

## SCRPS Status Update

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### Applicant Information

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Is the contact the same as the contact listed on the Application Request for Funding Allocation? If not, please list below.

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\*Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

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## Explanation of Effort and Availability of Commercial Equipment

\*Provide an explanation of efforts undertaken, and challenges encountered, in permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of covered communications equipment or service.

Velocity Communications, Inc. (Velocity) remains committed to progressing with the FCC's Supply Chain Reimbursement Program (SCRIP), despite the current challenge of limited funding. From the start, we have actively engaged with potential vendors, negotiated terms, and carefully assessed our financial capacity to ensure we are prepared to meet the program's requirements. These efforts highlight our ongoing dedication to moving forward, even within the constraints of the available resources.

Our primary concern is the feasibility of completing the full network buildout with only 40% of the necessary funding allocated. While we have made significant progress in identifying vendors and securing agreements, proceeding without full funding risks leaving the network upgrade incomplete, potentially compromising both program compliance and the reliability of our services. The urgency of this situation is clear, and we are actively seeking a partner or solution to bridge the funding gap and keep the project on track.

Despite these challenges, we have made tangible progress, including the completion of key tasks such as decommissioning Huawei equipment. Although our reimbursement submissions do not yet fully reflect all of our accomplishments, we continue to finalize invoices and destruction receipts for these milestones. Our phased approach to the project demonstrates our strategic planning and commitment to advancing the work while carefully managing financial risks.

However, the partial funding status remains a significant barrier, weakening our negotiating power with vendors and leading to potentially higher costs. We remain focused on finding ways to move forward responsibly while awaiting further clarity on additional funding.

\*Explain whether you are finding commercially available equipment in the marketplace. If not, then explain efforts taken to obtain replacement equipment.

Lead times on equipment still present an issue given that larger providers are seeking the same equipment as well.

\* If there is additional information relevant to the preceding questions or that you believe the Commission should be aware of, please include the information below.

## Program Compliance

\*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) all requirements of the Reimbursement Program.

Yes  No

\*Indicate whether recipient has permanently removed from its communications network all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes  No

If recipient has not yet completed the removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?

\*Indicate whether recipient has replaced all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes  No

If recipient has not yet completed the replacement process, what estimated percentage of the replacement process have you completed?

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\*Indicate whether recipient has disposed of all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes  No

If recipient has not yet completed the disposal process, what estimated percentage of the disposal process have you completed?

\*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the timeline submitted by the recipient. If not, provide explanation for deviation.

Yes  No

\*The filer has indicated no to a question in this section, please provide additional information.

Velocity was approved for a 6-month extension request to complete the program. However, with the continued lack of full program funding we are still at risk of not completing on time despite our efforts.

## Certifications

\*By checking the box and providing the electronic signature where indicated below, the Certifying Official on behalf of the filer certifies under penalty of perjury that:

(1) The Certifying Official is authorized to submit this status report on behalf of the above-named filer and, based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the information being submitted, the information set forth in this status report has been examined and is true, accurate, and complete, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Certifying Official acknowledges that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement, or the omission of any material fact on this status report or on any other document submitted by the filer may subject the filer and the undersigned to punishment by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), 1606), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001, §§ 286-287, and § 1343), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and §§ 3801-3812). (2) The filer is in compliance with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program, including but not limited to allocations, draw downs, payments, obligations and expenditures of money, and the Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those statutes, rules, and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. The Certifying Official acknowledges that the filer will maintain detailed records, including receipts, of all costs eligible for reimbursement actually incurred for a period of 10 years; and will file all required documentation for its expenses. The Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to comply with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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