

PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Project Construction Period for GREAT Grant (Federally Funded) and Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Program Awards

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SECTION A - PROJECT INFORMATION

A.1. Provider Name:	Connect Holding II, LLC d/b/a Brightspeed		
A.2. Project Contact Completing this Form:	Marcy Mealy	A.3. Title:	<u>Broadband Grants Compliance Manager</u>
A.4. Primary Phone:	704-754-9129	A.5. Email:	marcy.mealy@brightspeed.com
A.6. Reporting Period		Contract Information	
A.6.1. From:	04/01/2025 (date)	A.7. Agreement #:	2000066911
A.6.2. To:	06/30/2025 (date)	A.8. Project Title:	Brightspeed Moore County GREAT Federal
		A.9. Project County:	Moore
		A.10. Program Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GREAT (Federally funded) <input type="checkbox"/> GREAT projects funded by CAB <input type="checkbox"/> CAB

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SECTION B - PROJECT UPDATES

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

B.1. Design/Engineering:

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

- 0% complete
- Less than 25% complete
- 25-75% complete
- 75-99.9% complete
- X 100% complete

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

Design is complete for the 7 build scenarios that serve the grant locations for the Moore GREAT project.

Redesign for one build scenario is undergoing NC DOT review; the build in the West End area was impacted by a STIP (road) project.

B.2. Securing Assets:

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

RESPONSE:

Our teams are working through open permits with Duke Energy and NC DOT, and the City of Troy. We anticipate approval receipt in August. Our private community team is working to gain access for 169 locations.

B.3. Materials/Supplies:

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

RESPONSE:

Material purchases 100% complete.

B.4. Staffing/Contractors:

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

Staffing/labor update or challenges:

Design/Engineering:

- Primarily In-House Staff
- Primarily Contractors
- X Both

Construction/Installation:

- Primarily In-House Staff
- X Primarily Contractors
- Both

Contractor identification/additions/changes: Dycom is assigned to Brightspeed wire-centers SPNSNCXA (Southern Pines area), VASSNCXA (Vass area), and PNHRNCXA (Pinehurst area). Utilities One is assigned to WHPNNCXA (Whispering Pines), RBNSNCXA (Robbins area), WENDNCXB (West End area), and CARTHNCXA (Carthage area).

B.5. Construction:

Please provide miles of fiber installed to date as specified below. In each build scenario, Brightspeed is building infrastructure that also serves non-grant locations (not assisted with grant funds) along with the locations included in the grant agreement to be assisted by the grant funds. Build scenarios include both unsubsidized and subsidized prems (build locations) and costs for the subsidized prems are allocated to the grant appropriately, and in consistent practice, using an allocation percentage. All fiber miles reported for number of miles built represent the miles of fiber built for the all-in project (Brightspeed funded (non-subsidized) + grant subsidized prems).

	Number of Miles Built	Number of Miles Proposed in Budget
B.5.1. Length of aerial distribution cable	120	117
B.5.2. Length of buried distribution cable	32	
B.5.3. Length of aerial Middle Mile* cable		
B.5.4. Length of buried Middle Mile* cable		

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

B.5.5. Construction Estimate:

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

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

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

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

The city of Carthage is only allowing construction work in phases. Our contractor has completed phase one; phase two is now work in progress. This part of the build was split in five phases total with the underground almost complete, and aerial now in progress. Work in the Carthage area is expected to be complete by the end of 2025. Work in the Southern Pines area is pending access to private property. Construction in Vass and Pinehurst areas pending permit receipt from NC DOT, Duke Energy, and the City of Troy. In the West End area construction is pending review/approval from NC DOT concerning project redesign due to a STIP (road) project. Boring has started in Whispering Pines area; aerial work pending permits.

B.6. Project Expenditures:

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

B.6.1. Project Expense Category	B.6.2. Total Project Budget Amount	B.6.3. Total Expenditures for Reporting Period	B.6.4. Total Expenditures Cumulative to Date
Easements			
Materials	\$2,072,730.44	\$22,832.52	\$2,060,911.00
Construction/Installation	\$7,152,985.96	\$647,827.92	\$1,849,303.40
Testing			
Engineering			
Lease/Collocations Fees (one-time fees)			
Permit/Survey/ROW	\$195,785.60	\$0.00	\$195,785.60

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

B.7. Project Milestones:

Please indicate the status of the following project milestones and if an extension of a milestone due date might be needed:

- Evidence of the start of construction
 YES NO EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED
- Access available to 10% of locations with submission of address data
 YES NO EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED
- Access available to 100% of locations with submission of address data
 YES NO EXTENSION REQUEST ANTICIPATED

For GREAT grant projects, milestone due dates can be found in Exhibits C and D of the grant agreement. For CAB projects, milestone due dates can be found on the CAB page at <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/cab-management-documents>.

SECTION C - OTHER

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

We are reporting 665 locations with service now available. We anticipate to have all locations complete by January 30, 2025. We are requesting a formal extension for the construction period.

SECTION D – PROVISION OF SERVICE

D.1. Please complete the table below with location data as of the end of the current reporting period: Reporting is exclusive to grant locations for the Moore project.

	<u>Number of Locations w/Service Now Available</u>	Number of Locations Contracted per Agreement or BAFO
D.1.a. Project households with broadband available:	641	3345
D.1.b. Project business locations with broadband available:	24	133
D.1.c. Project Community Anchor Institution (CAI) locations with broadband available:		
PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ONLY ON AWARDED LOCATIONS. DO NOT SUBMIT ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE CONTRACTED AGREEMENT. IF ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS ARE INCLUDED THE REPORT WILL BE RETURNED.		

FOR PROJECTS WITH TOTAL PROJECT COSTs MORE THAN \$10 MILLION (GREAT FEDERALLY FUNDED OR CAB FUNDED WITH SFLRF) OR WITH A TOTAL AWARD FROM NCDIT MORE THAN \$5 MILLION (CAB FUNDED WITH CPF)

For projects with total project costs more than \$10 million (federally funded GREAT or CAB funded with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [SFLRF] or with a total award from NCDIT that exceeds \$5 million (CAB funded with Capital Project Funds [CPF]), please also complete and submit **Construction Period Progress Report Form Exhibit E**. This Exhibit must be submitted with each progress report and revised as the project progresses.

Exhibit E should not be completed if the total project cost does not exceed \$10 million (GREAT Federal or CAB SRF) or if the total award does not exceed \$5 million (CAB CPF). Please contact your assigned NCDIT representative if you have any questions.

SECTION F - COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION/DEPLOYMENT PHASE OF PROJECT

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION G - PROVIDER CERTIFICATION & ATTESTATION

Broadband Provider Certification and Attestation

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



7/15/2025

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Date

Pamela Sherwood, Vice President Broadband Office
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