

## SCRPS Status Update

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### Applicant Information

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

2025-01-03

## 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.

Leaco has faced recent unexpected challenges that have affected the timeline for completing the removal, replacement, and disposal (RRD) of covered communications equipment.

In October 2024, severe storms caused flooding at one of our offices in New Mexico. While no records were lost, our team had to focus on recovery efforts and restoring service to affected customers. This situation diverted time and resources away from other projects, including sorting and inventorying the covered equipment scheduled for removal as part of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program.

We've also encountered issues with the condition of the Huawei equipment while inventorying it. Much of it has been exposed to the elements over time, which has made handling and inventorying the items more challenging. To improve tracking and ensure accountability, we recently implemented a barcoding system to help document and maintain custody of the equipment during the disposal process.

Despite these setbacks, we've made significant progress. All covered equipment has been decommissioned and replaced. However, scheduling conflicts with our disposal vendor, ATR, have created additional delays. ATR has advised us that their earliest availability for pickup and compliant disposal is in late January 2025, which doesn't leave enough time to complete the process before the current RRD term ends on January 27, 2025.

To address these challenges, we've submitted a formal request to the FCC for a three-month extension, which would push the RRD deadline to April 27, 2025. This additional time will allow us to finalize the disposal phase, fully implement our barcoding system, and account for any potential delays that might arise.

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

Equipment was commercially available.

\* 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.

N/A

## 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?

\*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?

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\*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.

\*Equipment is currently being sorted and stored for compliant disposal of equipment. With the Barcoding system now in place, we can keep a accurate chain of custody between us and ATR for Compliant disposal. \*We are out of synch with our current timeline and have asked for a 3-month extension. When granted, we will file an updated timeline.

## 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.

## Certifier Information

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