

Lancaster County Middle Mile Grant Certifications

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: By signing this statement, the applicant certifies that:

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 - c. The offering of wholesale broadband service at reasonable rates on a carrier-neutral basis.
5. It will offer interconnection in perpetuity, where technically feasible without exceeding current or reasonably anticipated capacity limitations, on reasonable rates and terms to be negotiated with requesting parties. Such interconnection must include both the ability to connect to the public internet and physical interconnection for the exchange of traffic.

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Please submit this form along with the Middle Mile grant application budget narrative to psc.broadband@nebraska.gov for consideration.

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