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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS SECURE AND TRUSTED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS OF THEIR STATUS UPDATE FILING OBLIGATION

## WC Docket No. 18-89

The Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) reminds Recipients<sup>1</sup> in the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program of their obligation to file status updates with the Federal Communications Commission every 90 days, beginning on the date on which the Bureau approved Recipients' applications, until the obligation to file expires.<sup>2</sup> Because all initial status updates were due on October 13, 2022, all Recipients must file the next status update by January 11, 2023.<sup>3</sup> For information about Reimbursement Program filing requirements, please refer to the *Initial Status Update PN*.<sup>4</sup>

Recipients will submit status updates through the online portal, <a href="https://fccprod.servicenowservices.com/scrp">https://fccprod.servicenowservices.com/scrp</a> (SCRP Online Portal) by completing FCC Form 5640 Part K: Status Updates. Requests for confidential treatment must be submitted by filing a written request electronically in WC Docket No. 18-89 in the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs">https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as amended, defines "recipient" as "any provider of advanced communications service the application of which for a reimbursement under the [Reimbursement] Program has been approved by the Commission, regardless of whether the provider has received reimbursement funds." Secure and Trusted Communications Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-124, 134 Stat. 158, § 9(11) (2019) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. §§ 1608(11)), as amended by Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, § 901, 134 Stat. 1182 (2021); see also 47 CFR § 1.50001(h) ("The term 'Reimbursement Program recipient' or 'recipient' means an eligible advanced communications service provider that has requested via application and been approved for funding in the Reimbursement Program, regardless of whether the provider has received reimbursement funds.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 1.50004(k) (requiring Reimbursement Program recipients to "file a status update with the Commission 90 days after the date on which the Wireline Competition Bureau approves the recipient's application for reimbursement and every 90 days thereafter, until the recipient has filed the final certification").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program Recipients of their Status Update Filing Obligation, WC Docket No. 18-89, Public Notice, DA 22-967 (WCB Sep. 16, 2022) (Initial Status Update PN). The Initial Status Update PN and other Reimbursement Program releases are available on the Commission's website via https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/reimbursement.

Additional Information and Resources. Recipients with questions may contact the Fund Administrator Help Desk by email at <a href="SCRPFundAdmin@fcc.gov">SCRPFundAdmin@fcc.gov</a> or by calling (202) 418-7540 from 9:00 AM ET to 5:00 PM ET, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. General information and Commission documents regarding the Reimbursement Program are available on the Reimbursement Program webpage, <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/reimbursement">https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/reimbursement</a>.

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