**Schedule H-1**

**Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Certification**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Rural Development, Telecommunications Programs

All loans made under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program are subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (7 C.F.R. Part 15); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. 901 *et seq*; 7 C.F.R. Part 15b); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq*.; 45 C.F.R. Part 90), and Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity (3 C.F.R. 1966, 1970).

All recipients of financial assistance from Rural Development, the prospective primary participant commits to carry out Rural Development’s established policy to comply with the requirements of the above laws and executive orders to the effect that no person in the United States shall, “on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program.

We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the Applicant) hereby certify that, as a prospective recipient under the said Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program, we will comply with the above referenced laws and executive orders.

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(Date) (Authorized Representative’s Signature)

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