



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

## Finance Department

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Date: August 13, 2015

Agenda Item: Funding Opportunity Letter of Withdrawal  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program  
Lumpkin County Development Authority – Broadband Expansion

Item Description: The proposed letter is intended to remove from further consideration by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) the Community Development Block Grant-Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) application submitted by the County on behalf of the Lumpkin County Development Authority (LCDA) in July of 2014.

### Facts & Historical Information:

In July of 2014, the County was approached by the LCDA to submit on its behalf a CDBG-EIP application for its proposed broadband expansion project. Unfortunately, in the time that has passed since the initial application documents were submitted to DCA, the LCDA has been advised by the DCA that proposed projects of this nature are not being funded at this time. The LCDA is requesting that the application submitted by the County on its behalf be officially withdrawn.

Since the application was submitted some time ago, a number of other documents have been included to provide additional information related to the LCDA's request to withdraw the application. They include the staff analysis for the funding opportunity along with the application documents. Also included is the staff analysis for the agreement with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) to prepare and administer the application along with a copy of the executed agreement with GMRC.

The LCDA has drafted a letter to the DCA to formally request the application be withdrawn for the County's consideration.

### Potential Courses of Action:

- A. Approve the letter proposed by the LCDA requesting it CDBG-EIP application be withdrawn from consideration by the DCA.
- B. Take no action.

**Budget Impact:** There will be no impact to the County's budget should the decision be made to approve the letter proposed by the LCDA.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Please see statement from the LCDA.

# Development Authority of Lumpkin County



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Dahlonega, Georgia 30533  
706-864-0423 • Fax 706-864-4760

May 18, 2015

Chairman Chris Dockery  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners  
194 Courthouse Hill  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Dear Chris,

After working with Get U Wired to attempt to secure grant funding for broadband service to their location we learned that DCA will not fund broadband projects at this time. We have been advised that the application filed by Lumpkin County on behalf of the Development Authority for this project should be officially withdrawn. To that end I have included a letter to DCA from Lumpkin County with the recommended language and identifiers provided by DCA. The letter only needs to be printed on letterhead and signed. If you have any questions please call.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Gooch".

Steve Gooch  
Executive Director

September 15, 2015

Mr. Brock Smith  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

RE: Proposed EIP (PID03412A)  
Lumpkin County Broadband – Get U Wired

Dear Brock:

In response to your letter dated August 12, 2014 regarding the above-mentioned project, Lumpkin County is declining the opportunity to submit a full Employment Incentive Program (EIP) Fund application for project # PID03412A and would like to withdraw from consideration at this time. As a matter of information, Lumpkin County received Pre-Agreement Cost Approval for this project to assist the county in providing broadband fiber to benefit Get U Wired.

Thank you for the opportunity. Lumpkin County greatly appreciates your consideration of the project, and we look forward to working with you and your staff on future projects. Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 706-864-3742.

Best regards,

Chris Dockery  
Chairman

cc: Heather Feldman, GMRC



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

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## Finance Department

**Date:** June 26, 2014

**Agenda Item:** Funding Opportunity  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program  
Lumpkin County Development Authority – Broadband Extension

**Item Description:** The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is accepting applications for funding assistance from the Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP).

**Facts & Historical Information:**

The CDBG-EIP is a financing program that may be used in conjunction with traditional private financing to carry out economic development projects which will result in employment of low and moderate income persons. Many types of projects can be financed with CDBG-EIP funding. However, projects creating opportunities for low and moderate income persons to advance themselves by obtaining employment, greater job security, better working conditions, job training, enhancement of workplace skills and advancement opportunities receive the greatest consideration.

Eligible applicants for CDBG-EIP funding are general purpose “non-entitlement” local governments with activities encompassing two broad areas:

1. Grants to local governments for the installation of public infrastructure which will support an eligible economic development project; or
2. Grants to local governments who may then loan the CDBG-EIP proceeds to a sub-recipient industry to finance various fixed assets which will be used in an eligible economic development project. CDBG-EIP loan repayments may be used to establish or recapitalize a local revolving loan fund (RLF) to be used in other eligible projects.

Eligible uses include:

- Public water and sewer systems, distribution and/or collection lines, wastewater treatment projects, rail spurs, and various other types of public facilities.
- Financing for fixed assets including: land, new facilities, rehabilitation of existing facilities, machinery, equipment, etc.

Given the complexity of the CDBG-EIP application process, DCA encourages applicants to engage their respective Regional Commission to prepare the application documents. The Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) has expressed an interest in providing technical assistance to the County in development and preparation of a CDBG-EIP application. In exchange for providing this service, GMRC would require an application fee of \$1,000.00. Should the application be funded, GMRC would require an administration fee equal to six percent of the grant award amount.

**Potential Courses  
of Action:**

- A. Approve the submission of a CDBG-EIP application on behalf of the Lumpkin County Development Authority.
- B. Take no action.

**Budget Impact:**

There will be no negative impact to the County's budget as the Lumpkin County Development Authority will be responsible for paying the application fee to GMRC. Should the application be funded, the administration fee imposed by GMRC will be funded by the grant.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Please see statement from Mr. Steve Gooch, Director of the Lumpkin County Development Authority.



## GRANT PROCESSING REQUEST FORM

DATE: 06/24/14				
DEPARTMENT: Lumpkin County Development Authority				
GRANT PROGRAM: Community Development Block Grant - Employment Incentive Program				
GRANTING AGENCY: Georgia Department of Community Affairs				
CFDA # (If Federal Grant) 14.218				
PROGRAM TITLE: Lumpkin County EIP - Broadband Expansion				
FUNDING REQUEST:				
FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL MATCH	OTHER	TOTAL REQUEST
250,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 250,000.00
IF LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED, ARE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT BUDGET? Y/N Not Applicable				
INDIRECT COSTS? Y/N Unknown			AMOUNT:	
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT: Y/N Yes				
PROJECT DIRECTOR: Steve Gooch, Executive Director - Lumpkin County Development Authority				
PHONE: (706) 482-0423		FAX: (706) 864-0116		E-MAIL: steve.gooch@lumpkincounty.gov
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE APPROVING SUBMISSION: Steve Gooch, Executive Director Lumpkin County Development Authority		SIGNATURE: <i>Steve Gooch</i>		DATE: 6-30-2014
REVIEWED & APPROVED BY FINANCE: C. Allison Martin, Finance Director Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners		SIGNATURE: <i>C. Allison Martin</i>		DATE: 6/30/14



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July 15, 2014

Mr. Danny Lewis, Executive Director  
GA Mountains Regional Commission  
P.O. Box 1720  
Gainesville, GA 30503

RE: Request for Assistance

Dear Danny:

Lumpkin County is requesting the assistance of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission in seeking Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) for broadband infrastructure to serve Get U Wired.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 706-864-3742.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Dockery".

Chris Dockery  
Chairman



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July 15, 2014

Mr. Russell Townsend  
Qualla Boundary Reservation  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, NC 28719

Re: Lumpkin County – Broadband Expansion  
CDBG-EIP Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Townsend,

Lumpkin County is considering applying for the project listed above with federal funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs – Community Development Block Grant-Employment Incentive Program. Lumpkin County, Georgia, has assumed DCA's environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

Lumpkin County will conduct a review of this project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and, if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, can you please let us know of your interest within 30 days? If you have any initial concerns

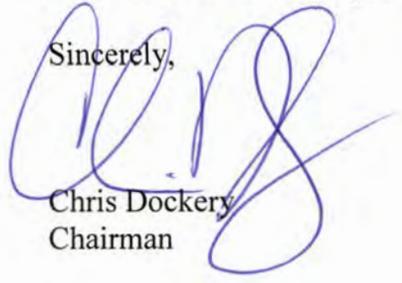
with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, can you please note them in your response?

Enclosed is a map that shows the Project Area and, if applicable, an additional area of potential indirect effects. The project consists of expansion of fiber optic broadband to benefit an internet marketing company in Lumpkin County.

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at [http://www.comcon.org/sites/default/files/historic\\_preservation/](http://www.comcon.org/sites/default/files/historic_preservation/). HUD's process for tribal consultation under Section 106 is described in a Notice available at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/environment/atec](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/environment/atec).

If you do not wish to consult on this project, can you please inform us? If you do wish to consult, can you please include in your reply the name and contact information for the tribe's principal representative in the consultation? Thank you very much. We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project.

Sincerely,



Chris Dockery  
Chairman

Enclosures

**Initial Project Assessment  
for EIP Pre-Agreement Cost Approval**

**Applicant local government:** Lumpkin County, Georgia

**Potential beneficiary (company):** Get U Wired

Thank you for your interest in the Employment Incentive Program (EIP) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This document, an Initial Project Assessment (IPA), contains several questions regarding your proposed project. Your answers to these questions will help us determine whether your project is eligible for EIP funding and whether DCA may issue a pre-agreement cost approval letter to authorize interim financing and the commencement of project activities. A DCA employee will be available to assist you in answering these questions.

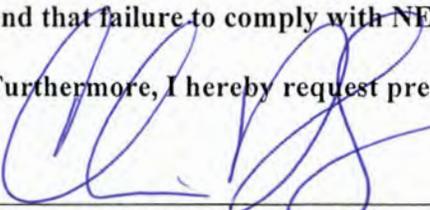
**Please be advised that your completion of this IPA does not constitute submission of an EIP application and is not a commitment to fund or a notification of grant award, or notification that any proposed activities are eligible for EIP financing or pre-agreement cost approval.** Simply, DCA needs certain information about your project before it can issue a pre-agreement cost approval. Upon receipt of a completed IPA form that is signed by the chief elected official of the potential local government applicant, DCA will issue either a pre-agreement cost approval for all eligible projects or a notice of explanation for ineligible projects.

As you know, each EIP application must stand on its own merit and obtain sufficient points under the formal review process to be funded. Since the competitiveness of your project is unknown at this time, any group that secures financing and moves ahead with any portion of the project should do so under the full realization that EIP funding is not guaranteed until a grant award and contract has been executed by DCA.

*Certification:*

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this IPA form is true and correct. **I understand that funding under the EIP program is contingent in part upon compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), among other laws and regulations, and that failure to comply with NEPA will result in ineligibility for funding under EIP.**

**Furthermore, I hereby request pre-agreement cost approval from DCA for this project.**

  
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Signature of Authorized Local Government Representative

17 Jul 2014  
Date Signed

Chris Dockery, Chairman Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners  
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

**Environmental Assessment  
for HUD-funded Proposals**

*Recommended format per 24 CFR 58.36, revised March 2005  
[Previously recommended EA formats are obsolete].*



Project Identification: Lumpkin County Broadband Expansion

Preparer: Heather Feldman, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

Responsible Entity: Lumpkin County, Georgia

Certifying Officer: Chris Dockery, Chairman

Month/Year: June 2014

## Environmental Assessment

**Responsible Entity:** Lumpkin County, Georgia

[24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)]

**Certifying Officer:** Chris Dockery, Chairman

[24 CFR 58.2(a)(2)]

**Project Name:** Lumpkin County Broadband Infrastructure Project

**Project Location:** The proposed route of the broadband is from the intersection of Highway 52 and Longbranch Extension to Cavendar Creek Road. The proposed beneficiary of the project is located at 3221 Copper Mines Road.

**Estimated total project cost:** \$250,000

**Grant Recipient:** Lumpkin County

[24 CFR 58.2(a)(5)]

**Recipient Address:** 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H

**Project Representative:** Heather Feldman, GMRC

**Telephone Number:** 770-538-2610

**Conditions for Approval:** (List all mitigation measures adopted by the responsible entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts and other relevant documents as requirements). [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

The project will involve construction of fiber optic broadband both underground and above ground. On the lines that are underground, there will be a temporary removal of vegetation. Grassing and mulching will be completed immediately following construction activities to minimize these impacts. Soil types in the area are satisfactory for the proposed improvements and no soil borings will be required. All grading and excavation will be scheduled so as to minimize the exposure of the bare soils to erosive elements. The disturbed areas will be grassed immediately to prevent erosion in areas of concentrated water flows. Sediment barriers, such as hay bales and silt fence will also be installed in those areas of concentrated water flows.

**FINDING:** [58.40(g)]

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

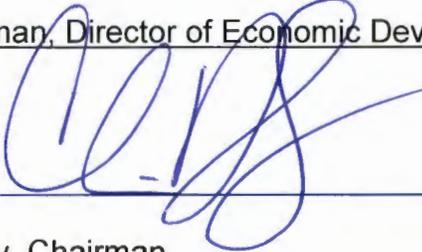
(The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment)

**Finding of Significant Impact**

(The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment)

**Preparer Signature:** Heather Feldman **Date:** 6/19/14

**Name/Title/Agency:** Heather Feldman, Director of Economic Development, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

**RE Approving Official Signature:**  **Date:** 17 Jul 2014

**Name/Title/Agency:** Chris Dockery, Chairman

**Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:** [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

The purpose of the project is to install and construct approximately 3.75 miles of fiber optic cable for a proposed expanding business along Copper Mines Road.

**Description of the Proposal:** Include all contemplated actions which logically are either geographically or functionally a composite part of the project, regardless of the source of funding. [24 CFR 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25]

The purpose of the project is to install and construct approximately 3.75 miles of fiber optic cable for a proposed expanding business along Copper Mines Road. It is proposed that lines will be installed both underground and above ground on existing power poles.

**Existing Conditions and Trends:** Describe the existing conditions of the project area and its surroundings, and trends likely to continue in the absence of the project. [24 CFR 58.40(a)]

The proposed route is primarily undeveloped except for a few small rural residence located along Long Branch Extension. The trends of the area will remain the same. Elevations in the area range from 400-450 feet with slight rolling hills.

## Statutory Checklist

[24CFR §58.5]

Record the determinations made regarding each listed statute, executive order or regulation. Provide appropriate source documentation. [Note reviews or consultations completed as well as any applicable permits or approvals obtained or required. Note dates of contact or page references]. Provide compliance or consistency documentation. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures required.

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Determination and Compliance Documentation</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b> [36 CFR 800]	Submitted Section 106 Review to State Historic Preservation Division for compliance with National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
<b>Floodplain Management</b> [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988]	According to project location maps, the project location crosses an area of floodplain Zone A; however, the improvements in this area will be above ground and will not impact any floodplains. Proper notification will be publicized.
<b>Wetlands Protection</b> [Executive Order 11990]	The project crosses an area of wetlands; however improvements in this area will be above-ground and will not impact the wetlands.
<b>Coastal Zone Management Act</b> [Sections 307(c),(d)]	Not applicable. Lumpkin County is not listed as one of Georgia's six coastal counties or one of its five inland tier counties by the Coastal Services Center, National Oceanic * Atmosphere Administration.
<b>Sole Source Aquifers</b> [40 CFR 149]	No impact. The site is not listed on the EPA Region IV Sole Source Aquafier Map. See attached map.
<b>Endangered Species Act</b> [50 CFR 402]	According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Ecological Services Field Office in Athens, GA, there are some endangered species listed in Lumpkin County. A full list is attached. Project information was also submitted to USFW office in Athens, Georgia.
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</b> [Sections 7 (b), (c)]	The project is not located near a federally designated Wild & Scenic River. The only Wild and Scenic River in North GA is the Chattooga, which doesn't run through Lumpkin County. Website verification - USFS
<b>Air Quality</b> [Clean Air Act, Sections 176 (c) and (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93]	During construction only, dust could affect air quality at times. This is normal during construction and is only temporary. The project specifications will require that the contractor control dust by wetting down all disturbed areas. The proposed improvements will have no permanent affect on air quality and will not require a GA DNR Air Quality Permit.
<b>Farmland Protection Policy Act</b> [7 CFR 658]	The project site is located within a residential district and is not covered by the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The concurrent notice was also submitted to USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services.
<b>Environmental Justice</b> [Executive Order 12898]	The project will improve infrastructure quality and as a result will create jobs for low and moderate income persons in the community.

## HUD Environmental Standards Determination and Compliance Documentation

<b>Noise Abatement and Control</b> [24 CFR 51 B]	No permanent impacts. The proposed project will cause noise levels to be louder than normal on and around the construction sites due to heavy equipment and machinery. Increased noise levels will be during daylight hours only and will return to normal upon completion of the project.
<b>Toxic/Hazardous/Radioactive Materials, Contamination, Chemicals or Gases</b> [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)]	No hazardous site clean-ups were listed within miles of the project according to the EPA Region IV list of hazardous clean-up sites. ( <a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a> ) See attached map.
<b>Siting of HUD-Assisted Projects near Hazardous Operations</b> [24 CFR 51 C]	Based on a site survey and a survey of the surrounding area, no hazardous operations were observed within 2,000 feet of the project site.
<b>Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones</b> [24 CFR 51 D]	The project is not within either civilian or military airport clear zones. No impact.

## Environmental Assessment Checklist

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27]

Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a determination of impact. **Impact Codes:** (1) - No impact anticipated; (2) - Potentially beneficial; (3) - Potentially adverse; (4) - Requires mitigation; (5) - Requires project modification. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions or mitigation measures required.

Land Development	Code	Source or Documentation
Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning	1	This project is in conformance with the Lumpkin County Comprehensive Plan. GMRC Review of Comp Plan. The proposed project also conforms to all existing county zoning ordinances. There will be no zoning changes for project implementation. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Compatibility and Urban Impact	1	No impact. The project conforms to present land uses. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Slope	1	No impact. The project will not be constructed on steep slopes. Project activities will be constructed on moderate to slight slopes based on the USGS topographic map. Sedimentation and Soil Erosion Control measures will be maintained at all times and slope stability will be controlled. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Erosion	1	There will be temporary removal of vegetation associated with the construction of the proposed improvements, but the majority of improvements will be above-ground on existing power poles.
Soil Suitability	1	No soil borings will be required. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety	1	Based on visual observations of the Target Area, the proposed project poses no known hazards or nuisances. Temporary construction effects will be addressed under existing regulations governing construction activities with the local municipality. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Energy Consumption	1	No adverse impacts. The design of the project will take full advantage of potential energy savings measures and will be in conformance with the Georgia Energy Code. (GMRC 9770-538-2626)
Noise - Contribution to Community Noise Levels	1	No impact – noise will be limited to daytime hours during the construction phase of the projects. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Air Quality Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels	1	The project will have no impact on air quality. Dust could affect air quality during construction activities, but the contractor will control dust by wetting down all disturbed areas. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Environmental Design Visual Quality - Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale	1	The project will not alter the visual quality of the community. All proposed improvements are compatible uses within the county. (GMRC 770-538-2626)

Socioeconomic	Code	Source or Documentation
Demographic Character Changes	1	No impact. Better internet speed for an internet based company.
Displacement	1	No persons will be displaced as a result of this project.
Employment and Income Patterns	1	No impact

**Community Facilities  
and Services**

	<b>Code</b>	<b>Source or Documentation</b>
Educational Facilities	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Commercial Facilities	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Health Care	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Social Services	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Solid Waste	1	The disposal of all materials cleared & grubbed will be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State of Georgia and will be the responsibility of the contractor.
Waste Water	1	The proposed project will not affect sewer service in the area.
Storm Water	1	The stormwater drainage system within the project area will not be disturbed or adversely affected by construction. Some temporary diversion may occur during construction as needed to complete the infrastructure improvements. The existing storm drainage system is adequate. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Water Supply	1	The water system in this Target Area will not be adversely affected
Public Safety		
- Police	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
- Fire	1	No Impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
- Emergency Medical	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Open Space and Recreation		
- Open Space	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
- Recreation	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
- Cultural Facilities	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Transportation	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission

**Natural Features**

**Source or Documentation**

Water Resources	1	Proposed improvements will not affect water resources.
Surface Water	1	No impact, GA Mountains Regional Commission
Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands	1	Based on the site survey, there are no unique features within or adjacent to the proposed project. The Target Area is a commercial area. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Vegetation and Wildlife	1	There will be no adverse affects to vegetation and wildlife within or adjacent to the project area. Vegetation outside the ROW will also not be disturbed. All disturbed areas from construction will be grassed and mulched immediately to prevent erosion in areas of concentrated water flows. (GMRC 770-538-2626)

**Other Factors**

**Source or Documentation**

Flood Disaster Protection Act [Flood Insurance] [§58.6(a)]	2	All mitigation measures will be taken into consideration so as not to adversely affect the floodplains in the area.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act/ Coastal Barrier Improvement Act [§58.6(c)]	1	Not applicable. Lumpkin County is not one of the 6 coastal counties in Georgia. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Airport Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone Disclosure [§58.6(d)]	1	Project is not located near or adjacent to an airport or runway; therefore, the project will have no impact on this. (GMRC 770-538-2626)
Other Factors	1	Not applicable.

## Summary of Findings and Conclusions

### ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

**Alternatives and Project Modifications Considered** [24 CFR 58.40(e), Ref. 40 CFR 1508.9] (Identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it.)

#### **No Action Alternative** [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

(Discuss the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of not implementing the preferred alternative).

Should the project not be completed, high speed internet service to a company who solely depends on fast, reliable internet service for business would not be provided. As a result, the company would need to move from Lumpkin County and all of those jobs would be lost.

#### **Mitigation Measures Recommended** [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1508.20]

(Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or its external factors should be modified in order to minimize adverse environmental impacts and restore or enhance environmental quality.)

The project will involve construction of fiber optic broadband both underground and above ground on existing utility power poles. On the lines that are underground, there will be a temporary removal of vegetation. Grassing and mulching will be completed immediately following construction activities to minimize these impacts. Soil types in the area are satisfactory for the proposed improvements and no soil borings will be required. All grading and excavation will be scheduled so as to minimize the exposure of the bare soils to erosive elements. The disturbed areas will be grassed immediately to prevent erosion in areas of concentrated water flows. Sediment barriers, such as hay bales and silt fence will also be installed in those areas of concentrated water flows.

#### **Additional Studies Performed**

(Attach studies or summaries)

Section 106 Review – Historic Preservation Division, GA Department of Natural Resources.

### List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

GA Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Division  
254 Washington Street, SW  
Ground Level  
Atlanta, GA 30334

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Regional Administrator  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152  
East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

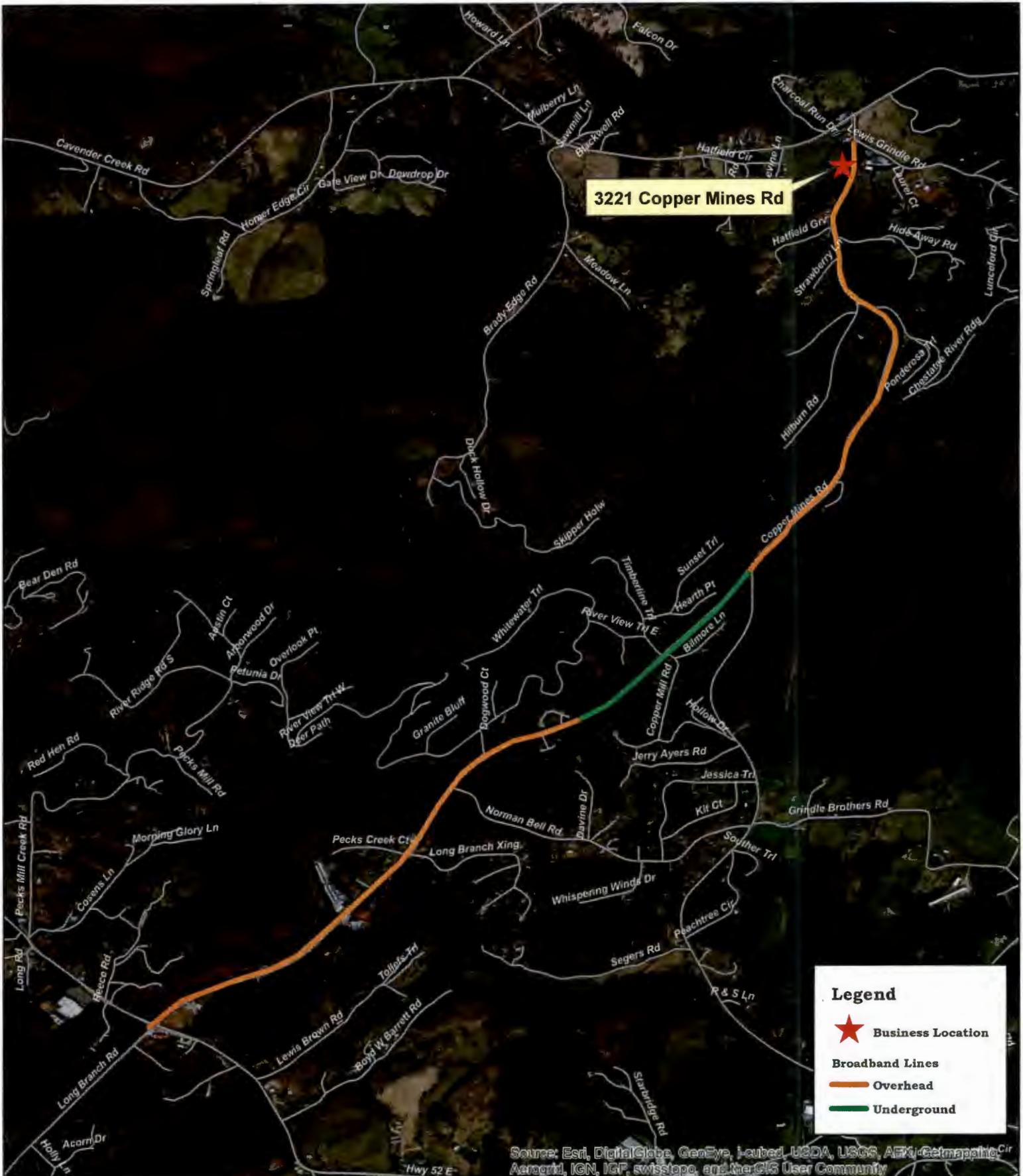
Georgia Department of Transportation  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30308

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Qualla Boundary Reservation  
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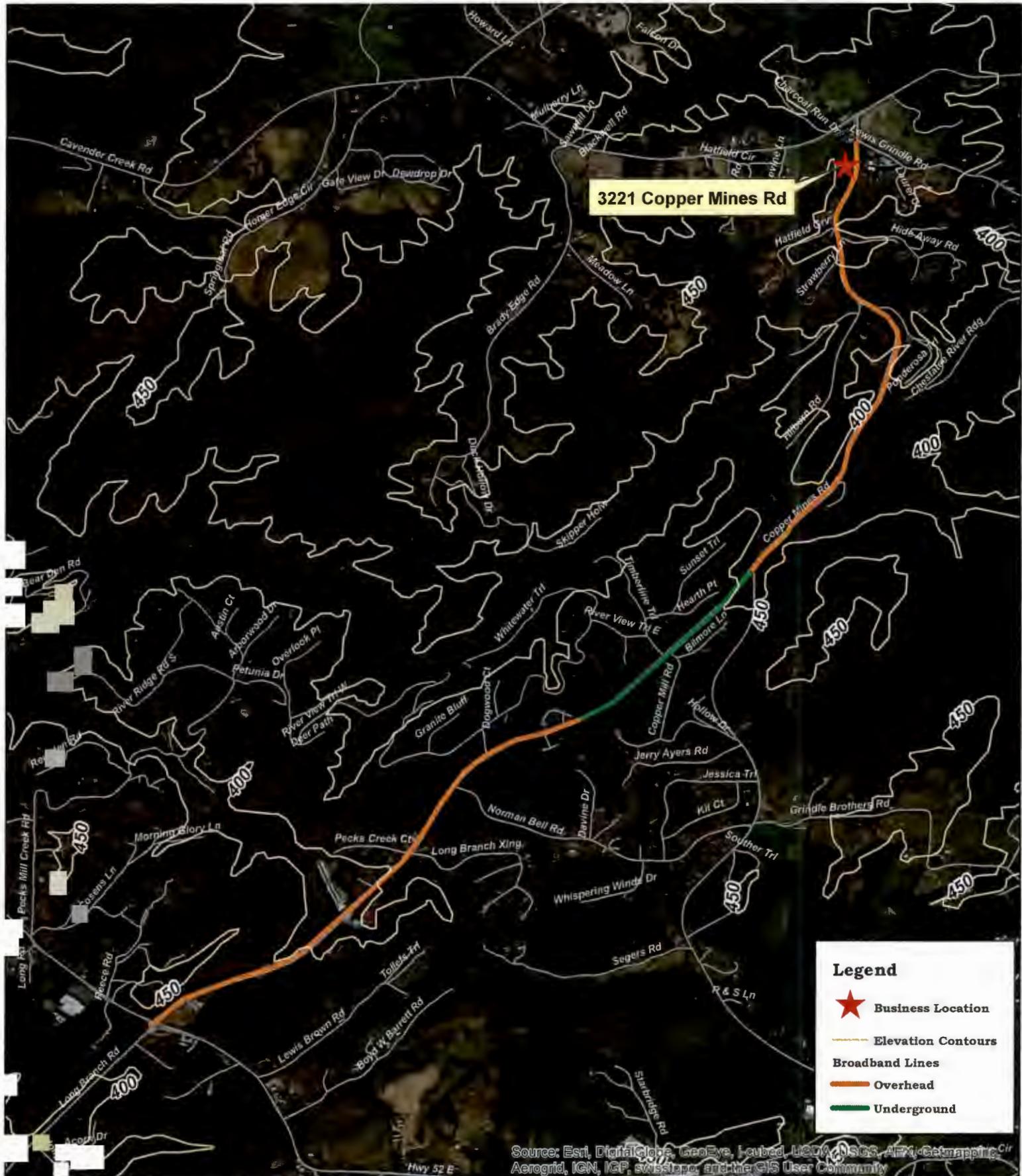
Department of Human Services  
# 2 Peachtree Street  
30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303

U.S. Fish & Wildlife  
Debbie Harris  
105 West Park Drive  
Suite D  
Athens, GA 30606

Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Gainesville Service Center  
Soil Conservationist  
734 East Crescent Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30501

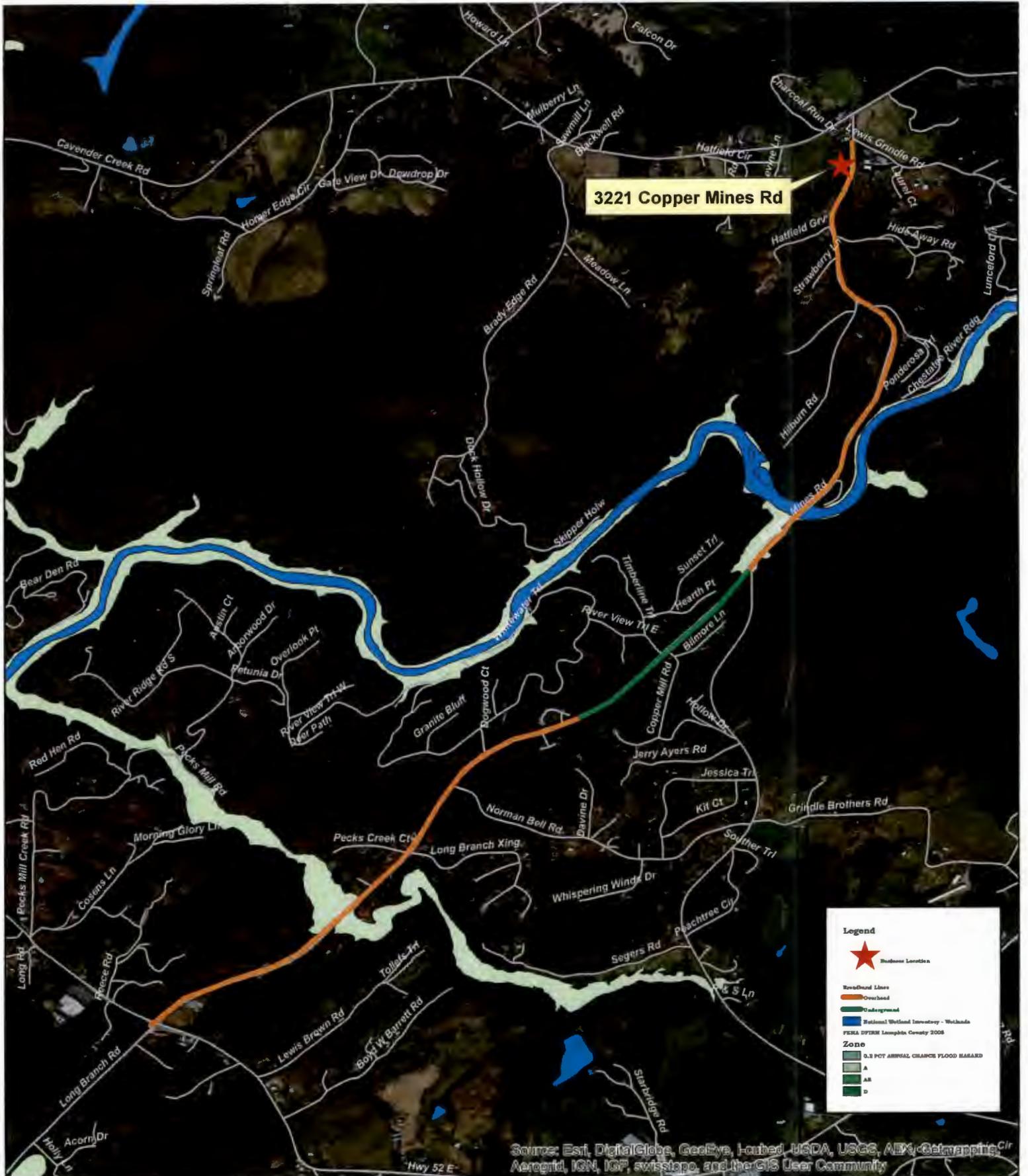


**Lumpkin County EIP  
Broadband Installation - Business Expansion  
Project Location**



**Lumpkin County EIP  
Broadband Installation - Business Expansion  
Project Location - Topography**





**Lumpkin County EIP  
Broadband Installation - Business Expansion  
Project Location - Floodplains and Wetlands**

# Designated Sole Source Aquifers in EPA Region IV

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee



*The 3 Sole Source Aquifer designations in Region IV are listed below. Contact the Regional Sole Source Aquifer coordinator for more information.*

Lois Hill  
 US EPA Region IV, Water Division  
 61 Forsyth St., SE  
 Atlanta, GA 30303-3104  
 phone: (404)562-9472  
 email: hill.lois@epa.gov

**DESIGNATED SOLE SOURCE AQUIFERS IN REGION IV:**

State	Sole Source Aquifer Name	Federal Register Cit.	Public. Date	GIS map
FL	Biscayne Aquifer, Broward, Dade, Monroe & Palm Beach Counties	44 FR 58797	10/11/79	no
FL	Volusia-Floridan Aquifer, Flagler & Putnam Counties	52 FR 44221	11/18/87	no
*LA/MS	Southern Hills Regional Aquifer System	53 FR 25538	07/07/88	no



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**Species By County Report**

The following report contains Species that are known to or are believed to occur in this county. Species with range unrefined past the state level are now excluded from this report. If you are looking for the Section 7 range (for Section 7 Consultations), please visit the [IPaC](#) application.

**County: Lumpkin, GA**

Group	Name	Population	Status	Lead Office	Recovery Plan Name	Recovery Plan Action Status	Recovery Plan Stage
Clams	Finelined pocketbook ( <i>Lampsilis altilis</i> )		Threatened	Alabama Ecological Services Field Office	Recovery Plan for the Mobile River Basin (15 species)	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final
	Cherokee darter ( <i>Etheostoma scotti</i> )	Entire	Threatened	Georgia Ecological Services Field Office	Recovery Plan for the Mobile River Basin (15 species)	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final
Fishes	Amber darter ( <i>Percina antesella</i> )	Entire	Endangered	Georgia Ecological Services Field Office	Conasauga Logperch/Amber Darter (2 spp.)	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final
	Etowah darter ( <i>Etheostoma etowahae</i> )	Entire	Endangered	Georgia Ecological Services Field Office	Recovery Plan for the Mobile River Basin (15 species)	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final
	Small whorled pogonia ( <i>Isotria medeoloides</i> )		Threatened	New England Ecological Services Field Office	Small Whorled Pogonia	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final Revision 1
Flowering Plants	Michaux's sumac ( <i>Rhus michauxii</i> )		Endangered	Raleigh Ecological Services Field Office	Michaux's Sumac	<a href="#">View Implementation Progress</a>	Final
	Northern Long-eared Bat ( <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> )		Proposed Endangered	Green Bay Ecological Services Field Office	-	-	-

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# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087  
(exp. 10/31/2014)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) <b>Community Development Block Grant</b>	2. HUD/State Identification Number	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity <b>Chris Dockery, Chairman 99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H Dahlonega, GA 30533</b>	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) <b>Heather Feldman 770-538-2610</b>	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request <b>Georgia Department of Community Affairs 60 Executive Park Park South, NE Atlanta, GA 30329</b>	<p><b>The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following</b></p>	
9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) <b>Lumpkin County EIP - Broadband Extension</b>	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) <b>Longbranch Extension, Copper Mines Road.</b>	

11. Program Activity/Project Description

The proposed project includes the construction and installation of fiber optic cable for a company that does 100% of their business via the internet and cloud.

**Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)**

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

X

Address of Certifying Officer

Title of Certifying Officer

Chairman

Date signed

DO NOT  
DATE

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified and agrees to advise by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

X

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)



### Certification of Exemption for HUD funded projects

Determination of activities not subject to 24 CFR 58.34(a)  
May be subject to provisions of 24 CFR 58.6, as applicable

Project Name: Lumpkin County Broadband Expansion  
Project Description: Fiber Optic Installation  
Address: Target Area: Intersection of Highway 52 and Longbranch Extension, Copper Mines Road.  
Funding Source: **CDBG** HOME ESG HOPWA EDI Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Funding Amount: \$250,000  
Grant Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	1. Environmental and other studies, resource identification and the development of plans and strategies;
	2. Information and financial services;
<b>X</b>	3. Administrative and management activities;
	4. Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
	5. Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
	6. Purchase of insurance;
	7. Purchase of tools;
<b>X</b>	8. Engineering or design costs;
	9. Technical assistance and training;
	10. Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration;
	11. Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD;
	12. Any of the categorical exclusions listed in Sec. 58.35(a) provided that there are no circumstances that require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5.

If your project falls into any of the above categories, you do not have to submit a Request for Release of Funds (RROF), and no further approval from HUD will be needed by the recipient for the drawdown of funds to carry out exempt activities and projects. However, the responsible entity must still document in writing its compliance with and/or applicability of "other requirements" per 24CFR58.6 (included with this document).

By signing below the Responsible Entity certifies in writing that each activity or project is exempt and meets the conditions specified for such exemption under section 24 CFR 58.34(a). Please keep a copy of this determination in your project files.

Chris Dockery, Chairman Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Responsible Entity Certifying Official Name & Title (please print)

Responsible Entity Certifying Official Signature

17 July 2014  
Date

APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO:

***GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
INITIAL PROJECT ASSESSMENT***

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BROADBAND EXPANSION**



**JULY 2014**



**Initial Project Assessment  
for EIP Pre-Agreement Cost Approval**

**Applicant local government:** Lumpkin County, Georgia

**Potential beneficiary (company):** Get U Wired

Thank you for your interest in the Employment Incentive Program (EIP) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This document, an Initial Project Assessment (IPA), contains several questions regarding your proposed project. Your answers to these questions will help us determine whether your project is eligible for EIP funding and whether DCA may issue a pre-agreement cost approval letter to authorize interim financing and the commencement of project activities. A DCA employee will be available to assist you in answering these questions.

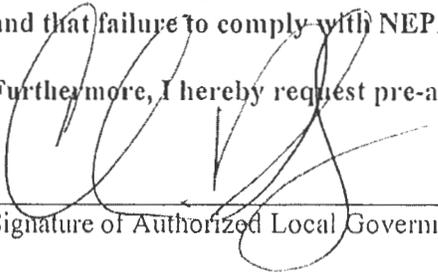
**Please be advised that your completion of this IPA does not constitute submission of an EIP application and is not a commitment to fund or a notification of grant award, or notification that any proposed activities are eligible for EIP financing or pre-agreement cost approval.** Simply, DCA needs certain information about your project before it can issue a pre-agreement cost approval. Upon receipt of a completed IPA form that is signed by the chief elected official of the potential local government applicant, DCA will issue either a pre-agreement cost approval for all eligible projects or a notice of explanation for ineligible projects.

As you know, each EIP application must stand on its own merit and obtain sufficient points under the formal review process to be funded. Since the competitiveness of your project is unknown at this time, any group that secures financing and moves ahead with any portion of the project should do so under the full realization that EIP funding is not guaranteed until a grant award and contract has been executed by DCA.

*Certification:*

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this IPA form is true and correct. I understand that funding under the EIP program is contingent in part upon compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), among other laws and regulations, and that failure to comply with NEPA will result in ineligibility for funding under EIP.

Furthermore, I hereby request pre-agreement cost approval from DCA for this project.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Local Government Representative

17 Jul 2014  
Date Signed

Chris Dockery, Chairman Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners  
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

# Lumpkin County Broadband Expansion

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## **Initial Project Assessment** **For EIP Pre-Agreement Cost Approval**

Office of Economic Development  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs

### **1. Project Description**

Lumpkin County is planning to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) funding in the amount of \$166,909 to construct a 96ct Fiber Optic cable from Highway 52 North along Long Branch Road to Copper Mines Road to support Get U Wired, an internet marketing business located at 3221 Copper Mines Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Founded in 2003 by CEO and President, Lee Goff, Get U Wired, LLC is an internet marketing incubator specializing in Infusionsoft Automated Marketing, Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Content Marketing, Internet Marketing Strategic Consultation, and Website Development and Implementation. With approximately 25 employees, Get U Wired, LLC has clients all over the United States.

In today's business climate, it is a necessity to have the internet to conduct business. Get U Wired, LLC conducts 100% of their business through the world-wide-web and needs the ability to upload, download, and transfer data quickly, which requires higher broadband capacity. Through the current Internet Service Provider (ISP), Get U Wired, LLC has conducted numerous speed tests and only has the capacity for 12Mbps upload and download speeds. The only time when speeds are above 8 or 9 though is when it's one or two people in the office. When additional people connect to the network, the bandwidth drastically decreases. When the internet is down, business is halted for Get U Wired, LLC resulting in loss of business profit, time, and productivity. In fact, in one recent event, the internet was down for almost 24 hours for Get U Wired, LLC. Due to the fact that the business is 100% dependent on the internet, when the service is disrupted or completely down, employees are unable to work and are often sent home. As a result, timelines are not met, and business productivity is extremely low.

Get U Wired, LLC is in such a critical need for higher capacity and speed that they have been in recent talks with another Georgia county closer to metro Atlanta and several other states, including one on the west coast because those communities have the required high speed broadband capabilities, potentially resulting in a net loss of 25 jobs. The need to be able to effectively communicate with their clients via online meetings and to be able to meet project deadlines for site transfers would be 150Mbps up to a 1,000Mbps (1 gigabyte) connection. Having long build out periods will not only cause large bottlenecks in the ability to grow the company, but can also negatively impact current operations when limitations are reached.

In an effort to keep these jobs in Georgia and expand their operations, thereby creating an additional 20 jobs, Lumpkin County will seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program grant to build a 96ct Fiber Optic cable path from Highway 52 North along Long Branch Road to Copper Mines Road ending at the Get U Wired facility. (*See attached maps*)

# Lumpkin County Broadband Expansion

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The project will consist of approx. 13,300 LF of Overhead Fiber Optic Cable Construction. The overhead construction will be a Single Mode 96 Fiber Strand Cable, ADSS, Self Supporting Aerial Fiber Cable. The overhead fiber will be placed on existing power poles using Preform Line Products Hardware. Slack Coils in the overhead fiber will be placed every 1000 feet to provide access points in the fiber cable.

The project will also consist of approximately 7200 LF of Underground Fiber Cable construction. The underground construction will be a Single Mode 96 Fiber Strand Cable that meets outdoor cable Rural Utility Service (RUS) specifications. The underground fiber will be placed at a depth of 36" in the ground along state and county road right-of-ways. The underground fiber will be placed by methods of Directional Boring and Vibratory Plowing. Underground vaults will be placed along the underground fiber route, to store slack for access points in the Fiber Cable.

As a result of this project, Get U Wired, LLC will be able to expand their operations and facility and commits to create **20** new jobs at a total investment cost of **\$225,000**. Access to high speed broadband capacity is a critical factor in keeping small businesses, like Get U Wired, LLC in operation. The project will also allow Get U Wired, LLC to expand their market, enhance their opportunities for current operations, and connect people and ideas faster.

The Lumpkin County Development Authority will act as a "sub-recipient" of the grant award and will oversee all aspects of the project and development stages on behalf of the county.

**In May 2014, a meeting was held with representatives from Lumpkin County, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, Get U Wired, and John VanBrunt with DCA to discuss eligibility of this project under the CDBG-EIP Program. Lumpkin County would like to respectfully request that Pre-Agreement Cost Approval (PACA) be retroactive to May 1, 2014.**

## 2. Sources and Uses

\*See attached Source and Use Statement

## 3. Project Structure

- a) Principal Developer and Manager: **TBD**
- b) Developer's Contractor: **TBD**
- c) Equity will be provided by **Get U Wired, LLC**.
- d) Permanent Financing: **Get U Wired, LLC**.
- e) Who will own, maintain, and operate the assets? **Lumpkin County**

## 4. Timetable & Stages

Lumpkin County began its compliance with NEPA environmental requirements for this project in June 2014. In completing the Statutory Checklist and Environmental Assessment for the project, it was deemed that the project will cross both floodplain and wetland areas. Therefore, a Notice of Early Review has been issued. Upon the required 15-day public input process, a Notice of Explanation will be run. Bearing no public comments, a Concurrent Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact will be issued. Additionally, a Section 106 Review was submitted to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the project was also submitted to the Tribal Preservation Office to seek comments. All comments will be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs once the 30-day review

# Lumpkin County Broadband Expansion

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period is complete and comments are received at which time, a Request for Release of funds will be issued.

The estimated project timetable for completion of this project is 24 months.

## 5. Public Benefit Standards

- The total amount of CDBG - EIP funds to be used in the project: **\$166,909**
- The total number of permanent full-time equivalent jobs to be created is **20**
- The total number of low and moderate income persons hired, retained or served by the project is **11**.

## 6. Questions for Proposed EIP Loans

*NOT APPLICABLE*

## 7. Questions for Proposed Infrastructure Projects:

All infrastructure improvements will be constructed within existing state and local right-of-way.

## 8. Whom May We Contact

Mr. Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners  
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H  
Dahlonega, GA 30533  
706-864-3742  
706-482-2697 Fax  
[chris.dockery@lumpkincounty.gov](mailto:chris.dockery@lumpkincounty.gov)

Mr. Steve Gooch, Executive Director  
Lumpkin County Development Authority  
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite A  
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706-864-3742  
[steve.gooch@lumpkincounty.gov](mailto:steve.gooch@lumpkincounty.gov)

Mrs. Heather Feldman  
Director of Economic Development  
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission  
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Gainesville, GA 30503  
770-538-2610  
770-538-2625 Fax  
[hfeldman@gmrc.ga.gov](mailto:hfeldman@gmrc.ga.gov)

**EIP INITIAL PROJECT ASSESSMENT**  
**SOURCES AND USES STATEMENT**

<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Use</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Land	\$
Building Const./Rehab.	\$225,000
Machine & Equipment	\$
Furniture & Fixtures	\$
Leasehold improvements	\$
Working Capital	\$
Contingencies	\$14,314
Public infrastructure	\$143,147
Grant administration	\$9,448
	\$
<b>TOTAL COSTS =</b>	<b>\$391,909</b>

<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Provider/ Lender</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Est Rate</b>	<b>Collateral</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Annual Debt Svc.</b>
Get U Wired				\$225,000	
CDBG-EIP				\$14,314	
CDBG-EIP				\$143,147	
CDBG-EIP				\$9,448	
<b>Total Sources =</b>				<b>\$391,909</b>	<b>\$</b>

**USES = SOURCES**

**Open Records Statute:**

Georgia Law requires that “All public records of an agency as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section, except those which by order of a court of this state or by law are prohibited or specifically exempted from being open to inspection by the general public, shall be open for a personal inspection by any citizen of this state at a reasonable time and place; and those in charge of such records shall not refuse this privilege to any citizen” (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(b)). This means that past and current records on the use of CDBG/EIP funds are required to be open for public inspection.

However, certain proprietary information which is required by DCA to be included in an economic development application and must be supplied by a business or developer in order to receive certification and which constitutes a “trade secret” (O.C.G.A. § 10-1-740 et seq.; 16-8-13(a)(4)) is exempt from disclosure under O.C.G.A. section 50-18-70.

# **COST-ESTIMATES**





Gresco Utility Supply, Inc.  
 1135 Rumble Road  
 Forsyth, GA 31029  
 678-491-5917 Fax 800-299-3241

# Quotation

DATE July 16, 2014  
 Quotation # 7161  
 Customer ID

**Bill To:**  
 Georgia Mountains Regional Commission  
 Heather Feldman

Quotation valid until: August 15, 2014  
 Prepared by: Billy Wise

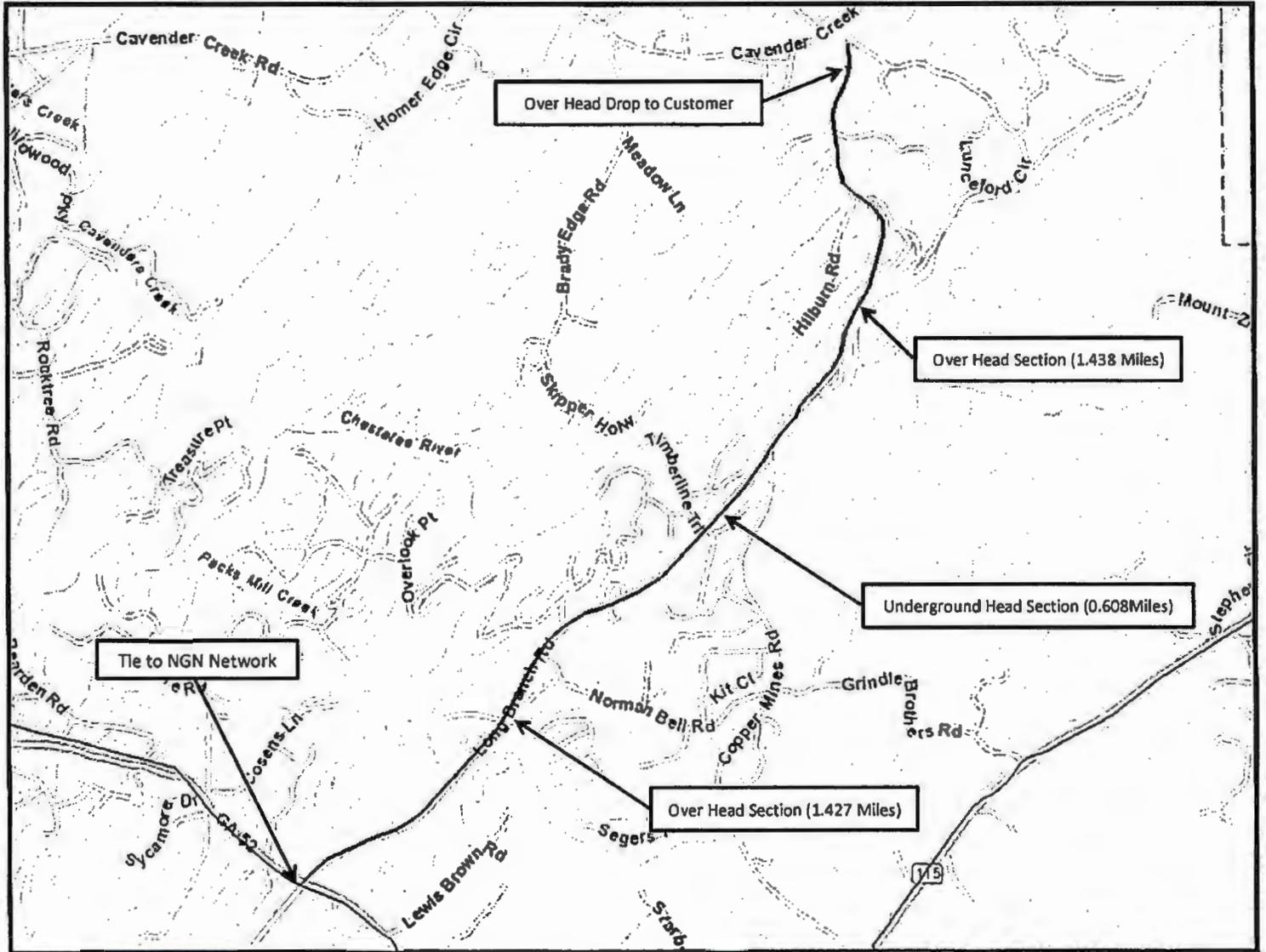
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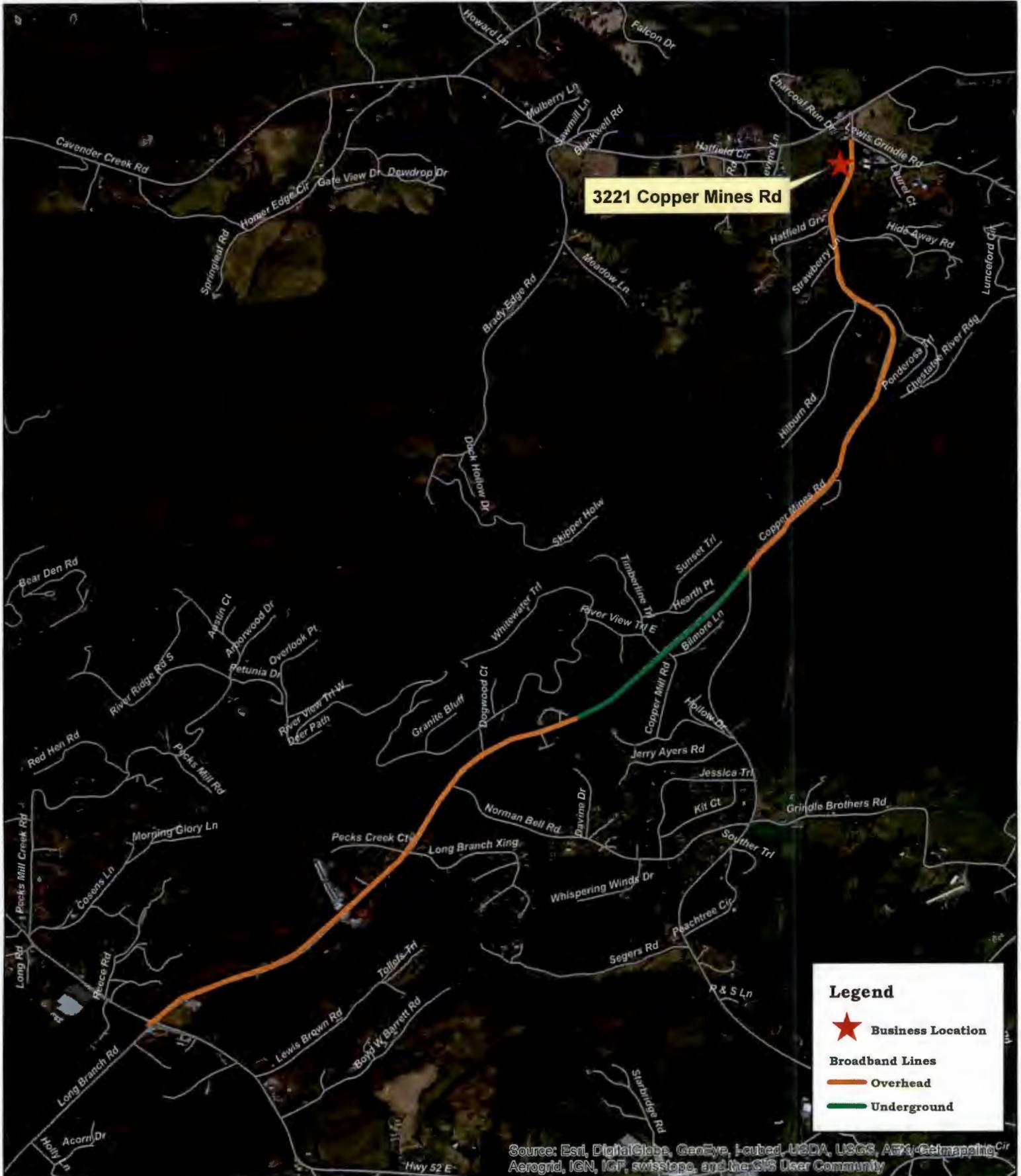
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1	BR-6910-EAS-H-AC	Brocade Hardened 12 Combo Ports, Layer 2 + Dual AC	\$1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00
1	TN-SFP-LXB22	SFP, 1000Base-LX, 1550TX/1310RX, SPLX, SM, SC, 20km, 3.3V, W/DMI	\$445.00	\$ 445.00
1	TN-SFP-LXB21	SFP, 1000Base-LX, 1310TX/1550RX, SPLX, SM, LC, 20km, 3.3V, W/DMI  Normal Configuration time will consist of 2-3 hours at \$150/hr	\$445.00	\$ 445.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 2,570.00</b>

**If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Please call Billy Wise 678-491-5917**  
 This is a quotation on the goods named, subject to the conditions noted below: (Describe any conditions pertaining to these prices and any additional terms of the agreement. You may want to include contingencies that will affect the quotation.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**

# MAPS





**Lumpkin County EIP  
Broadband Installation - Business Expansion  
Project Location**





# Lumpkin County, Georgia

## Finance Department

**Date:** July 9, 2014

**Agenda Item:** Agreement  
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission  
Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program  
Application & Administration

**Item Description:** The agreement provided by Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) specifies its responsibilities regarding the application preparation and general administrative services related to the County's desire to obtain Community Development Block Grant – Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) funding on behalf of the Lumpkin County Development Authority (LCDA) for broadband expansion.

**Facts & Historical Information:**

The CDBG-EIP provides funding assistance for a wide range of eligible activities, including infrastructure improvements and/or expansions. To be deemed eligible to receive funding from the CDBG-EIP, activities must benefit low and low-to-moderate income individuals.

GMRC provides technical assistance to local governments seeking to obtain CDBG-EIP funding from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The assistance offered by GMRC is specified in the agreement along with the associated fee structure.

**Potential Courses of Action:**

- A. Approve the agreement with GMRC for application preparation and general administrative services of a CDBG-EIP award.
- B. Take no action.

**Budget Impact:**

There will be no negative impact to the County's budget as the Lumpkin County Development Authority will be responsible for paying the application fee to GMRC. Should the application be funded, the six percent administration fee imposed by GMRC will be funded by the grant.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Please see statement from Mr. Steve Gooch, Director of the Lumpkin County Development Authority.

PARTIES: Georgia Mountains Regional Commission;  
Lumpkin County, Georgia

SUBJECT: CDBG-EIP Broadband Infrastructure  
Get U Wired

TERM: July 15, 2014 through July 15, 2017

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**AGREEMENT  
APPLICATION PREPARATION &  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, between the GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION, a public agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", and LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA, hereinafter referred to as the "County".

**WITNESSETH**

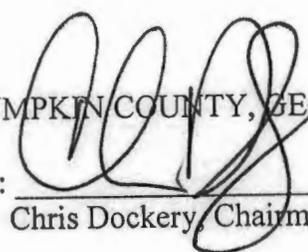
WHEREAS, the County desires to engage the Commission to prepare a full grant application in connection with the CDBG-EIP program for the above-referenced project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to render such services and warrants that it possesses the capabilities to satisfactorily render such services.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

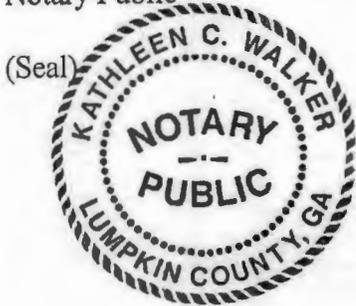
1. **Engagement of the GMRC:** The County agrees to engage the Commission and the Commission agrees to perform services associated with the preparation of the CDBG application. Contingent upon the award of the grant for said project, the County agrees to commission the Commission for the provision of administrative services according to the terms set forth in the attached Exhibit.
2. **Compensation:** The Commission shall perform the preparation of the application for a fee of \$1,000. Should the grant be awarded, the County agrees to pay the Commission six (6) percent for the rendering of administrative services from the grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The compensation will be based on the actual costs

LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

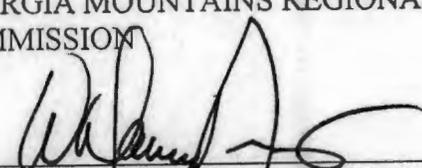
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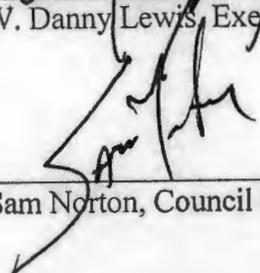
Subscribed and sworn to  
in my presence:

  
Notary Public



GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL  
COMMISSION

By:   
W. Danny Lewis, Executive Director

By:   
Sam Norton, Council Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to  
in my presence:

  
Notary Public

(Seal) **PEGGY LOVELL**  
NOTARY PUBLIC, HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 19, 2015

## EXHIBIT

### SCOPE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. **Term:** The effective date of this contract will be the grant award date as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Tasks will be undertaken and pursued in such sequence as to assure their expeditious completion. All services required hereunder shall be completed within two years of the grant award date.
2. **Description of Services:** The Commission shall provide such administrative services as are required to effectively carry out the program described by the grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in its Statement of CDBG Award to the County. Services of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following administrative services:
  - Technical assistance in the formal acceptance of the CDBG offer of funds, including the preparation of all documents.
  - Technical assistance in the selection of all required consultants such as engineers and architects.
  - Assistance in the development of an appropriate accounting system for the project.
  - Assistance in the development of bidding procedures and documents.
  - Assistance in the development of all required contracts to effectively protect the interests of the County and guarantee timely performance.
  - Assistance in the preparation of filing of all compliance reports with state and federal agencies (environmental, historic, labor, etc.).
  - Assistance in preparing and filing all required progress reports, including project closeout, with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
  - Assistance to the County and County Attorney in any legal actions required by the project (condemnations, titles, easements, etc.). It is agreed that the County Attorney will carry out his/her usual and customary role in such legal actions and that the role of the Commission shall be advisory and supportive only, except as the legal services of the Commission support its administrative role under this Agreement.
  - Assistance in carrying out other special purpose administrative services to support the Commission's administrative function.
3. **Compensation:** It is understood that the Commission is a public agency and shall be reimbursed for actual eligible costs only. Subject to payment by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to the County, the County shall pay to the Commission such reimbursement of actual eligible costs as are billed to the County by the Commission. Such billing to the County by the Commission shall be made not

4. **Compliance with Laws and Regulations; Incorporation of Documents and Laws:** The contracts and other documents, and the federal and state laws, regulations, guidelines, opinions, and standards of the Community Development Block Grant as cited in the CDBG Recipient's Manual are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement by reference. The Commission shall comply with all of the foregoing in undertaking all of the obligations and duties assumed by it under this Agreement.
5. **Maintenance of Records:** (a) The Commission shall maintain such records and accounts as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. (b) At any time during normal business hours, the Commission shall make available for inspection such records as are required or appropriate at its office in Gainesville, Georgia and at the County Hall Office in Dahlonega, Georgia.
6. **Discrimination in Employment or Services:** The Commission agrees that it shall not discriminate against any person in the provision of any services or in any terms or conditions of employment on the basis of political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, and will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines prohibiting discrimination.
7. **Termination:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. The Commission shall be compensated for all services satisfactorily rendered prior to and including the date of termination.
8. **Termination Due to Non-Availability of Funds:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event that funds to be made available to the County do not become available, then this Agreement shall immediately terminate without further obligation to the Commission as of this moment.
9. **Entire Agreement; Modification:** (a) This writing contains the entire Agreement of the parties, and no representatives are made or relied upon by either party other than those expressly set forth. (b) No modification, amendment, waiver, termination, or discharge hereof shall be binding upon either party unless executed in writing by the parties.
10. **Execution in Duplication:** The Agreement is executed in duplicate, and each of the duplicated shall be deemed to be an original and shall have the same force and effect as if it had been executed by the parties.



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August 30, 2014

Mr. Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners  
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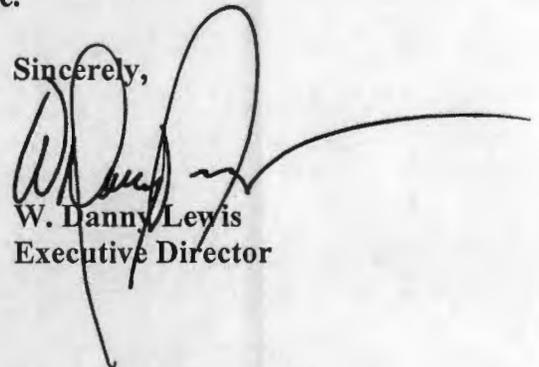
Re: CDBG-EIP Broadband Infrastructure

Dear Chris,

Enclosed please find a fully executed original of the above referenced contract between GMRC and Lumpkin County. Our staff will provide technical assistance in the preparation and submission of the CDBG-EIP Grant application for the Get-U-Wired Project. If the grant is awarded, the staff will also provide administrative services for the project.

The GMRC staff looks forward to working with Lumpkin County on this project and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,



W. Danny Lewis  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

Copy: Economic Development Department  
Finance Department