

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
REQUIRED BTOP APPLICANT SELF-APPRAISAL

Your BTOP broadband stimulus application has been identified as a submission originating from Pennsylvania or proposing to serve portions of Pennsylvania in the online searchable database published by NTIA.

To assist the commonwealth with its review of Pennsylvania projects the commonwealth has prepared this self-appraisal form. The form gives each applicant an opportunity to demonstrate to the commonwealth why its particular proposal meets the greatest needs of the state. Information from the forms will help inform the commonwealth's review and prioritization of proposals to the NTIA.

The completion of this form is required for all Pennsylvania applicants as part of the state's review process. If you do not complete this form the commonwealth will be unable to properly prioritize your application. At the same time completion of the form does not guarantee funding – final funding decisions are being made by the NTIA.

The commonwealth reserves the right to request additional information from the applicant, including a copy of its full application. All information provided by the applicant to the commonwealth relative to its application for its review and prioritization shall represent the project as was proposed and submitted to NTIA by the deadline without any amendments or material changes to scope of work, partners, or budget.

Please submit your completed self-appraisal form **NO LATER THAN Tuesday September 22, 2009, before 5:00pm**, via email to: ra-OA-Stimulus@state.pa.us

If your organization has submitted multiple BTOP proposals, you must complete a separate Self-Appraisal form for each grant request.

PART ONE - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Easy Grant ID #: _____

(ID# appears at top of application form submitted electronically to NTIA)

Type of Application (double-click to check one):

- Infrastructure Middle Mile
- Infrastructure Last Mile
- Sustainable Adoption
- Public Computer Center

Proposed Geographic Area of Benefit - List the names of all counties in Pennsylvania where activity or benefit will occur:

Project Partners - List the names of all entities who are party to the proposal in that they will be involved in carrying out the work or will help to fund the project:

Expert Review: As part of its review process the commonwealth may seek input from independent reviewers ["subject-matter experts" (SME)] who will review applications from the perspective of their particular subject-matter expertise. Please indicate ONE subject matter area that best represents the predominant purpose or objective of your application so that we can assign an appropriate SME. If you do not choose one or if you choose more than one the commonwealth will designate an SME at its discretion.

- Health Care
- Education - Pre-K to 12
- Education - Higher Education
- Local Government Services
- Public Safety
- Workforce Development
- Community & Economic Development
- Infrastructure Improvement (technical review)
- Rural Needs
- Libraries and other places of public access

Budget – complete the tables below indicating the amount, sources, and uses of funding (as indicated in your application)

Sources	Amount
Federal	
Applicant	
State	
Local	
Provider	
Other	
TOTAL	

Budget	Amount
Network & Access Equipment	
Outside Plant	
Buildings & Land	
Customer Premise Equipment	
Billing & Operational Support	
Operating Equipment	
Engineering & Professional Services	
Testing	
Site Preparation	
Other	
TOTAL	

PART TWO – CONFORMITY WITH STATE BROADBAND PLAN
The Commonwealth released a Statewide Broadband Plan entitled “A Broadband Strategy for the 21st Century”. A copy of the plan is available at <http://www.recovery.pa.gov/> (click on “Opportunities”, document available under “Broadband Opportunity”). Please describe how your proposal closely aligns with the priorities and recommendations discussed in Statewide Broadband Plan [one page maximum; do not exceed space allocated below – Times New Roman, no smaller than 10 font, one inch margins].

PART THREE – INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION

Please discuss why your application best serves the needs and interests of Pennsylvania. Why does your proposal deserve priority ranking? [one page maximum; please do not exceed space allocated below; Times New Roman, no smaller than 10 font, one inch margins]

PART FOUR – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you are applying for Infrastructure funding, please respond to the following questions (response for 3 questions below not to exceed one page, Times New Roman, no smaller than 10 font, one inch margins):

1. How will the project improve local, county or regional broadband services in the targeted underserved or unserved areas?
2. Does the proposal allow for the inclusion of multiple disciplines in the project (e.g. economic development, education, health care, public safety, local government, etc)? How will the project meet the needs of the community and the state in one or more sectors?
3. How will this project be sustained once BTOP funds are expended?

If you are applying for Sustainable Adoption funding, please respond to the following questions (response for 4 questions below not to exceed one page, Times New Roman, no smaller than 10 font, one inch margins):

1. What is the target audience? How many new users or subscribers will the project generate?
2. Discuss the barriers to adoption within the particular community or targeted constituency. How do you propose to track and measure increases in broadband adoption rates in area(s) affected by the project?
3. Discuss the degree to which the project demonstrates ideas, approaches, and methods that can be replicated elsewhere in Pennsylvania.
4. How will this project be sustained once BTOP funds are expended?

If you are applying for Public Computer Center funding, please respond to the following questions (response for 4 questions below not to exceed one page, Times New Roman, no smaller than 10 font, one inch margins):

1. What is the target audience? How many users will benefit from this project?
2. How does the project meet the relevant needs of the targeted community or constituency group?
3. Discuss the degree to which the project demonstrates ideas, approaches, and methods that can be replicated elsewhere in Pennsylvania.
4. How will this project be sustained once BTOP funds are expended?

Return completed form to: ra-OA-Stimulus@state.pa.us no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday September 22, 2009.