ReConnect Program

Reporting and Compliance System
Who Uses R&C in 2021

• My entity has ONE or MORE ReConnect awards
  • R&C to report on ReConnect Awards
  • R&C to report on awards from RUS Telecommunications programs:
    • Community Connect
    • Distance Learning and Telemedicine
    • Rural Broadband Access
    • Telecommunications Infrastructure

• My entity has Electric Program loans AND a ReConnect award
  • R&C for ReConnect award reports
  • Data Collection System (DCS) for Electric Program reports
Introduction
The R&C System

- Streamlines the reporting process for entities that receive awards from RUS

- Account-Level Reports:
  - Financial Reports (due quarterly)
  - System Data Reports (due annually)
  - Audit Reports (due annually based on fiscal year)

- Project-Level Reports:
  - Construction Progress Reports (due annually during construction)
  - Annual Performance Reports (due annually after construction finishes)
  - Close Out Reports (one-time report at end of project)
Roles & Permissions

• Representative Signature Certifier (Rep Sign Cert)
  • Submit ARR
  • View and update all reports
  • Add, edit, and delete users of R&C
  • Certify and submit reports to USDA

• Administrator
  • Submit ARR
  • View and update all reports
  • Add, edit, and delete users (except Rep Sign Cert)
Roles & Permissions (Cont.)

• Representative Update Data (Rep Update Data)
  • View and update all reports
• Consultant
  • View and update reports
  • Do not assign a security role, other than the Consultant, to users that do not work for the entity
• Viewer
  • View only (cannot make changes)
Accessing the System
Access Requirements - ARR

• Verified eAuth account
  • To create or modify an existing account visit: https://www.eauth.usda.gov/home/

• Authorized Representative Request (ARR)
  • Designate Rep Sign Cert, assign Administrator(s)
  • Upload Signed ARR Resolution
  • Submitted by Rep Sign Cert or Administrator

• Resources available on ReConnect website:
  • ARR Form: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/arr-resolution-instructions-samples.pdf
Access the System

- **Recommended Browsers**
  - Microsoft Edge for Windows 10
  - Google Chrome (Latest Version)

- **R&C System URL**
  - Log in with verified eAuth ID and password
R&C Community
Live Demonstration
Helpful Tips

• USDA Contact Us Form
  • https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us
  • Subject: Reporting
  • Please include your phone number

• Note: R&C times out after 15 minutes of inactivity
Helpful Tips Cont.

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• R&C System URL
  • https://reporting-and-compliance.rd.usda.gov
  • Log in with verified eAuth ID and password
• Only enter whole in the data entry fields
  • Negative number: add a dash before the number (e.g. “-10000”)
• Leave line items that don’t apply to your entity blank
• Errors and Warnings: enter or correct missing information or add an explanation to submit the report