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# **A. General Application Information**

1. Applicant Information		
1-A. Name, Address, and	1-A. Name, Address, and Federal ID for Applicant	
i. Legal Name:	Critical Hub Networks, Inc.	
ii. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):		
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County:	San Juan	
State:	PR	
Country	United States	
Zip/Postal Code:	00907-4047	

<b>1-B.</b> Name and Contact Information of Person to be Contacted on Matters Involving this Application:	
Prefix:	Mr.
First Name:	Carlo
Middle Name:	
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1-C. Other Required Identification Numbers	
i. Organizational DUNS:	0144096570000
ii. CCR # (CAGE):	5EMC6
iii. Funding Opportunity Number:	1
iv. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	BTOP CFDA Number: 11.557 BIP CFDA Number: 10.787 BTOP CFDA Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program BIP CFDA Title: Broadband Initiatives Program

#### **1-D Eligible Entities**

Please classify your organization. (Note: If there are multiple organizations involved in the project, designate the lead applicant that would enter into a Loan or Grant agreement with the Agency and assume operational and financial responsibility should an award be made). **For-Profit Corporation** 

#### **1-E. RUS Borrower Status**

No

## 1-F. Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation

Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? **No Federal debt delinquency Explanation**: -No Answer Required-

## 2. Project Description & Project Title

2-A. Project Title: Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative

**2-B. Project Description:** Creation of a high capacity broadband data bridge and peering network to provide fast, affordable broadband transit service to last mile service providers in underserved and unserved communities in the islands of Puerto Rico, Culebra and Vieques.

**3. Application ID for Multiple Submissions for Identified Service Areas:** -No Answer Required-



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#### 4. Rural Area Determination

At least 75 percent of the proposed service area to be funded falls within <u>rural areas</u> that are unserved or underserved.

No

**5.** Applications for Rural Areas: Please choose the funding program(s) to which you are submitting this application.

a) BIP broadband infrastructure category to which you are applying:

b) Would you like this Application for Rural Areas to also be considered for BTOP funding?

c) BTOP Infrastructure category for which you are applying.

6. Applications for All Other Areas: Per the NOFA, all applications to fund broadband infrastructure projects in areas that are less than 75% rural must be submitted to NTIA for consideration under BTOP.

BTOP broadband infrastructure category to which you are applying: Middle Mile

# **B.** Eligibility Factors

7. Application Submission

**BIP and BTOP Factors Selected By Applicant:** 

Applicant has submitted a completed application and provided all supporting documentation required for the application.

The Project will be substantially complete within 2nd year from the award date, and the project will be fully complete by the end of the 3rd year from the award date.



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For projects seeking more than \$1 million funding, the Applicant agrees to submit a certification, from a Professional Engineer, that attests that a) the system will deliver the stated performance; and b) the projected project will be substantially completed within two years, and fully completed within three years.

The Applicant provides two-way data transmission with advertised speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream.

Applicant understands and agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination and interconnection obligations outlined in the NOFA.

If applying for a last mile Broadband Infrastructure project, applicant understands and agrees to comply with the last mile coverage obligations as outlined in the NOFA.

Additional Factors for BIP Selected By Applicant

#### **Additional BTOP Factors Selected By Applicant**

- Conformity with Statutory Purposes
- Cost Sharing/Matching
- Reasonableness of Project Budget

The project advances at least one of the statutory purposes for BTOP

Applicant has provided documentation that the project would not have been implemented during the grant period without federal grant assistance.

Applicant has provided a budget that is appropriate to the proposed technical solution and only includes eligible costs.

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• Demonstration the Project Could not be Implemented But For Federal Grant Assistance Applicant is providing matching funds of at least 20 percent towards the total eligible project costs? Yes

7-k. Cost Sharing/Matching Fund Explanation	
-No Answer Required-	

# **C. Executive Summary**

# Executive Summary of Project for BIP and BTOP:

# 8. Infrastructure Projects Executive Summary

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico suffers from very slow and very expensive access to the mainland/worldwide peering networks that support the Internet. The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative (PRBI) proposes an innovative, fast-acting strategy which will provide the islands with middle mile speeds and capacity comparable to the mainland. The PRBI strategy will close the vast digital divide in the underserved service areas of Puerto Rico, including its adjacent islands of Vieques and Culebra. Pursuant to the grant opportunities provided by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) as directed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, this project will create an undersea and terrestrial multi-gigabit fiber optic bridge and associated peering network that will be available to all ISPs serving Puerto Rico. PRBI will provide fast, affordable broadband connectivity to the national/worldwide Internet backbone networks.

# PROBLEM AND NEED ADDRESSED

Puerto Rico's digital divide is deep. Compared with service in the mainland, broadband Internet service in Puerto Rico is: (a) 60% more expensive, as local ISPs pay 400% more for their backbone connectivity to the mainland; (b) 78% slower than the national median; and (c) less accessible and affordable, as less than 33% of households are subscribers.



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Puerto Rico is a victim of the basic economic principals of supply and demand. Due to the limited supply of undersea fiber optic cables connecting Puerto Rico to the mainland, the cost associated with these cables is very high, driving up the cost of backbone connectivity. In addition, Puerto Rico's mountainous tropical topography with high elevations, steep hills, valleys and thick vegetation, result in very high costs for the deployment of last mile infrastructure.

This project is essential to make broadband service accessible and affordable to US citizens in Puerto Rico, nearly half of whom live below the poverty line. Puerto Rico's 3.8 million residents live in 1.26 million households. There are 47,340 business establishments and 2,233 community anchor institutions on the island, including 1,619 schools, 33 universities, and 269 hospitals. The median family income is one third of the national median family income, and is half of Mississippi's, the poorest state in the nation. Over 58% of children in Puerto Rico live in poverty. In the offshore island of Vieques, this number climbs to 81%.

High-speed broadband access and connectivity are vital for economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness, world-class education, innovation and creativity. The PRBI is designed to bring Puerto Rico to a level comparable to the mainland, in terms of affordability and accessibility to fast broadband service.

# OVERALL APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE NEED

To address this problem, Critical Hub Networks proposes to create a "bridge" linking Puerto Rico to the Network Access Point of the Americas ("NAP") in Miami, Florida via a 10 Gigabit undersea fiber optic cable. This "bridge" would serve several purposes:

- Provide backhaul to the Internet backbone, reducing the backhaul costs nearly 90%.
- Establish local peering in Puerto Rico, to keep Puerto Rico-bound traffic within Puerto Rico
- Establish peering between the PRBI and Content & Network Providers, improving connectivity to such content and reducing the associated transit costs.

- Bring broadband services to unserved and underserved areas of Puerto Rico through the expansion of Puerto Rico ISP broadband networks, and the reduction in end-user broadband fees.



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Critical Hub has obtained the concurrence of 85% of local independent ISPs in Puerto Rico, who are excited about the strategy and the opportunities that it will create for all. PRBIsupporting ISPs have agreed to provide a discount for high speed broadband to educational institutions, public safety and health care providers. Grant funding of the PRBI under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) will:

- Reduce end users broadband fees

- Facilitate the expansion of all local ISP broadband networks, increasing broadband availability in unserved areas and communities

- Provide a 25% discount to all educational, health and public safety service providers
- Improve speed & quality of access to bandwidth-demanding content through improved

interconnectivity of networks within Puerto Rico, as well as at the Internet backbone

- Facilitate the FCC objectives of network openness, non-discrimination and interconnection

The PRBI project is not intended to generate any profits for Critical Hub. All PRBI fees are solely based on the recovery of costs to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project. Critical Hub will act as the managing and operating entity of the PRBI. Governance of the project will come from the PRBI Steering Committee, an 8-member panel composed of local government, community anchor institution and non profit representatives, as well as ISP representatives. The benefits of the PRBI to Critical Hub are the same benefits that all PRBI-connected ISPs will receive - reduced backhaul to the Internet backbone, local peering & network peering. These benefits will permit the expansion of Critical Hub's broadband service network and enhance its service offering with increased speeds and lower pricing. Any profits generated by PRBI will be used to further the goals of the project.

# AREA TO BE SERVED

PRBI will provide middle mile services to all 78 municipalities in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, including the islands of Vieques and Culebra. Sixteen interconnection points will be established throughout Puerto Rico, the majority in rural, underserved communities.

# QUALIFICATION OF CRITICAL HUB/CARIBE NET

Critical Hub Networks, Inc. is the owner & operator of Caribe.Net, Puerto Rico's first Internet



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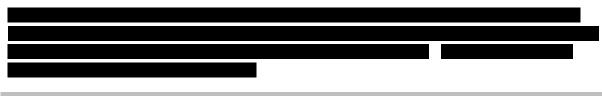
Service Provider (ISP). With over 15 years of experience in the design, implementation, operations and management of ISP networks in Puerto Rico, Critical Hub Networks has the experience and capabilities required to carry out the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative.

## JOBS TO BE CREATED

In the short-term, the project would create approximately 54 direct jobs for professionals who would participate in the three-year project. Based on the Puerto Rico Planning Board's multiplier estimate, these direct jobs would in turn create 123 indirect and induced jobs, yielding a total of 177 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

More importantly, in the medium- and long-term, the project would increase the competitiveness of Puerto Rico in the global economy. The availability of reliable, fast, and affordable broadband service throughout the island would induce a substantial number of new businesses and investments opportunities, which in turn would generate additional jobs as a secondary effect and lay the foundation for Puerto Rico's future economic growth.

# OVERALL COST OF THE PROJECT



# Description of BTOP Project Purpose (BTOP Applicants Only Next Three Questions)

# 9. BTOP Statutory Purpose:

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Provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in "unserved" areas of the United States.

Provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in "underserved" areas of the United States.

Improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies.

Stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

## 10. Description of BTOP Project Purpose:

The main purpose of the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative (PRBI) is to provide Puerto Rico with the basic infrastructure required to change the stifled broadband market and open the venue for fast, affordable broadband Internet services. After careful evaluation, Critical Hub Networks, working with eleven other ISPs of Puerto Rico, found that investing BTOP funds in a fragmented way in individual networks will not achieve the major objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to "lay the foundation for future growth" and to "provide investments needed to increase economic efficiencies".

The following is the current situation of broadband service in Puerto Rico:

-- The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an insular territory of the United States, located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Although it is only 3,500 square miles in size, it is home to 3.8 million residents, most of whom are U.S. citizens by birth, and 98% are Hispanic. The median family income is \$20,425, one third the mainland's median family income (\$58,526) and half that of Mississippi (\$42,805).

-- Local broadband service is very slow. Puerto Rico lags far behind the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines "basic broadband" as broadband services having a minimum download speed of 768kbps. According to a recent report of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), the national median download speed is 2.3 Mbps, whereas in Puerto Rico, it is only 499 Kbps. In other words, Puerto Rico's broadband services are 78% slower than the national median, and well below the range defined as "basic broadband" by the FCC.



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-- In Puerto Rico, broadband service is very expensive. The average cost for broadband services in Puerto Rico is \$60.97 per month, significantly higher than the national average of \$39.00 per month. This is due to several factors, most importantly, the high cost of connectivity from Puerto Rico to the continental United States. For instance, an ISP in the State of Florida pays \$4,600 per month for 100Mb backbone connection, whereas the Puerto Rico ISP pays \$23,600 per month for the same connection - over 400% more expensive. Therefore, services are deployed to wealthier communities and networks are oversubscribed.

As a result of the aforementioned conditions, while the mainland is striving to catch up to the faster, cheaper broadband offerings in some foreign nations, Puerto Rico is struggling just to reach the national benchmarks. This affects opportunities to incorporate broadband technology and improved services in education, public safety, health, and for vulnerable populations. It limits opportunities for economic growth and job creation. The problem is compelling. Federal assistance is the only viable means to fund the infrastructure necessary to offer true broadband within Puerto Rico and close the digital divide.

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative (PRBI) will put all Puerto Rican ISPs on an equal playing field with their counterparts in the mainland, and among themselves. Critical Hub Networks proposes to create a "bridge" linking Puerto Rico to the NAP of the Americas ("NAP") in Miami, Florida via a 10 Gigabit undersea fiberoptic cable. The NAP is one of the nation's primary interconnection points to the Tier-1 networks, or the networks which comprise the Internet backbone. Sixteen interconnections points throughout the island will serve as "on-ramps" to the bridge, the majority in underserved areas. The bridge will serve several purposes:

## 1. Backhaul to the Internet Backbone

For ISPs to offer higher broadband speeds in Puerto Rico, the cost of connecting to the Internet backbone must be reduced. The bridge proposes to reduce these costs by nearly 90%. Each ISP will have a port in the NAP, from which they can negotiate interconnection & transit for their ISP network with any network service provider (NSP) of their choice, such as Sprint, Level 3, AT&T, Verio, etc.

## 2. Local Peering Point in Puerto Rico

There have been previous attempts to establish local peering points within Puerto Rico with



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little success. Costs have always outweighed the benefits. Additionally, individual networkto-network peering is costly, with backhaul circuits and hardware required for each ISP network. However, there is currently a significant amount of traffic within Puerto Rico that travels first to Florida, due to the lack of physical interconnection of networks within the island. The costs and latency associated with this ocean crossing are growing as the demands for bandwidth increase.

The PRBI will create local peering between all PRBI-connected ISPs using the same port and backhaul circuit they use to connect to the bridge. This means additional cost savings, without any additional costs.

PRBI will also provide peering to Puerto Rico government agencies and dependencies, public safety providers and other critical community organizations. Agencies including the Department of Education, the Puerto Rico Treasury, the Police Department, hospitals, private & public education institutions, and 911 would be able to peer with the bridge.

# 3. Peering with Content & Networks in the US.

Currently, Puerto Rico ISP networks do not have sufficient within-island traffic for peering to represent a true cost savings. Aggregating PRBI-connected ISP traffic presents economies of scale for negotiating peering agreements with networks and content providers in the NAP.

## 4. Serving Unserved & Underserved Areas

As all of Puerto Rico is underserved, the PRBI will benefit underserved areas immediately. However, this is only the first step. The PRBI will require participating ISPs to commit to: (a) expand their networks into rural, unserved & underserved areas as determined by the State Broadband Map; (b) reduce their broadband per-megabit fees; and (c) offer a 25% discount to all health care providers, schools, libraries & public safety agencies.

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative provides the best use for the BTOP funds through a viable and effective project which addresses a compelling problem. PRBI will dramatically reduce the cost of the undersea middle mile for ISPs, who currently pay over 400% more than their counterparts in the mainland. This savings will translate into substantial expansion of users, bringing service to hundreds of thousands of households, schools, doctors, hospitals, and community centers which currently cannot afford broadband access service.



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The success of the PRBI will be measurable. By providing Puerto Rico with the basic infrastructure required to provide fast, affordable broadband Internet services, the outcome of the PRBI must bring about measurable results. The PRBI's objectives are:

- -- To reduce broadband per-megabit pricing by 50%
- -- To increase broadband availability in unserved areas by 30%

-- To increase broadband subscribership by schools, libraries, health care & public safety providers by 20%

-- To establish local peering between 75% of ISP networks in Puerto Rico

The impact of the PRBI is nearly immediate. This is a shovel-ready project. The PRBI's first interconnection point will be operational by start of the project's second quarter. The impact over the majority of the population will be felt within the first 6 months of operation. The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will not only offer broadband access to households, but also make fast, affordable broadband services available to all schools public and private, including the public school system administered by the Puerto Rico Department of Education, which serves 526,000 students throughout the island.

## 11. BTOP Enhanced Services for Health Care Delivery, Education, and Children:

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative has received the endorsement of the Puerto Rico Department of Education, the primary local and state education agency in Puerto Rico, which serves over 526,000 students with 45,260 teachers in 1,546 schools. Education is a powerful tool in the fight against poverty. 58% of children in Puerto Rico live below the poverty line. In rural communities such as Vieques, this number climbs to 81%.

High speed Internet defines what is possible on the Internet, particularly regarding education. Virtual schools and classrooms; electronic download of books and articles; distance learning for students; teacher and administrator professional development; real-time observation of historical events and scientific experiments; webinars – they all require high speed Internet in every school and every home.

The lack of high speed broadband services in many areas of Puerto Rico limits the possibilities of providing these essential resources which define education in the twenty-first century to all students & teachers.



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The PRBI and the Puerto Rico Department of Education will work together to provide affordable broadband in all schools, and to facilitate the fast, secure delivery of content which the Department of Education is developing for students and teachers. The content will be delivered via peering of the Department of Education's network with the PRBI. Peering will allow the Department of Education to increase its capability of serving bandwidth-demanding content from its network directly to Puerto Rico students, teachers, and residents.

In addition to the Department of Education, the PRBI will provide peering for all Puerto Rico government agencies. Through these peering points, these government agencies will be able to deliver innovative tools and services directly to Puerto Rico residents. Distance learning, health care services, webinars, reporting & tax filings system are a few of the applications which will benefit from peering. Local peering will solve that problem, by reducing cost, bandwidth and latency issues.

All PRBI-connected ISPs have committed to providing a 25% discount to all public and private educational institutions, libraries, health care and public safety organization in Puerto Rico. Through these strategies we expect to reach the following objective by 2014: Increase broadband subscribership of schools & libraries, health care & public safety providers by 20%.

To ensure that the project achieves its goal, the PRBI will establish the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative Steering Committee. The steering committee will be composed of 8 members – 2 government agency representatives, 2 community anchor institution and/or non-profit institution representatives, 3 ISP representatives and 1 representative from Critical Hub Networks. The Steering Committee will be responsible for establishing incentive programs for PRBI ISPs who expand their networks into rural & unserved areas of Puerto Rico and who further the goals of the Recovery Act, including the enhance of broadband service for health care delivery, education and children.

# **D. Proposed Funded Service Area**

# 12. Proposed Funded Service Area Maps:

12-A. Service Area Map (Reference Number): 9CC5-7993-4FBA-B98B12-B. Is the applicant is seeking a waiver for providing less than 100% coverage of a census block. No



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- **13. Proposed Funded Service Area (BIP Last Mile Projects):** Please refer to section M at the end of document.
- **14. Proposed Funded Service Area (BTOP Middle Mile Project):** Please refer to section M at the end of document.
- 15. Non-Funded Service Area( BIP Only):

-No Answer Required-

## 16. Coverage Waiver:

Applicant is seeking a waiver for providing less than 100% coverage of a census block. No For Response of "Yes" please refer to upload section for additional supporting documentation.

# 17. Methodology for Area Status:

As a middle mile project, the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative must demonstrate that one interconnection point terminates in a proposed funded service area that qualifies as unserved or underserved for Last Mile projects, as defined in the NOFA.

Proposed Funded Service Area: The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will provide middle mile services to link the entire Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the continental United States. The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will offer service to all 78 municipalities of Puerto Rico, including the adjacent islands of Culebra and Vieques, via 16 interconnection points.

Methodology used and source of data:

Determination of non-rural: Based on the BIP Eligibility Map provided at http://broadbandsearch.sc.egov.usda.gov/ as part of the BIP and BTOP application system (see Supplemental Information 1 Appendix E), we have concluded that Puerto Rico is not 75% rural. Therefore, we are only submitting for BTOP funding.

Determination of Underserved: While there is a lack of data regarding census block-level broadband penetration for Puerto Rico, there exists information regarding broadband penetration at a state-level, unifying all Puerto Rico census blocks into a single service area. Since our proposed funded service area is all of Puerto Rico including the islands of Culebra &



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Vieques, this data is applicable.

According to the FCC's January 2009 report: "High-Speed Services for Internet Access: Status as of December 31, 2007", there are 413,322 residential High Speed Lines in Puerto Rico. Additionally, the US Census of 2000 reported 1,261,325 occupied households in Puerto Rico.

Using this available data, the percentage of homes in Puerto Rico with high speed Internet is at best 32.7%. Our methodology was confirmed by the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics, an agency of the Government of Puerto Rico (see Supplemental Information 1: Appendix F). Therefore, less than 40% of residents have broadband in the home, and all of Puerto Rico is found to be underserved.

Proposed interconnection points: The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will establish sixteen interconnection points throughout Puerto Rico, with at least seven in rural & underserved communities, and most in underserved communities. The attached Network Diagram illustrates the location of the interconnection points. Two typical interconnection points are:

-- Ceiba – Located in the eastern coast of Puerto Rico, this Interconnection point terminates in Block 1005 of Census Tract 1602, Ceiba Municipio, Puerto Rico. We have determined that this census block is underserved based on a survey conducted by Metrodata which found that less than 40% of residents have broadband services in their home. This area, economically devastated by the closing of the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in 2004, is extremely poor, with over 45% of households in Tract 1602 living below the poverty level.

-- Maricao – The second least populous municipality in Puerto Rico with 6,449 residents, Maricao is located in the western part of the island, high in the mountains. Poor infrastructure makes it difficult to access the town, with no direct highway connection available. Seventy seven percent of children live below the poverty line in Maricao, and the average household income is just \$9,243. Due to the extreme tropical topography, high elevations, steep hills, valleys and thick vegetation, hundreds of homes are without physical access to communications infrastructure, including cellular phone service.

# 18. Middle Mile Benefits

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative (PRBI) will provide middle mile services to all 78 municipalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, including the islands of Culebra and



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Vieques. PRBI will offer transit and peering to all Puerto Rico ISPs without discrimination. Over 85% of Puerto Rico independent ISPs have been contacted and have given their commitment to using the PRBI facilities upon their completion. The following ISPs have executed legal contracts with Critical Hub to connect with the PRBI upon its creation:

Given the competitive nature of the BTOP and BIP grant process, a few ISPs who are developing their own projects for funding under BTOP and BIP were unable to provide a formal letter of endorsement or verbal agreement. However, we are confident in their participation if the PRBI project is funded.

Puerto Rico is struggling to reach the current national broadband benchmarks. This affects opportunities to incorporate broadband technology and improved services in education, public safety, health, and vulnerable populations, and limits opportunities for economic growth and job creation. The problem is compelling. While broadband service remains unaffordable, it will be unavailable to millions of Puerto Rico residents who live below the poverty line. All Puerto Rico residents will benefit from the PRBI, with the expanded availability of fast, affordable broadband services from a choice of providers.

The benefit of the PRBI to the ISPs is clear: ISPs will reduce their annual per-megabit transit cost by hundreds of thousands of dollars. As shown in Attachment C - Competitor Tables (Question 21), Puerto Rico ISPs are paying \$185 per megabit or more for the middle mile backhaul from Puerto Rico to the mainland. By providing low-cost middle mile backhaul, private sector ISP partners will be able to deploy last-mile networks into unserved and underserved communities. It will allow ISPs to reduce per-megabit pricing, and it will encourage competition.

Peering and transit services will be offered to all Puerto Rico government agencies and dependencies, and to all private and public educational institutions, libraries, health service providers and public safety agencies. The benefits of peering will allow for the distribution of exciting interactive, bandwidth-intensive content and services directly to Puerto Rico ISP



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networks and users. All PRBI ISPs will also offer a 25% service discount to all educational institutions, libraries, health care and public safety providers.

PRBI has received the endorsement of the Puerto Rico Department of Education (see Q-41 Government and Other Key Partnerships). Through peering with the PRBI, the Department of Education will be able to deliver and integrate exciting, innovative, high-bandwidth multimedia content into the curriculum of all public schools of Puerto Rico. The support and collaboration with the Department of Education is essential to reaching the 58% of Puerto Rican children who only have access to computers within the school.

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will directly impact 526,000 students and 45,260 teachers in schools across the island. In addition, based on existing subscriber data and projections provided by PRBI-endorsing ISPs and as detailed in Attachment H - Broadband Subscriber Estimates, the PRBI will serve 616,170 households, 171 community anchor institutions and critical community facilities through PRBI-connected ISPs by the end of 2014. PRBI will also directly serve 75% of Internet Service Providers and 17 non-ISP peering partners by the end of 2014.

# **E. Proposed Service Offering**

**19. Broadband Service Offerings for Last Mile Project:** 

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**20. Service Offerings for Middle Mile Project**: Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

**Competing Service Providers** 

**21. Existing Broadband Service Providers and Services Offered:** Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

Non-Discrimination, Interconnection



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# 22. Description of Network Openness:

Critical Hub Networks is committed to the network neutrality principles contained in the FCC's Internet Policy Statement (FCC 05-151 adopted August 5, 2005). As such, Critical Hub Networks and all PRBI ISPs will be required to adhere to these policies, and include the policies within an Acceptable Use and Network Management Policy to be displayed prominently on the PRBI's website and the ISP's website.

Enforcement: Critical Hub Networks will have a zero tolerance policy regarding violations to the FCC's Internet Policy Statement. Any PRBI ISP found to be in violation of this policy will be given the opportunity to resolve the violation. However, if no action is taken, the ISP will be submitted to the PRBI's Steering Committee, which will take appropriate action, including penalties, fee increases, and orders authorizing the suspension of PRBI services to said ISP.

Interconnection Practices: One of the primary goals of the PRBI is to establish an economic, feasible way of providing interconnectivity and network peering. PRBI will offer interconnectivity and network peering to all ISPs which provide broadband services in Puerto Rico. PRBI will also offer peering to non-ISP networks or content services which are deemed to (a) represent a significant amount of traffic which translates into cost savings for all PRBI networks; or (b) provides improved access for PRBI networks to local content or services which will result in enhancements to government services, health care, education, and public safety. Peering will be available where technically feasible without exceeding current or reasonably anticipated capacity limitations, on reasonable rates and terms to be negotiated with requesting parties. Critical Hub will negotiate with all parties making a bona fide request. Such negotiations will include terms such as business arrangements, capacity limits, financial terms, and technical conditions for interconnection. If no agreement can be reached, the parties may voluntarily seek an interpretation by the FCC of any FCC rules implicated in the dispute. If an agreement cannot be reached within 90 days, the party requesting interconnection may notify NTIA in writing of the failure to reach satisfactory terms with Critical Hub Networks.

Network Management and Nondiscrimination Practices: All PRBI ISPs will be required to display their Acceptable Use and Network Management Policy in a prominent location on their web page and provide notice to customers of any changes to this policy. PRBI ISPs may employ generally accepted technical measures to provide acceptable service levels to all customers, provided that those measures are included in the network management policy.



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These methods may include caching and application-neutral bandwidth allocation, measures to address distribution of harmful viruses, code, content or spam, denial of service attacks, illegal content, and other harmful activities. PRBI ISPs may not favor or prioritize any lawful Internet applications and content over others. PRBI ISPs must provide an email address to customers, such as abuse@ISPNAME.net to facilitate the reporting of policy violations.

## Non-Discrimination and Interconnection (BTOP applicants only for next three questions)

### 23. Non-Discrimination Obligations (applicable to Last Mile and Middle Mile Applicants):

Adhere to the minimum non-discrimination requirements as set forth in the NOFA.

Display the nondiscrimination practices in a prominent location on the service provider's web page, and provide notice to customers of changes to these policies.

# 24. Interconnection Obligations (applicable to Last Mile Applicants):

## **25. Interconnection Obligations Middle Mile Applicants:**

Adhere to the minimum interconnection requirements as set forth in the NOFA.

Display the interconnection policies in a prominent location on the service provider's web page, and provide notice to customers of changes to these policies.

Commit to offering wholesale access to network components and services such as wavelength or fibers at reasonable rates and terms.

Commit to binding private arbitration of disputes concerning interconnection obligations.

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**Cost Effectiveness and Affordability** 

### 26. Cost per Household (BTOP only):

-No Answer Required (LAST MILE ONLY)-

## 27. Affordability

Unaffordable is unavailable. In Puerto Rico, the average cost of Internet service is far higher than the national average, yet its median income is less than half that of the poorest state in the nation. Sample residential broadband services in Puerto Rico are as follows: Wireline DSL (1 Mbps down/512 Kbps up), \$39.95 plus phone line (PRTC); Wireless DSL (3 Mbps down/512 Kbps up), \$59.99 (Centennial); Cable High Speed Internet (4 Mbps down), \$55.95 (Onelink); Cable High Speed Internet (1 Mbps down), \$64.99 (Liberty Cablevision).

These rates are much higher than comparable services in the United States. In Washington, DC, sample residential broadband services are as follows: Wireline DSL (1 Mbps down/384 Kbps up), \$19.95 (Verizon); Wireline DSL (3 Mbps down/768 Kbps up), \$29.95 (Verizon); Cable High Speed Internet (12 Mbps down), \$42.95 (Comcast).

While Puerto Rico ISPs continue to pay 400% more than their counterparts in the mainland, they will not be able to reduce pricing or increase speeds.

Affordability is the heart of the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative. The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will offer Broadband Providers backhaul to the Internet backbone at rates starting at \$15 per megabit. It will offer 16 interconnection points, to facilitate interconnectivity via both wired and wireless circuits. PRBI will also create a peering fabric which will (a) reduce the amount of bandwidth the ISP will need to purchase from the Internet backbone itself, and (b) reduce the backhaul bandwidth needed from Puerto Rico to the mainland.

Below is a cost analysis that compares the costs of a Puerto Rico ISP based in San Juan, Puerto Rico for backbone connection in Florida (SCENARIO 1), versus what they would pay through the PRBI (SCENARIO 2). In the first scenario, costs would be even higher if the ISP was located outside of the San Juan area, as currently available backhaul services are framed

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services, and are priced based on distance.

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PRBI will save ISPs 70% off their total Internet backbone costs. This savings will provide ISPs with needed cash flow and bandwidth to increase bandwidth offerings to end users, expand their network coverage areas, and substantially reduce prices. Based on estimates from committed PRBI ISPs, per megabit pricing will be reduced by 50%. The additional 25% discount to all health care providers, schools, libraries & public safety agencies will make services even more affordable.

# F. Technology Strategy

### 28. Technology Type:

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Vireline - Fiber-optic Cable	
Vireless - Terrestrial Fixed	
Wireless - Terrestrial Mobile	
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**Other:** Wireline - Ethernet

## 29. System Design

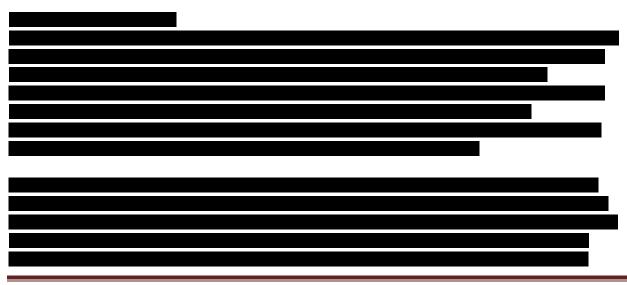
Purpose: To provide a long term solution for (a) the demands for high speed connectivity from Puerto Rico to the national Internet backbone networks; and (b) the delivery of bandwidth to rural, unserved and underserved areas within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, including the islands of Culebra and Vieques.

Proposed Design: The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will acquire capacity from existing submarine cable systems linking the

PRBI will also acquire capacity

from the cable landing station in **EXAMPLE**. PRBI will build a wireless network using both existing wireless infrastructure and new wireless sites to reach those broadband networks that are in rural, underserved & unserved areas, including islands off the main island's east coast. The wet fiber and the new wireless network infrastructure costs will be funded by the grant. The dry fiber will be provided as a in-kind grant match.

Key Network Components



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(b) Puerto Rico Spans

The grant funded wireless Puerto Rico Spans will create 15 additional interconnection points around the island of Puerto Rico through 14 wireless spans. Theses spans will be know as: Aguada Span, Mayagüez Span, Maricao Span, Adjuntas Span, Utuado Span, Ponce Span, Villalba Span, Barranquitas Span, Barceloneta Span, Ceiba Span, Rio Grande Span, Luquillo Span & Caguas Span. These spans will link from the interconnection point to either the NAP of the Americas in Florida or the primary Puerto Rico interconnection point in San Juan. These spans will be carried over a wireless network as shown in the attached Network Diagram. Each physical link will be built with point to point licensed links at either 18GHz or 11GHz, providing bandwidth from to point to between links. Wherever possible, we will create redundancy by creating rings or by using Critical Hubs Network's current network. Sixteen non-grant funded interconnection points will also be added to the network as well.

At each of the physical interconnection points of the wireless network, PRBI will install a router and switch capable of 3.2Gbps of throughput. This network will be integrated into the MPLS network for traffic delivery to the creation of the virtual spans. Infrastructure for the creation of this wireless network will be funded by the grant.

Final Operational System Network



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Once operational, the PRBI system will be able to pass gigabits of traffic from

able to deliver up to Megabits of traffic via the new wireless spans from to the rest of the island; Culebra and Vieques will be able to have service from the Ceiba Span interconnection point.

The system will also enable peering of the aggregated traffic of all interconnected PRBI networks in Puerto Rico to network and content providers at **Example 1**. This will represent a large benefit to Puerto Rico ISPs. By aggregating all of the traffic, content providers such as Google, Yahoo and YouTube, as well as backbone network providers will realize a cost benefit via direct peering with the PRBI.

Puerto Rico providers that interconnect at the San Juan interconnection point via fiber will have access to a minimum of port and a maximum of port. Those Puerto Rico providers that interconnect at one of the wireless interconnection points will have access to a minimum of 50Mb port and a maximum of sources. Providers which require more than 1Gb of bandwidth will need to acquire the additional capacity via alternate means. We are requiring a minimum bandwidth to ensure that ISPs have the capacity necessary to offer higher bandwidth services to their end users. ISPs are to use the transit bandwidth for predominantly broadband access service, and not for data center or hosting service traffic.

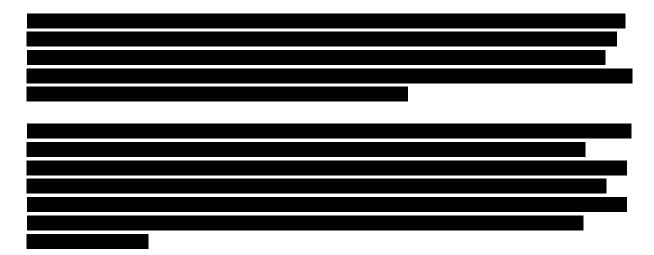
The system will be monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by both automated reporting and logging systems, and by trained Network Operations Center (NOC) staff. To facilitate effective network monitoring even during a system failure, we have provisioned an independent

Selection of Primary Vendors

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#### **30.** Network Diagram:

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**31. Certification by Professional Engineer:** 

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32. Buy American Waiver Request:

Is the applicant seeking an individual waiver of the Buy American provision? No

# **Buy American Waiver Request – Legal Justification**

-No Answer Required-

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## 33. Choice of Service Provider:

Does the project's Infrastructure and the Company's business plan allow more than one provider to serve end users in the proposed funded service area?

Yes

# **G. Project Milestones and Completion Factors**

Timeline & Milestones

## 34. Infrastructure Build-out Timeline:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

## 35. Licenses, Regulatory Approvals and Agreements:

Critical Hub Network, Inc. is a corporation in good standing and registered with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. To operate legally in Puerto Rico, the corporation must have the following state and local government permits: Municipal Business License ("Patente Municipal"), corporate registration with the State Department of Puerto Rico, Use Permit from the Planning Board, Fire Safety Certificate from the Fire Department, and a Health Safety Certificate from the Puerto Rico Department of Health.

Critical Hub Networks Inc. is in compliance with all requirements of the Municipality of San Juan, and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Critical Hub Networks Inc. operates as an unregulated Internet Service Provider, using unlicensed wireless technology for the delivery of its own broadband services.

Critical Hub Networks does not require a federal or Commonwealth regulatory license for providing backbone transport to interconnect ISPs. Critical Hub Networks will not provide a regulated telecommunications service to the interconnected ISPs. ISPs that do offer regulated telecommunication services to their customers will be required to demonstrate to Critical Hub



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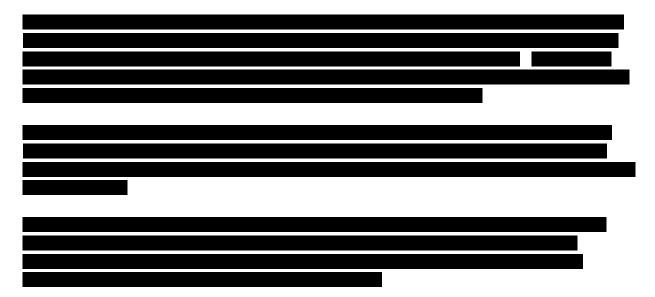
Networks's satisfaction that the respective ISP has the regulatory authority required.

Tower Leases & Building Leases: For the deployment of the PRBI wireless interconnection points throughout Puerto Rico, PRBI will be using facilities which are already leased and in operation by Critical Hub Networks, Inc. as well as several new tower sites.

FCC licenses: Some wireless interconnection points will use licensed wireless links for backhaul to the main interconnection point in San Juan. Critical Hub Networks will obtain the necessary FCC licenses if the project is funded. Our initial site survey has shown FCC license availability for all the paths which we will be installing.

## 36. Construction and Vendor Contracts

Critical Hub Networks will contract several vendors and contractors for the implementation of the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative. These are:



We will also use various vendors and contractors for interconnection point site preparations, including the installation of generator, battery backup systems, fire suppression, security



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systems and barriers. Critical Hub Networks has quotations from several vendors for these services, but we have not made the final decision pending the successful approval of the grant. Given our previous experience with such installations, and the number of vendors with the needed expertise, we do not foresee any complications or delays in this process.

**Qualification of Management Team and Organizational Readiness** 

### **37. Management Team Resumes:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

#### 38. Organizational Readiness:

With over 15 years experience in the design, implementation, operations and management of ISP networks, Critical Hub Networks has accumulated a vast amount of experience and capabilities required to carry out the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative project. The operation and management of Caribe.Net, Critical Hub Network's ISP, have been overseen effectively by a single team throughout its history, with over 150 years of combined experience in Internet and telecommunication management. Carlo Marazzi, founder, President of the Board of Directors and General Manager of the company, will be the Project Manager and will dedicate a significant portion of his time to ensure the success of the PRBI.

Critical Hub's particular organizational systems which will be involved in the PRBI are as follows:

#### - Finance and Accounting

Critical Hub Networks' Accounting Department is prepared to comply with the federal rules and regulations which govern the BTOP grant funds.

For nine years, Critical Hub Networks, Inc. has been audited by RSM ROC & Company (RSM), a local full service Certified Public Accountants firm. RSM will be providing auditing and compliance consulting to ensure compliance with ARRA reporting requirements, BTOP reporting, and compliance with the Federal Code, including 15 CFR Part 14, 48 CFR Part 31.2 and 7 CFR Part 1773. RSM has previous experience with the management and auditing of federal funding.



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- Financial Management System. The existing general ledger accounting system will allow the management of the PRBI project and all federal funds separately from the company's existing operations.

- Payroll. Critical Hub Networks currently uses Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP) for payroll processing, including federal & state tax deposits, reporting and compliance.

- Accounts Payable, Purchasing and Inventory. The current purchasing, inventory and payables systems will be supplemented to ensure compliance with federal procurement standard codes of conduct. Critical Hub Networks will establish a written code of conduct for employees involved in contracting. Existing procurement procedures will be enhanced to facilitate federal auditing.

- Billing/Accounts Receivable. Critical Hub Networks uses RODOPI for its billing support system. RODOPI has been in place for over ten years, and we are confident in its ability to manage the billing and customer care data related to the PRBI project. The RODOPI system will be upgraded for the project to permit provisioning and accounting of PRBI custom configurations.

- Sales. Critical Hub Networks Corporate/Wholesale Sales and Sales Support staff will be used for the execution and processing of all PRBI contracts. They are experienced with highly technical network services, and are ideally suited to work with knowledgeable customers.

- Customer Service. Critical Hub Networks' customer care support and ticketing systems are already in place & operational. Additional tools and training will be incorporated to further enhance their ability to provide telephone support to PRBI's highly technical and knowledgeable customers.

- Provisioning & Service Deployment. Critical Hub Networks will be using our existing provisioning systems to activate new sales contracts and service requests. Additional processes will be added for the PRBI to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements.

- Network Operations. The existing Network Operations Center (NOC) will be responsible for

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the ongoing operations of the PRBI network upon the full completion of the project. The NOC currently manages Caribe.Net's network, including customers such as ISPs, banks, universities, schools, state & municipal government agencies, health care providers, insurance companies, and businesses of all sizes.

## Other

### **39. Organizational Chart:**

Please refer to upload section at the end of document.

## 40. Legal Opinion:

Please refer to upload section at the end of document

# 41. Government and other Key Partnerships:

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative has received the endorsement of the Puerto Rico Department of Education, the primary local and state education agency which serves over 526,000 students with 45,260 teachers in 1,546 schools. The PRBI and the Puerto Rico Department of Education will work together to provide affordable broadband in all schools, and to facilitate the fast, secure delivery of content which the Department of Education is developing for students and teachers. The content will be delivered via peering of the Department of Education's network with the PRBI. Peering will allow the Department of Education to increase its capability of serving bandwidth-demanding content from its network to directly to Puerto Rico students, teachers, and residents.

To ensure that the project achieves its goal, the PRBI will establish the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative Steering Committee. The steering committee will be composed of 8 members -2 government agency representatives, 2 community anchor institution and/or non-profit institution representatives, 3 ISP representatives and 1 representative from Critical Hub Networks. These members will play an integral role in the project planning and ongoing operations.

The key to the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative's success lies in its partnerships with the private

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#### ISP community.



## 42. Recovery Act and Other Governmental Collaboration.

Considering education the fundamental tool for the economic and social growth of Puerto Rico, the PRBI is making a special effort to assist this sector in achieving higher standards.

The Department of Education has endorsed and will be working together with the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative (see Supplementary Information 1 - Appendix C). A recipient of hundreds of millions of dollars annually in federal funding, the Department of Education is the largest recipient of Recovery Act funding in Puerto Rico, with an announced investment of over \$1.5 billion (see www.recovery.gov – Investment Amount by Agency, Territory: Puerto Rico). The Puerto Rico Department of Education is the primary local and state education agency, serving over 526,000 students and their families in 1,546 schools, with 45,260 teachers. Many of these schools are located in areas that are unserved or underserved by high-speed internet service. Peering with the PRBI will allow the Department of Education to deliver electronic books and articles, curricular resources, distance learning, webinars, real-time observation of scientific experiments and historical and other opportunities that define education in the twenty-first century.

To truly maximize federal spending, both the PRBI as well as last mile projects should be funded under BIP and BTOP. PRBI will collaborate will all ISPs, including ISPs which receive BIP or BTOP funding for last mile projects within Puerto Rico. Due to the competitive nature of the grant application process, we were not able to receive written endorsements from companies submitting proposals for last mile projects. However, PRBI is fully committed to working with all Puerto Rico ISPs, including those also receiving BIP and BTOP funding.

# **Community Involvement (BTOP Applicants Only)**

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# 43. Partnering with Disadvantaged Businesses

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will be working with many small Internet Service Providers in Puerto Rico. Of the ISPs which have to-date endorsed the project, the following



These providers offer broadband Internet services in rural, underserved areas of the island. The PRBI will allow them to further expand their networks, increase broadband speeds and reduce per-megabit fees. Their self-certification forms are attached to this application in Supplemental Information 1: Appendix B.

We expect that if the project is funded, several more Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Small Business Concerns will also use the PRBI network.

# H. Project Budget

# 44. General Overall Budget



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Budget	Loan Request	Grant Request	Equity	Debt	Bond	Other
Network & Access Equipment (switching, routing, transport, access)						
Outside Plant (cables, conduits, ducts, poles, towers, repeaters, etc.)						
Buildings and Land – (new construction, improvements, renovations, lease)						
Customer Premise Equipment (modems, set-top boxes, inside wiring, etc.)						
Billing and Operational Support Systems (IT systems, software, etc.)						
Operating Equipment						



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project management,					
consulting, etc.)					
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## **Total Budget:** \$ 33,095,005

# 45. Detailed Budget:

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# **Sustainability**

# 46. Reasonableness

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative has the following major costs:

1. The primary project cost is the acquisition of capacity on an undersea fiber optic cable system ("wet circuit") and delivery via a dry fiber optic cable ("dry circuit") to the primary interconnection point in San Juan. The complete circuit to be acquired will be to be the distinct paths. The acquisition cost of the wet circuit is to be acquised ring with two distinct paths. The acquisition cost of the wet circuit is to be acquised to be determined. This cost is substantially less than the cost associated with its alternative - the construction of a new submarine cable system. Due to the limited number of submarine cable systems that offer service to Puerto Rico, and very little bandwidth available on the existing submarine cable systems, the acquisition costs are high when compared to other routes. A route between the continental U.S. and Puerto Rico is 8 times more expensive than a route between the continental U.S. and Europe. It is exactly this high cost which prevents Puerto Rico ISPs from providing affordable broadband service to the island residents.

Estimations of the current growth capacity on the island show that approximately 50% of the circuit will be used within 2 to 3 years, and continuous growth would increase the circuit usage to 85% of its capacity within the next eight years. Grant funds will help to lower the cost of bandwidth in Puerto Rico, and will have a positive effect on the other submarine cable systems by pressuring them to lower their prices.

2. Direct professional services represent for the total budget for the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative project. Critical Hub Networks, Inc. has a team of highly qualified, experienced professionals to participate in the project. PRBI will offer mission-critical network services to all Puerto Rico ISPs. Any failure of the PRBI will result in the failure of an ISP network.



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Critical Hub Network takes this responsibility with partner ISPs very seriously. The implementation of the PRBI Network is essential to the growth & development of Puerto Rico - families, businesses, schools, medical providers, among others. In order to attract qualified individuals to the project, we will provide appropriate industry compensation.

3. The routers and switches that will be used to create the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative account for 6% of the PRBI budget. We are carefully selecting carrier-class routers and switches with a proven track record, so we can ensure that the equipment will work for many years to come. The estimated life of a router or switch is approximately 8 years.

# 4. The PRBI will invest **and the PRBI** project. Given the critical nature of the PRBI services, adequate site facilities, security, and site locations are essential to ensuring the continuity of service operation.

Critical Hub Networks is requesting approximately million in funding for the project. The total project cost is approximately million. The project will impact the local economy within the first two quarters of implementation. Within the first year, much of the benefits of increased broadband capacity, including per megabit pricing reductions will be observable. Given the island's population, the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative grant funding will have a cost of \$6.91 per resident.

The Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative will be managed by a select group of individuals that will be careful stewards of the federal funds under Critical Hub Networks' control.

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## **47.** Historical Financial Statements:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

# 48. Broadband Subscriber Estimates:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

## **49. Other Services:**

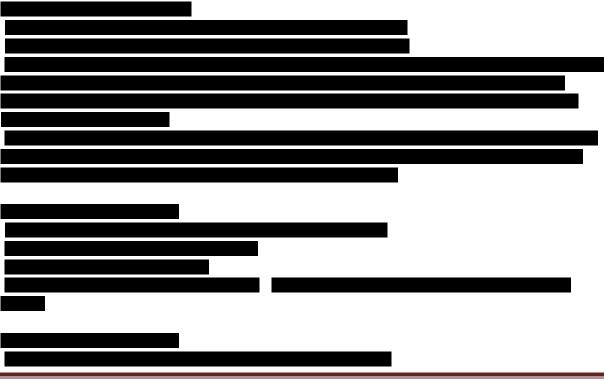
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# 50. Pro Forma 5-Year Financial Forecast and Assumptions:

Please refer to upload section at the end of the document.

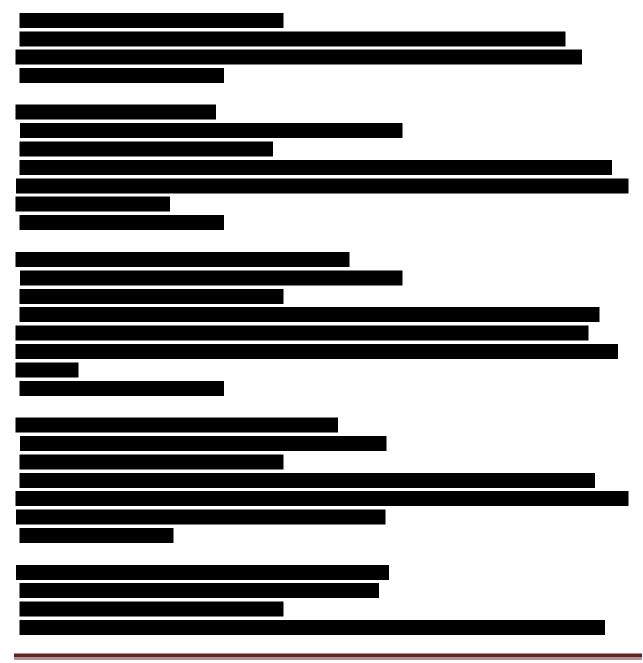
# 51. Commitment of Capital Funding Support

Critical Hub Networks, Inc. has received the following sources of capital funding for the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative Project for infrastructure purposes:





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# 52. Matching Funds:

- a. Cash: \$ 760,950.15
- **b. In-Kind: \$** 5,957,141.67
- c. Percent of Total Project Cost: 20

# **53. Demonstration of Financial Need:**

Critical Hub has not previously requested funding from lending institutions because the business model to implement the PRBI does not support its repayment and/or its repayment with financial charges.



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In order to allow for the repayment of its costs, Critical Hub would need to increase its permegabit rates to ISPs substantially. However, it is exactly for this reason why Critical Hub Networks is seeking to create the PRBI with grant funds – the PRBI will make it possible to reduce the costs which ISPs incur in connecting to the Internet backbone, thus facilitating an increase in broadband network expansion within the island.

In terms of broadband service, Puerto Rico is the poster child for need-based federal funding. Puerto Rico's low level of broadband penetration is a direct result of a high level of poverty, the usual and costly undersea middle-mile backhaul required to connect the islands with the mainland, and the high costs of deploying infrastructure in a mountainous, tropical island. Much of Puerto Rico's rural interior is covered by dense vegetation and winding single - lane roads. Residents of these areas live in small, sparsely populated communities, often with limited access to electricity, water, or telephone services.

It is clear that broadband services are a key factor to improving education, and promoting economic recovery, especially in Puerto Rico. However, the high costs for deploying broadband services are a significant impediment that cannot be easily overcome, particularly when the existing residential client base has a median household income of just \$20,425.

At this time, Federal funding is the only viable means for jumpstarting the deployment of nextgeneration, affordable broadband services and ensuring universal service throughout the country – a primary goal of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: "Consumers in all regions of the Nation, including low-income consumers and those in rural, insular, and high cost areas, should have access to telecommunications and information services, including interexchange services and advanced telecommunications and information services, that are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas and that are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas." (47 U.S.C. § 254(b)(3))

# 54. Unjust Enrichment

Critical Hub Networks, Inc. has not applied for, nor received, any funding or federal support for the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative project. We have only applied for funding through this BTOP application.

# 55. Disclosure of Federal and/or State Funding Sources

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Critical Hub Networks, Inc. has never requested or received funding from any other federal or state funding program for activities or projects related to the Puerto Rico Bridge Initiative project.

# I. Self Scoring – BIP Only Self Scoring

# 56. Self Scoring Sheet



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Criteria	Method	Points	Self Scores
PROJECT PURPOSE			
Proportion of Rural Residents Served in Unserved Areas	1 point for every 10,000 unserved households	Up to 5	
Rural Area Targeting	1 point for every 5% increase in the rural service area up the minimum 75% rural area requirement	Up to 5	
Remote Area targeting	1 point for every 50 miles a service area is located from a non-rural area	Up to 5	
Title II Borrower	If you are or were a Title II borrower	5	
Recovery Act and other governmental collaboration	1 point will be awarded for each governmental or Recovery program the applicant is partnering with	Up to 5	
PROJECT BENEFITS			
Performance of the offered services	If a last mile wireline project delivers 20M to household – if a last mile wireless projects delivers 2M to end-user – if a middle mile projects delivers 100M to end points	10	
Affordable of services offered	Points awarded based on the proposed rate structure and the logistics of the proposed service area	Up to 5	



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Choice of service provider	If the proposed infrastructure is available to be used by multiple service providers	5	
Critical Community Facilities	If discounted rate packages at least 25% lower than advertise rates are available to critical facilities	5	
PROJECT VIABILITY			
Applicant's organizational capability	Points will be awarded on the strengths and accomplishments of key management	Up to 12	
Community Support	If a letter of support has been received from a designated representative of the community for every community in the proposed service territory	2	
Ability to promptly start project	If the applicant can demonstrate that all licenses and regulatory approvals have been received, contractors and vendors are ready to enter into contracts, and equity has been deposited into applicant accounts	10	
Socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses (SDB), as defined by section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. §637.	If the applicant is a Section 8(a) entity	1	
PROJECT BUDGET AND SUSTAINABLITY			
Reasonableness of the budget	Points will be awarded based the	Up to 5	



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	adequacy of the proposed budget	
Leverage of outside resources (outside funding/financing requested)	<ul> <li>(i) 10 points if this ratio is greater than 100%</li> <li>(ii) 7 points if this ratio is between 100% and 75%</li> <li>(iii) 5 points if this ratio is between 75% and 50%</li> <li>(iv) 3 points if this ratio is between 50% and 25%</li> <li>(v) 1 points if this ratio is lower than 25%</li> </ul>	10
Extent of grant funding (Grant funds/loan funds)	<ul> <li>(i) 0 points if this ratio equals</li> <li>100%</li> <li>(ii) 1 points if this ratio is</li> <li>between 100% and 75%</li> <li>(iii) 3 points if this ratio is</li> <li>between 75% and 50%</li> <li>(iv) 5 points if this ratio is lower</li> <li>than 50%</li> <li>(v) 10 points if no grant funds are</li> <li>requested</li> </ul>	10
Total Points		100

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# J. BTOP Certification Requirements

# **Certification (Requested for BTOP)**

#### Please refer to upload section at the end of the document regarding following uploads.

- 1. U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
- 2. SF-424D Assurances—Construction Programs (Schedule N)
- 3. CD-511, Certification Regarding Lobbying (Attachment O)
- 4. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Attachment P)
- 5. CD-512, Certification Regarding Lobbying—Lower-Tier Covered Transactions (Attachment Q) This
- certification will not be required until the time of the grant award, because it applies to subcontractors, etc.

# **K. BIP Certification Requirements**

# **Certification (Requested for BIP)**

## Please refer to upload section at the end of the document regarding following uploads.

- 1. Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Certification
- 2. Certification Regarding Architectural Barriers
- 3. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 Certification
- 4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters Primary Covered Transactions
- 5. Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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6. Network Design and Implementation Plan Certification (to be complete for projects requesting more than \$1 million in federal assistance)

# L. Schedules

# **Schedule: A-1 Congressional Districts**

**1. State the Congressional District of the Applicant's headquarters** Puerto Rico - At-Large

**2. State the Congressional District for each area covered by the Project.** Puerto Rico - At-Large

# M. Proposed Funded Service Area Details (BIP & BTOP)

# 13. Proposed Funded Service Area (BIP - Last Mile Projects):

Proposed Funded Service Area Name: Census Blocks in Proposed Funded Service Area: Community Name: Rural Classification of the Community: BIP - Service Status:

BIP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.

**BTOP – Service Status:** 

BTOP - If Service Status is "Underserved" please select at least one applicable option from this list.

#### **Total Square Miles of Community:**

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Total Population : Total Number of Households: Total Number of Businesses: Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities:

# 14. Proposed Service Area (BTOP - Middle Mile Project):

Middle Mile Span Name:	Adjuntas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Adjuntas" county, with in the Census County ID:
72001. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Adjuntas
Community Name:	Adjuntas County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

**BIP - If Service Status is ''Underserved'' please select at least one applicable option from this list.** The rate of broadband subscribership for the census-designated community [or other area] is 40% of households or less.

## BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 67 Total Population : 19,143 Total Number of Households: 6,715 Total Number of Businesses: 121 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 22



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Aguada Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Aguada" county, with in the Census County ID:
72003. Due to space limitations the information	n it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Aguada
Community Name:	Aguada County
Rural Calssification of the Community	7: Rural
BIP – Service Status:	Underserved

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#### BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 31 Total Population : 42,042 Total Number of Households: 15,590 Total Number of Businesses: 467 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 23

Middle Mile Span Name:	Aguada Span	
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Aguadilla" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72005. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.	
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Aguadilla	
Community Name:	Aguadilla County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural		
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 37 Total Population : 64,685 Total Number of Households: 24,882 Total Number of Businesses: 851 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 36

Middle Mile Span Name:Miami-San Juan SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Aguas Buenas" county, with in the Census CountyID: 72007. Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Aguas BuenasLast Mile Service Area Name:Aguas BuenasCommunity Name:Aguas Buenas CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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#### BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 31 Total Population : 29,032 Total Number of Households: 10,412 Total Number of Businesses: 153 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 18



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Barranquitas Span	
All blocks in "Aibonito" county, with in the Census County ID:	
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Aibonito	
Aibonito County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 31 Total Population : 26,493 Total Number of Households: 9,163 Total Number of Businesses: 284 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 20

Middle Mile Span Name:	Aguada Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Añasco" county, with in the Census County ID:
72011. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Añasco
Community Name:	Añasco County
Rural Calssification of the Community:	Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 39 Total Population : 28,348 Total Number of Households: 10,723 Total Number of Businesses: 220 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 21

 Middle Mile Span Name:
 Utuado Span

 Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:
 All blocks in "Arecibo" county, with in the Census County ID:

 72013. Due to space limitations the information
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 Last Mile Service Area Name:
 Arecibo

 Community Name:
 Arecibo County

 Rural Calssification of the Community:
 Rural

 BIP – Service Status:
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 126 Total Population : 100,131



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Total Number of Households: 38,974 Total Number of Businesses: 1,137 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 62

Middle Mile Span Name:	Caguas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Arroyo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72015. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Arroyo
Community Name:	Arroyo Country
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Rural
BIP – Service Status:	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 15 Total Population : 19,117 Total Number of Households: 7,287 Total Number of Businesses: 76 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 16

Middle Mile Span Name:	Barceloneta Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Barceloneta" county, with in the Census County ID:
72017. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Barceloneta
Community Name:	Barceloneta County
Rural Calssification of the Community	: Rural
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 19 Total Population : 22,322 Total Number of Households: 8,375 Total Number of Businesses: 247 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 13

Middle Mile Span Name:	Barranquitas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Barranquitas" county, with in the Census County ID:
72019. Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Barranquitas
Community Name:	Barranquitas County
Rural Calssification of the Community	: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Middle Mile Span Name:	Adjuntas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Yauco" county, with in the Census County ID:
72153 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Yauco
Community Name:	Youco County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 68 Total Population : 46,384 Total Number of Households: 17,062 Total Number of Businesses: 476 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 35

Middle Mile Span Name: Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	<b>Ceiba Span</b> All blocks in "Yabucoa" county, with in the Census County ID:
72151 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Yabucoa
Community Name:	Yabucoa County



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Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural BIP – Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 55 Total Population : 39,246 Total Number of Households: 13,688 Total Number of Businesses: 207 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 26

Middle Mile Span Name:Miami-San Juan SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Bayamón" county, with in the Census County ID:72021 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:BayamónCommunity Name:Bayamón CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 44 Total Population : 224,044 Total Number of Households: 79,476 Total Number of Businesses: 3,552 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 95

Middle Mile Span Name:Villalba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Villalba" county, with in the Census County ID:72149 Due to space limitations the informationIt's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:VillalbaCommunity Name:Villalba CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 35 Total Population : 27,913 Total Number of Households: 8,465 Total Number of Businesses: 120 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:

Ceiba Span



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**Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** All blocks in "Vieques" county, with in the Census County ID: 72147 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.

Last Mile Service Area Name:ViequesCommunity Name:Vieques CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 51 Total Population : 9,106 Total Number of Households: 4,388 Total Number of Businesses: 105 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 13

Middle Mile Span Name:	Mayagüez Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Cabo Rojo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72023 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Cabo Rojo
Community Name:	Cabo Rojo County
Rural Calssification of the Community	: Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 70 Total Population : 46,911 Total Number of Households: 23,182 Total Number of Businesses: 562 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 25

Middle Mile Span Name:Barceloneta SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Vega Baja" county, with in the Census County ID:72145 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:Vega BajaCommunity Name:Vega Baja CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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#### BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 46 Total Population : 61,929 Total Number of Households: 21,990 Total Number of Businesses: 419 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 30



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Caguas Span	
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Caguas" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72025 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.		
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Caguas	
Community Name:	Caguas County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural		
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 59 Total Population : 140,502 Total Number of Households: 50,568 Total Number of Businesses: 2,547 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 65

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Barceloneta Span72143 Due to space limitations the informationAll blocks in "Vega Alta" county, with in the Census County ID:72143 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:<br/>Community Name:Vega AltaCommunity Name:Vega Alta CountyRural Calssification of the Community:<br/>BIP - Service Status:Non-Rural

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 28 Total Population : 37,910 Total Number of Households: 13,526 Total Number of Businesses: 439 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 18

Middle Mile Span Name:Utuado SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Utuado" county, with in the Census County ID:72141 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:UtuadoCommunity Name:UtuadoRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 113 Total Population : 35,336 Total Number of Households: 12,471 Total Number of Businesses: 205

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Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 27

Middle Mile Span Name:Utuado SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Camuy" county, with in the Census County ID:72027 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:CamuyCommunity Name:Camuy CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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#### BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 46 Total Population : 35,244 Total Number of Households: 12,520 Total Number of Businesses: 285 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 18

Middle Mile Span Name:	Miami-San Juan Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Trujillo Alto" county, with in the Census County ID:
72139 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Trujillo Alto
Community Name:	Trujillo Alto County
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved



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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 21 Total Population : 75,728 Total Number of Households: 26,241 Total Number of Businesses: 590 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 27

Middle Mile Span Name:Rio Grande SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Canóvanas" county, with in the Census County ID:72029 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.CanóvanasLast Mile Service Area Name:CanóvanasCommunity Name:Canóvanas County

Rural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 33** 



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Total Population : 43,335 Total Number of Households: 15,071 Total Number of Businesses: 371 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 27

-	Miami-San Juan Span All blocks in "Toa Baja" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72137 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.		
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Toa Baja	
Community Name:	Toa Baja County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural		
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved	

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 23 Total Population : 94,085 Total Number of Households: 33,473 Total Number of Businesses: 762 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 29

Middle Mile Span Name:	Miami-San Juan Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Carolina" county, with in the Census County ID:
72029 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Carolina
Community Name:	Carolina County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	



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#### **BIP – Service Status:**

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 45 Total Population : 186,076 Total Number of Households: 71,347 Total Number of Businesses: 2,337 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 52

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Miami-San Juan Span72135 Due to space limitations the informationAll blocks in "Toa Alta" county, with in the Census County ID:72135 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:<br/>Community Name:Toa AltaCommunity Name:Toa Alta CountyRural Calssification of the Community:<br/>BIP – Service Status:Hural

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 27 Total Population : 63,929 Total Number of Households: 21,075 Total Number of Businesses: 327 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 23

Middle Mile Span Name:Villalba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Santa Isabel" county, with in the Census County ID:72133 Due to space limitations the informationI's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Tast Mile Service Area Name:Santa IsabelCommunity Name:Santa Isabel CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP - Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 34 Total Population : 21,665 Total Number of Households: 7,569 Total Number of Businesses: 134 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Miami-San Juan SpanAll blocks in "Cataño" county, with in the Census County ID:72033 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.



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Last Mile Service Area Name:	Cataño
Community Name:	Cataño County
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 5 Total Population : 30,071 Total Number of Households: 10,366 Total Number of Businesses: 370 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 14

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All blocks in "San Sebastián" county, with in the Census County	
ID: 72131 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.	
San Sebastián	
San Sebastián County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 70 Total Population : 44,204 Total Number of Households: 16,682 Total Number of Businesses: 460 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 38

Middle Mile Span Name:Caguas SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Ponce" county, with in the Census County ID: 72035Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.CayeyLast Mile Service Area Name:CayeyCommunity Name:CayeyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 52 Total Population : 47,370 Total Number of Households: 17,782 Total Number of Businesses: 534 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 37



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Caguas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "San Lorenzo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72129 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	San Lorenzo
Community Name:	San Lorenzo County
Rural Calssification of the Community	: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 53 Total Population : 40,997 Total Number of Households: 14,594 Total Number of Businesses: 263 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 29

Middle Mile Span Name:	Ceiba Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Ceiba" county, with in the Census County ID: 72037
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Last Mile Service Area Name:	Ceiba
Community Name:	Ceiba County
Rural Calssification of the Community:	Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 29 Total Population : 18,004 Total Number of Households: 6,742 Total Number of Businesses: 89 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 10

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Miami-San Juan Span72127 Due to space limitations the informationAll blocks in "San Juan" county, with in the Census County ID:72127 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:<br/>Community Name:San JuanCommunity Name:<br/>Rural Calssification of the Community:<br/>BIP – Service Status:San Juan CountyUnderservedUnderserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 48 Total Population : 434,374 Total Number of Households: 182,101 Total Number of Businesses: 11,899 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 228



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Mayagüez Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "San Germán" county, with in the Census County ID:
72125 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.	
Last Mile Service Area Name:	San Germán
Community Name:	San Germán County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 55 Total Population : 37,105 Total Number of Households: 14,335 Total Number of Businesses: 399 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 25

Middle Mile Span Name:	Ponce Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Salinas" county, with in the Census County ID:
72123 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.	
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Salinas
Community Name:	Salinas County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 69 Total Population : 31,113 Total Number of Households: 11,876 Total Number of Businesses: 192 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 20

Middle Mile Span Name:Villalba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Ciales" county, with in the Census County ID: 72039Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.CialesLast Mile Service Area Name:CialesCommunity Name:Ciales CountyRural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 67 Total Population : 19,811



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Total Number of Households: 6,886 Total Number of Businesses: 119 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 17

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Maricao SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Sabana Grande" county, with in the Census CountyID: 72121 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:<br/>Community Name:Sabana GrandeCommunity Name:Sabana Grande CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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#### **BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 36 Total Population : 25,935 Total Number of Households: 9,982 Total Number of Businesses: 180 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name:	Rio Grande Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Río Grande" county, with in the Census County ID:
72119 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Río Grande
Community Name:	Río Grande County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved



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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 61 Total Population : 52,362 Total Number of Households: 19,928 Total Number of Businesses: 287 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 11

Middle Mile Span Name:	Aguada Span
<b>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:</b>	All blocks in "Rincón" county, with in the Census County ID:
72117 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Rincón
Community Name:	Rincón County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 14
Total Population : 14,767
Total Number of Households: 6,827
Total Number of Businesses: 129
Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 9

Middle Mile Span Name:	Caguas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Cidra" county, with in the Census County ID: 72041
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Last Mile Service Area Name:	Cidra
Community Name:	Cidra County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	
BIP – Service Status:	Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 36 Total Population : 42,753 Total Number of Households: 14,267 Total Number of Businesses: 380 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 17

Middle Mile Span Name: Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	<b>Utuado Span</b> All blocks in "Quebradillas" county, with in the Census County ID:
72115 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Quebradillas
<b>Community Name:</b>	Quebradillas County



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# Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural

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# BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 23 Total Population : 25,450 Total Number of Households: 9,095 Total Number of Businesses: 213 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name:Villalba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Coamo" county, with in the Census County ID:72043 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:CoamoCommunity Name:Coamo CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 78 Total Population : 37,597 Total Number of Households: 13,249 Total Number of Businesses: 300 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 27

Middle Mile Span Name:Ponce SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Ponce" county, with in the Census County ID: 72113Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.PonceLast Mile Service Area Name:PonceCommunity Name:Ponce CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 115 Total Population : 186,475 Total Number of Households: 66,471 Total Number of Businesses: 2,502 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 145

Middle Mile Span Name:

**Ponce Span** 



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**Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** All blocks in "Peñuelas" county, with in the Census County ID: 72111 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.

Last Mile Service Area Name:PeñuelasCommunity Name:Peñuelas CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 44 Total Population : 26,719 Total Number of Households: 8,735 Total Number of Businesses: 134 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 17

Barranquitas Span
All blocks in "Comerío" county, with in the Census County ID:
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 28 Total Population : 20,002 Total Number of Households: 7,311 Total Number of Businesses: 89 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 14

Middle Mile Span Name:Caguas SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Patillas" county, with in the Census County ID:72109 Due to space limitations the informationi's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:PatillasCommunity Name:Patillas CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 47 Total Population : 20,152 Total Number of Households: 7,677 Total Number of Businesses: 119 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 20



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Barranquitas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Corozal" county, with in the Census County ID:
72047 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Corozal
Community Name:	Corozal County
Rural Calssification of the Community	v: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 43 Total Population : 36,867 Total Number of Households: 12,386 Total Number of Businesses: 275 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 21

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 63 Total Population : 23,844 Total Number of Households: 7,946 Total Number of Businesses: 141 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 21

Middle Mile Span Name:Barranquitas SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Naranjito" county, with in the Census County ID:72105 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:NaranjitoCommunity Name:Naranjito CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP - Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 27 Total Population : 29,709 Total Number of Households: 9,758 Total Number of Businesses: 320 Broadband USA

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Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:Ceiba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Culebra" county, with in the Census County ID:72049 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:CulebraCommunity Name:CulebraRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP - Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 12 Total Population : 1,868 Total Number of Households: 1,024 Total Number of Businesses: 24 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 6

Middle Mile Span Name:	Luquillo Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Naguabo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72013 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Naguabo
Community Name:	Naguabo County
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	r: Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved



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**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

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**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 52 Total Population : 23,753 Total Number of Households: 8,875 Total Number of Businesses: 132 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 18** 

Middle Mile Span Name: **Barceloneta Span Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** All blocks in "Dorado" county, with in the Census County ID: 72051 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix. Last Mile Service Area Name: Dorado **Community Name: Dorado County** Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural

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**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 23** 



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Total Population : 34,017 Total Number of Households: 13,067 Total Number of Businesses: 368 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 13

Middle Mile Span Name: Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	<b>Barranquitas Span</b> All blocks in "Morovis" county, with in the Census County ID:
72101 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Morovis
Community Name:	Morovis County
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 39 Total Population : 29,965 Total Number of Households: 9,462 Total Number of Businesses: 175 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 22

Middle Mile Span Name:	Luquillo Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Fajardo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72053 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Fajardo
Community Name:	Fajardo County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	



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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 30 Total Population : 40,712 Total Number of Households: 17,136 Total Number of Businesses: 553 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 24

 Middle Mile Span Name:
 Utuado Span

 Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:
 All blocks in "Florida" county, with in the Census County ID:

 72054 Due to space limitations the information
 it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.

 Last Mile Service Area Name:
 Florida

 Community Name:
 Florida County

 Rural Calssification of the Community:
 Rural

 BIP – Service Status:
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 15 Total Population : 12,367 Total Number of Households: 4,387 Total Number of Businesses: 65 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 12

Middle Mile Span Name:Aguada SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Moca" county, with in the Census County ID: 72099Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.MocaLast Mile Service Area Name:MocaCommunity Name:Moca CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 50 Total Population : 39,697 Total Number of Households: 14,253 Total Number of Businesses: 300 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 23

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Adjuntas Span72055 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.All blocks in "Guánica" county, with in the Census County ID:



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Last Mile Service Area Name:	Guánica	
Community Name:	<b>Guánica County</b>	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural		
BIP – Service Status:	Underserved	

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#### BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 37 Total Population : 21,888 Total Number of Households: 8,849 Total Number of Businesses: 102 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 18

Middle Mile Span Name:	Mayagüez Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Mayagüez" county, with in the Census County ID:
72097 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Mayagüez
Community Name:	Mayagüez County
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Non-Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 78 Total Population : 98,434 Total Number of Households: 39,364 Total Number of Businesses: 1,683 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 64

Middle Mile Span Name:Ceiba SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Maunabo" county, with in the Census County ID:72095 Due to space limitations the informationIt's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:MaunaboCommunity Name:Maunabo CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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**BTOP - Service Status:** Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 21 Total Population : 12,741 Total Number of Households: 4,482 Total Number of Businesses: 58 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 10



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Caguas Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Guayama" county, with in the Census County ID:
72057 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Guayama
Community Name:	Guayama County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 65 Total Population : 44,301 Total Number of Households: 16,368 Total Number of Businesses: 564 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 35

Middle Mile Span Name: Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	Maricao Span All blocks in "Maricao" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72093 Due to space limitations the information Last Mile Service Area Name:	n it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix. Maricao	
Community Name:	Maricao County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural		
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 37 Total Population : 6,449 Total Number of Households: 2,272 Total Number of Businesses: 14 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 14

Middle Mile Span Name:<br/>Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:Barceloneta Span72091 Due to space limitations the informationAll blocks in "Manatí" county, with in the Census County ID:72091 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:<br/>Community Name:ManatíManatí CountyManatí CountyRural Calssification of the Community:<br/>BIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 45 Total Population : 45,409 Total Number of Households: 17,113 Total Number of Businesses: 693 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 34



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Adjuntas Span	
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Guayanilla" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72059 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.		
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Guayanilla	
Community Name:	Guayanilla County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural		
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved	

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 42 Total Population : 23,072 Total Number of Households: 8,147 Total Number of Businesses: 104 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:	Luquillo Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Luquillo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72089 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Luquillo
Community Name:	Luquillo County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 26 Total Population : 19,817 Total Number of Households: 9,327 Total Number of Businesses: 124 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name:Miami-San Juan SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Guaynabo" county, with in the Census County ID:72061 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:GuaynaboCommunity Name:GuaynaboRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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**Total Square Miles of Service Area: 27 Total Population : 100,053** 



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Total Number of Households: 36,826 Total Number of Businesses: 2,009 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 37

 Middle Mile Span Name:
 Rio Grande Span

 Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:
 All blocks in "Loíza" county, with in the Census County ID: 72087

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 Last Mile Service Area Name:
 Loíza

 Community Name:
 Loíza County

 Rural Calssification of the Community:
 Rural

 BIP – Service Status:
 Loíza

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 19 Total Population : 32,537 Total Number of Households: 10,927 Total Number of Businesses: 78 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name:	Miami-San Juan Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Gurabo" county, with in the Census County ID:
72063 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Gurabo
Community Name:	Gurabo
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved



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BTOP - Service Status: Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 28 Total Population : 36,743 Total Number of Households: 12,854 Total Number of Businesses: 331 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:Rio Grande SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Las Piedras" county, with in the Census County ID:72085 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:Las PiedrasCommunity Name:Las Piedras CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP - Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 34 Total Population : 34,485 Total Number of Households: 12,421 Total Number of Businesses: 288 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:	Maricao Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Las Marías" county, with in the Census County ID:
72083 Due to space limitations the information	it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Las Marías
Community Name:	Las Marías County
Rural Calssification of the Community:	Rural
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 46 Total Population : 11,061 Total Number of Households: 4,124 Total Number of Businesses: 58 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 15

Middle Mile Span Name: Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	<b>Utuado Span</b> All blocks in "Hatillo" county, with in the Census County ID:	
72065 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.		
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Hatillo	
<b>Community Name:</b>	Hatillo	



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# Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 42 Total Population : 38,925 Total Number of Households: 13,929 Total Number of Businesses: 490 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Middle Mile Span Name:Maricao SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Lares" county, with in the Census County ID: 72081Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.LaresLast Mile Service Area Name:LaresCommunity Name:Lares CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 61 Total Population : 34,415 Total Number of Households: 12,060 Total Number of Businesses: 215 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 31

Middle Mile Span Name:Mayagüez SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Hormigueros" county, with in the Census County ID:72067 Due to space limitations the informationit's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:HormiguerosCommunity Name:Hormigueros CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 11 Total Population : 16,614 Total Number of Households: 6,423 Total Number of Businesses: 168 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 10

Middle Mile Span Name:

Mayagüez Span



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**Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:** All blocks in "Lajas" county, with in the Census County ID: 72079 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.

Last Mile Service Area Name:LajasCommunity Name:Lajas CountyRural Calssification of the Community:RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 60 Total Population : 26,261 Total Number of Households: 10,947 Total Number of Businesses: 178 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 19

Luquillo Span	
All blocks in "Humacao" county, with in the Census County ID:	
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Humacao	
Humacao County	
Rural Calssification of the Community: Non-Rural	
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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 45 Total Population : 59,035 Total Number of Households: 22,559 Total Number of Businesses: 852 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 42

Middle Mile Span Name:Rio Grande SpanCensus Blocks in Middle Mile Span:All blocks in "Juncos" county, with in the Census County ID:72077 Due to space limitations the informationI's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.Last Mile Service Area Name:JuncosCommunity Name:Juncos CountyRural Calssification of the Community:Non-RuralBIP – Service Status:Underserved

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 27 Total Population : 36,452 Total Number of Households: 13,064 Total Number of Businesses: 253 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 20



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Middle Mile Span Name:	Ponce Span
Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:	All blocks in "Juana Díaz" county, with in the Census County ID:
72075 Due to space limitations the information it's detailed by census blocks in middle mile appendix.	
Last Mile Service Area Name:	Juana Díaz
Community Name:	Juana Díaz County
Rural Calssification of the Community: Rural	
<b>BIP – Service Status:</b>	Underserved
<b>Rural Calssification of the Community</b>	: Rural

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 60 Total Population : 50,531 Total Number of Households: 16,490 Total Number of Businesses: 287 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 31

 Middle Mile Span Name:
 Aguada Span

 Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:
 All blocks in "Isabela" county, with in the Census County ID:

 72071 Due to space limitations the information
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 Last Mile Service Area Name:
 Isabela

 Community Name:
 Isabela County

 Rural Calssification of the Community:
 Rural

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Total Square Miles of Service Area: 55 Total Population : 44,444 Total Number of Households: 17,166 Total Number of Businesses: 438 Total Number of Critical Community Facilities, Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities: 24

 Middle Mile Span Name:
 Ponce Span

 Census Blocks in Middle Mile Span:
 All blocks in "Jayuya" county, with in the Census County ID:

 72073 Due to space limitations the information
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 Last Mile Service Area Name:
 Jayuya

 Community Name:
 Jayuya County

 Rural Calssification of the Community:
 Rural

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