

"Internet for All Benzie County" (IFA-BC)– Activities during April 2023 and activities anticipated to be performed May 2023. Reported **June 2023 Invoice status report:** May status reports will focus on preparing for construction season. Once construction starts the status reports will start to include township and road level construction activities.

ROBIN application submitted: Participated in a meeting with the ROBIN selection committee. They indicated that 29 of the 154 applications were to be awarded. The awards would address 100K households. They asked: if we were awarded, would we be able to complete, by the end of 2026 deadline. CCC response Yes. They asked if the 49 households not eligible for funding were removed from the requested amount, would we still be able to complete the project? CCC response Yes. They confirmed that there is a 45-day challenge process that will begin once the announcement is made public. This provided CCC confidence that our application may be moving forward. However, there should be caution in discussing this publicly until the state announces/confirms the awardees.

WEB update: We meet with our web developers to review the interactive capabilities and how to interface results with our reporting systems.

Speed Verification requirements: This aspect involves ROBIN, BEADS, and RDOF. Although RDOF is not part of the "IFA-BC" effort, portions of the CCC RDOF effort are within Benzie County. The FCC has announced speed testing verification will start 1-1-2025 with a 12-month testing window and will move into production 1-1-2026. Our assumption is MIHI ROBIN and BEADS will adopt this process for testing ROBIN and BEADS. Therefore, we implement our RDOF solution that performs independent testing. Our initial goal is to test 10%-15% of the households serviced per network segment multiple times monthly (during peak time and off-peak times). Results will be stored providing verification that the capacity and ability to meet Gig capable service levels are present in the network constructed. Our vendor has assured CCC that they will adapt the reporting to meet future requirements published by MIHI ROBIN/BEADS.

Human Resources/Contractors: CCC have secured "contractors" for mainline plowing. We continue to work with agencies to attract Heavy equipment operators, drop crew members, general laborers, inside wire installers.

Other actionable items

1. Inventory additional shipments will begin July 2023. We currently have in reserve 210,000 feet of inventory.
2. Negotiations with an additional national middle mile provider continue.
3. Permitting process still on track.
4. Participated in Benzie EDC, Benzie Chamber and MIHI events.
5. Inventory yards and Fiber distribution center location are still being evaluated.

DESIGN work focusing on the following areas: (728 + service locations - 40 route miles)

1. Maple City Road North from US31 to Airport and West to Hubert Rd (estimated 143 service locations)
2. Platte Rd east of US31 and nearby area (estimated 125 service locations)
3. Frankfort Highway West of US31 (estimated 150 service locations)
4. Cadillac Hwy east from US31 (estimated 125 service locations)
5. N Manistee County Line Rd east bound to reach Thompsonville (estimated 185 service locations)

Data Management next steps

1. CRM system has been established to track progress by township.
2. Identified households will be uploaded along routes will be uploaded into our CRM system.
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3. Once ROBIN is announced we will upload all reported addresses into our CRM system.

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