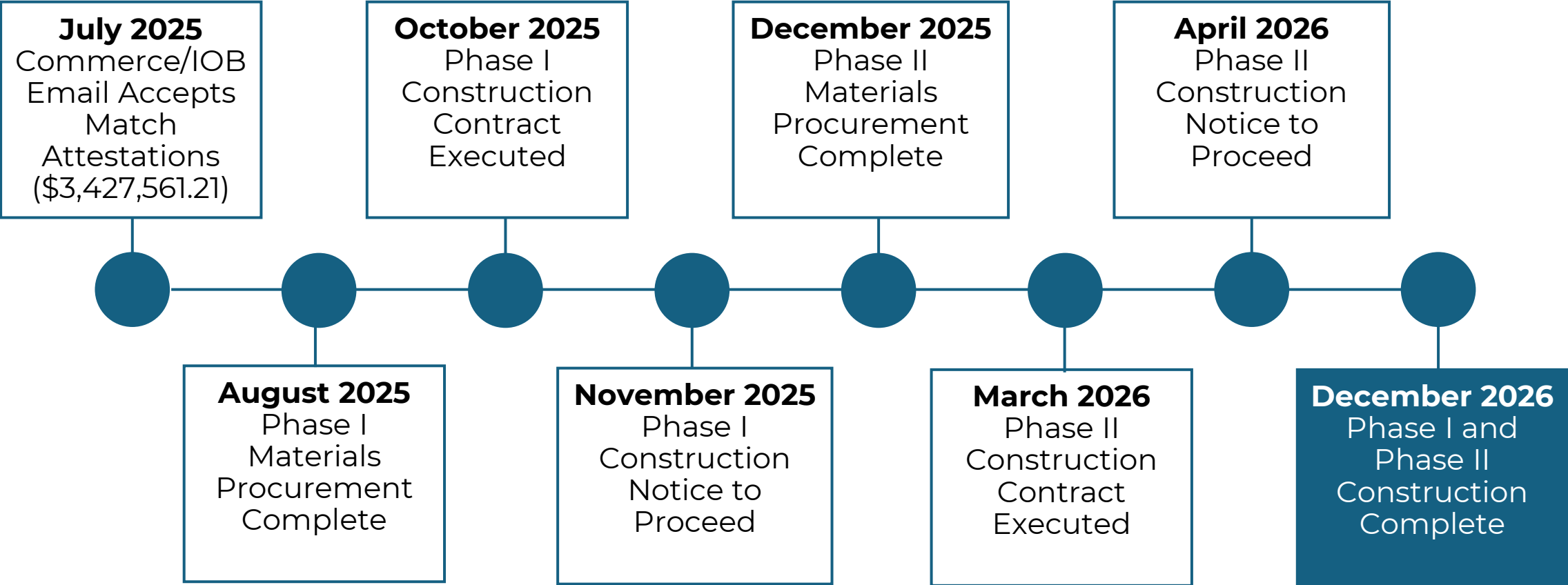
# ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

Topic: On-time completion

Describe how Latah County will complete this build and reporting requirements by December 31, 2026.



# CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE



# GRANT AGREEMENT – REPORT DUE DATES

Reporting will be due according to the schedule below, which may be modified by the Department based on requirements and/or modifications from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

## Report Timelines

Report Type	Performance Period	Grantee Due Date (no later than)	Federal Due Date
Performance Report*	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	July 15, 2024	July 31, 2024
Performance Report*	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	July 15, 2025	July 31, 2025
Performance Report*	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Performance Report – Close Out*	July 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026	March 15, 2027	March 31, 2027
Post Project Status Reports**	July 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027	March 15, 2028	March 31, 2028
Post Project Status Reports**	July 1, 2028 - December 31, 2028	March 15, 2029	March 31, 2029

# ON-TIME COMPLETION

Attestations from Aecon, Phase I and Zero dB, Phase II that they can meet the completion date of 12/31/26.



March 23, 2026

**Latah County**  
522 S. Adams St, STE 100  
Moscow ID, 83843

Attention: Christine Nauman  
Email: [cnauman@latahcountyid.gov](mailto:cnauman@latahcountyid.gov)

**RE: Latah County Broadband Project**

Aecon Utilities (US) Ltd. ("Aecon"), by its undersigned authorized representative, hereby certifies that Aecon is the contractor performing the work for the Latah County Broadband Project (the "Project") pursuant to that certain agreement between Latah County (the "County") and Aecon dated October 14, 2025 (the "Agreement").

Aecon further certifies that, as of the date of this attestation and based on information presently available to Aecon, it is Aecon's good-faith intention to diligently prosecute the work and to seek to achieve substantial completion of the Project on or before December 31, 2026 (the "Target Completion Date").

This attestation is provided for administrative purposes only and is expressly subject to the Agreement. Nothing in this attestation shall be construed to amend, modify, supplement, waive, discharge, or supersede any provision of the Agreement or any other contract documents governing the Project. The contract time, any milestones, and any extensions or other adjustments to the contract time remain governed exclusively by the Agreement, including its notice and claims procedures.

Without limiting the foregoing, Aecon's stated intention regarding the Target Completion Date is subject to such time and/or price relief as may be available under the Agreement and applicable law in the event Aecon's performance is delayed, disrupted, impacted, or made more costly by circumstances beyond Aecon's reasonable control, including, without limitation: (a) changes in the work; (b) County-directed or County-authorized changes; (c) other events or conditions for which the Agreement permits an adjustment to contract time and/or contract price. Any entitlement to relief, and the amount and timing of such relief, shall be addressed strictly in accordance with the Agreement.

Nothing in this attestation shall be construed as: (i) a guarantee, warranty, or suretyship of completion by any particular date irrespective of events, conditions, or requirements under the Agreement; (ii) an agreement to accept liquidated damages, penalties, offsets, enforcement actions, or remedies beyond those (if any) expressly provided in the Agreement and applicable law; (iii) a waiver, release, or impairment of any rights, defenses, claims, or remedies available to Aecon under the Agreement, at law, or in equity; (iv) an admission of fault, responsibility, default, delay, or entitlement by any party; or (v) a representation on which the County (or any third party) may rely to alter any rights, obligations, or remedies under the Agreement.

Yours Sincerely,

Kevin Green  
Sr. Director – US Operations  
Aecon Utilities (US) Ltd.

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March 23, 2026

Latah County Board of Commissioners  
522 South Adams Street, Suite 101  
Moscow, ID. 83843

Re: Latah County FTTx Phase II Project

To the Latah County Board of Commissioners,

This letter serves as formal attestation that, upon final execution and receipt of the contract, Zero dB Communications is fully committed to completing the Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTx) Phase II Project on or before December 31, 2026.

We appreciate the opportunity to support Latah County in expanding fiber-to-the-home services to the communities of Genesee and Potlatch. Zero dB Communications is prepared to deliver this project in accordance with all agreed-upon requirements, timelines, and standards.

Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

President

[zkuhlmann@teamzdb.com](mailto:zkuhlmann@teamzdb.com)

509-846-9937



# ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

Topic: Operations and Maintenance Plan



- What is the Operations and Maintenance Plan for the project after the build is complete?
- How will this network be maintained?
- How does Latah plan to market this service to residents?

# OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Latah County's Operations and Maintenance Plan will outline the strategy and procedures for sustaining a municipal rural Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTx) broadband network.

The plan will address challenges through a structured approach focused on proactive maintenance, rapid incident response, efficient resource allocation, and community-centered service delivery.

**Latah County will procure a contract for ongoing operations and management of the fiber.**

**The selected contractor shall provide the following services:**

- 1) Fiber and facility mapping, including cut sheet documentation;
- 2) Facilitation of cabinet assignments and coordination with ISPs for new customers;
- 3) Regular audits of cabinet assignments and jumper installations;
- 4) Dig-Line management services;
- 5) An option to contract for locate services in accordance with standards in the industry;
- 6) Emergency restoration management in accordance with standards in the industry;
- 7) Management of colocation cabinets and facilities, including routine inspections and annual maintenance; and
- 8) Oversight of Network Operations Center (NOC) contracted services.

**Latah County shall provide the following services:**

- 1) Administration of billing and collection; and
- 2) Collection and remittance of any applicable taxes

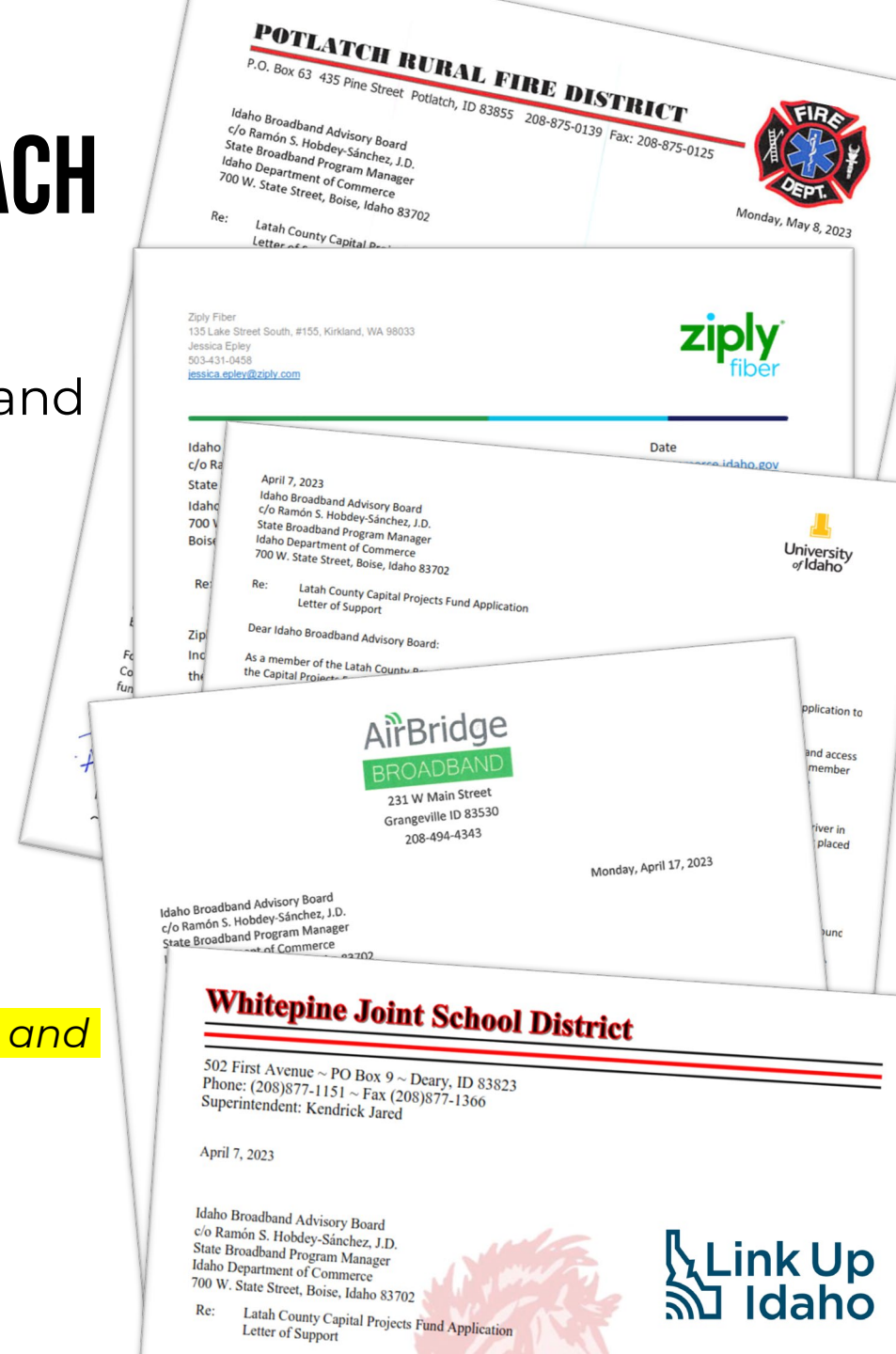
# LATAH COUNTY'S MARKETING AND OUTREACH

## Anchor Institution Engagement- **Application Phase – Ongoing**

- Schools, libraries, and public safety users are secured and **received over 35 letters of support for application**
- **Trusted advocates** for the network

## Community-Based Outreach – **Ongoing**

- Underground Drop Waivers
- Town hall meetings and community info sessions
- Partnerships with local government and utilities
- **Internet Service Providers do the rest!**  
*Executed Fiber Master License Agreements with FirstStep Internet and Inland Cellular*
- Direct mail campaigns with clear pricing and benefits
- Yard signs and road signage



# ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS



Topic: Financial and Contractual Progress

Please provide an update on the County's financial and contractual progress for this project, including:

- A. The total CPF-funded investments or expenditures made since the award was received, as well as the total amount currently committed through purchase orders or agreements with vendors.
- B. The status of all required permits, easements, and related approvals, performance bonds, etc. and the anticipated timeline for securing any remaining items.

# FINANCIAL PROGRESS

Contractor	Type	Amount	Expended (billed to Latah County)	Remaining Amount
RuCon	Fiber Design Consultant	50,662.80	50,662.80	-
ZerodB- Design Services	Fiber Design and Project Support	811,290.00	803,289.50	8,000.50
Robert Lee Sappington	Cultural Survey	14,750.00	-	14,750.00
Petrichor	Fiber Project Consultant	74,999.00	18,749.75	56,249.25
Aecon	Construction- Phase 1*	6,361,848.52	-	6,361,848.52
ZerodB- Construction Services	Construction- Phase 2*	1,927,306.05	-	1,927,306.05
Power & Tel Supply	Materials- Phase 1	1,084,376.80	1,047,110.17	37,266.63
Power & Tel Supply	Materials- Phase 2	373,252.75	188,359.05	184,893.70
Avista	Avista Route/Make Ready Approvals	146,963.92	146,963.92	-
Hawley-Troxell	Legal	80,210.50	80,210.50	-
ZerodB - Inspection Services	Inspection Services	170,400.00	12,180.00	158,220.00
Other Permits		6,228.00	6,228.00	-
Publications		391.51	391.51	-
		<b>11,102,679.85</b>	<b>2,354,145.20</b>	<b>8,748,534.65</b>

\*Unit based contracts. Final amounts based on units constructed.

Pending		
Paradise Ridge	Construction	750,000.00
		<b>750,000.00</b>
	<b>Total with Pending</b>	<b>11,852,679.85</b>
	<b>Grant-Funded Budget</b>	<b>15,000,000.00</b>
	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>3,147,320.15</b>

# CONTRACTUAL PROGRESS

Item	% Complete
Designs	100%
Permits	80%
Cultural Resources Review	100%
Materials- Phase I	100%
Materials- Phase II	85%
Cabinet Easements	100%
Pole Applications to Avista	100%
Avista Make Ready	80%
Genessee Potlatch Construction Contract Signed- Phase II	90%
Underground Drop Waivers- Phase I	100%
Underground Drop Waivers- Phase II	85%

# PERMITS AND EASEMENTS PENDING

## EASEMENTS

- Potlatch FTTH Cabinet: Pre-approved, pending City signature

## UTILITY POLE PERMITS

- Deary – Final permit pending Avista’s completion of make ready (4/17/2026)
- Genesee – Avista finalizing make ready costs for County approval (3/31/2026)
- Potlatch - Avista finalizing make ready costs for County approval (3/31/2026)

## IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (ITD)

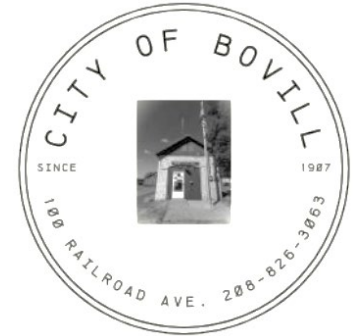
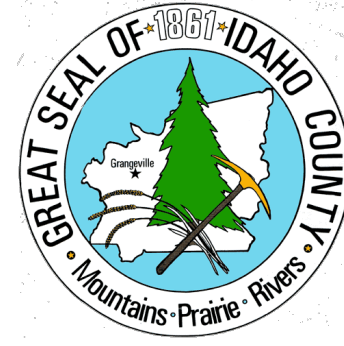
- Deary to Harvard - Pending IIG commitment revised drawings to be submitted
- In-town Deary - Pending Avista Make Ready Completion (4/17/2026)

## NORTH LATAH COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT (NLCHD)

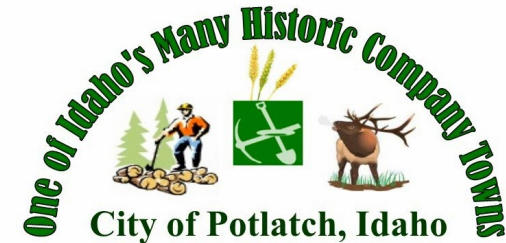
- Pre-approval received. NLCHD requests phased permits and provides within 1 week of submission.

**All other permits and easements complete.**

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT



## Idaho District II Interoperability Governance Board



Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce Counties; Nez Perce Tribe; Cities of Lewiston and Moscow; District II Local, State, and Federal Planning Participants



# LETTERS OF SUPPORT



“First Step Internet has contributed industry expertise, existing fiber infrastructure, and customer insight to help identify areas within the County where high-speed connectivity remains limited. The project will leverage First Step Internet’s fiber strand infrastructure match to enable First Step Internet, along with other approved ISPs, to deliver scalable, high-capacity fiber services to homes, businesses, government agencies, schools, and other critical community anchor institutions. **In addition, this project will enhance regional resiliency by providing redundant fiber connectivity linking the communities included in the project.**”

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

“At Bennett Lumber, we employ 171 people 110 of whom would be **immediately and meaningfully impacted** by the Latah County Broadband Project.”

**“...Beyond that, I am personally committed to contributing a cash match for the fiber drop into our facility from the main trunk line. We also own a tower on Moscow Mountain that Latah County currently utilizes, and we are prepared to grant easement access as part of this project. We are not bystanders -we are partners.”**

“Terminating this project would be a serious mistake. Broadband is no longer a luxury it is infrastructure as essential as roads and electricity. **It is the foundation for economic growth, quality healthcare, effective education, and life-saving emergency communications in rural communities that have waited long enough.**

I respectfully and urgently request that the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board lift the suspension, reinstate the Latah County Broadband Project, and **allow this critical work to move forward without further delay.**”



# IN SUMMARY...

## **The project meets the Idaho CPF Program Objectives and Link Up Idaho's Mission.**

Specifically:

- Demonstrates sufficient project match (20% or \$3,750,000) directly related to the project scope and meeting 2 CFR 200 guidelines has been provided, leveraging funding from other private and/or public sources
- Provides open access fiber to the premises (last mile connectivity) allowing for symmetrical application of gig speed to underserved and unserved locations in Idaho
- Ensures completion by December 31, 2026
- Includes plans for proper maintenance, emergency response, and Internet Service Provider operations after network completion

**And should be reinstated without further delay.**



**QUESTIONS?**