# **Special Award Conditions**

Award Number: NT10BIX5570158

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## 1) Corrective Action Plan letter dated April 28, 2014 - Program Management Action Item

To comply with the Corrective Action Plan notification letter dated April 28, 2014, please provide a comprehensive and timely response to NTIA regarding the following topic:

### 1. Program Management

Since the partial suspension prohibiting activities on Long Term Evolution (LTE) deployment was lifted on August 9, 2013, extensive project delays have raised concerns about LA-RICS's ability to complete the full scope of its project by September 30, 2015. With 231 LTE towers scheduled to be built under the grant, further delays will significantly compromise the ability of LA-RICS and its contractors to complete the installation of the planned towers within the project's period of performance. As a result, NTIA requires that LA-RICS provide a deployment schedule showing how it will complete the project by the end of September 2015.

To satisfy this CAP action item, LA-RICS must develop and provide a credible and detailed Project Implementation Plan that shows how it will group, segment and sequence the deployment of all 231 sites. The implementation plan should be comprehensive and as detailed as possible.

Due Date: 05/09/2014

#### 2) 2. Corrective Action Plan letter dated April 28, 2014 - Environmental Assessment Action Item

To comply with the Corrective Action Plan notification letter dated April 28, 2014, please provide a comprehensive and timely response to NTIA regarding the following topic:

#### **Environmental Assessment**

During the April 2014 site visit, it was revealed that the Environmental Assessment submitted to NTIA did not contain the most up to date documents and exhibits, forcing LA-RICS to withdraw the EA and revise the assessment for submission at a later date. This withdrawal comes after a series of delays in submitting the Biological Assessment which was itself withdrawn after LA-RICS discovered out-of-date and conflicting information. The lack of quality and version control on these critical documents has stalled the required review process and has delayed the construction start date for the project.

To satisfy this CAP action item, LA-RICS must submit its Biological Assessment to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service no later than May 9, 2014, and its final Environmental Assessment to NTIA no later than May 16, 2014. Please confirm with NTIA once the documents have been submitted to the appropriate agencies.

Due Date: 05/16/2014

#### 3) Corrective Action Plan letter dated April 28, 2014 - Financial Management Action Item

To comply with the Corrective Action Plan notification letter dated April 28, 2014, please provide a comprehensive and timely response to NTIA regarding the following topic:

## Financial Management

During its March 6, 2014 meeting, LA-RICS Board of Directors approved funding for only the network planning phase of the vendor agreement. In order to move beyond network planning and into equipment procurement and construction, LA-RICS's full funding plan for the LTE project must be approved.

To satisfy this action item, LA-RICS must confirm that the funding plan for the LTE system has been fully approved by the Board of Directors on or before the June 5, 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

**Due Date: 06/05/2014**