



Rural Development

Rural Utilities Service

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Mr. Cristian Martinez
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Dear Mr. Martinez:

To implement your Congressionally Directed Spending award in the amount of \$2,850,000 we are providing the attached grant award documents. The grant designation for your project is TX 1714 A70. This designation should be referenced in all future correspondence concerning this grant.

It is acceptable for ReConnect awardees to order materials and enter into engineering contracts prior to the commencement of "work". However, applicants must request permission to purchase the materials and must submit the engineering contracts for approval and must be informed that any purchases completed, or contracts entered into before all environmental clearances have been obtained are at their own risk and that RUS has no obligation to reimburse these purchases.

Also, please find attached a copy of your RUS approved budget and a draft copy of your Grant Agreement. Please have your legal counsel review and respond to RUS within 10 business days if there are any errors with respect to information added by the agency. Note that the standard agreement is non-negotiable.

Please indicate your acceptance of this offer by having the president or other authorized official sign this letter, and within five (5) days from the date hereof, returning it by email to:

RANDALL MILLHISER
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Loan Origination and Approval Division
Telecommunications Program
Rural Utilities Service

Email: SM.ReConnect.CDS@usda.gov

Upon receipt of the signed copy of this letter and notification of any errors in your grant agreement, the grant documents will be prepared and forwarded in the near future for execution. This grant is approved with the understanding that the grant

documents will be authorized and executed by your organization and returned to us within the time period which will be set forth in the letter of transmittal.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berke
Administrator
Rural Utilities Service

ACCEPTANCE:

Grantee

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Enclosures:

Draft Grant and Security Agreement
Environmental Clearance Letter

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