

# ReConnect Program: Frequently Asked Questions

## Certifications Inquiries for Round 5 Funding Opportunities

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**Question: Does it matter what type of Professional Engineer (PE) certifies the project?**

**Answer:** All applicants are required to submit a certification covering the following:

- Network Design
- Network Diagram
- Project Costs
- Buildout Timeline and Milestones
- Capital Investment Schedule

All of these must be certified by a Professional Engineer (PE). The PE must be licensed in at least one of the states where the proposed project will be constructed. The selection of the PE does not require prior RUS approval. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to hire PEs experienced in the design and construction of broadband networks.

**Question: What certifications must an applicant sign in the ReConnect Online Application System?**

**Answer:** You must sign and submit the following certifications within the ReConnect online application system:

- Certification Regarding Architectural Barriers
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions
- Certificate Regarding Flood Hazard Area Precautions
- Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements
- Civil Rights Compliance Certification
- Federal Collection Policies for Commercial Debt Certification

- Representations Regarding Felony Conviction (Required only for Non-profit, For-profit corporations, and Cooperatives and Mutual Organizations)
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 Certification
- Compliance with RUS Award Documents

The only person permitted to sign and certify each item within the online application system is the Representative Signature Certifier (Rep-Sign-Cert).