

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between City of Laredo, Texas and **Fiber2Go Corp.**

Regarding Participation in the Texas BEAD Grant Program 2025

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** is entered into this 18th day of July, 2025, by and between Laredo, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the “**Government Entity**”) and **Fiber2Go Corp.**, a Texas telecommunications corporation (hereinafter referred to as “**Fiber2Go**”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this **MOU** is to establish a cooperative framework between Laredo, Texas and **Fiber2Go** for the joint development and submission of a broadband infrastructure project application under the **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program**, administered by the **Texas Broadband Development Office (TX-BDO)**.

2. Scope of Cooperation.

- The **Government Entity** shall serve as the **Lead Applicant and Grant Administrator** for the **BEAD** grant application and, if awarded, will receive and disburse grant funds for project execution.
- **Fiber2Go** shall act as the **Technical Implementation Partner**, responsible for the design, construction, and deployment of broadband infrastructure, and will assist in preparing technical documentation, project planning, and milestone tracking.
- **Fiber2Go** shall also support the **Government Entity** in all grant administration processes, including compliance documentation, regulatory coordination, and reporting to **TX-BDO** or its designated agents.
- The Parties agree to pursue a fiber-first deployment model with allowances for hybrid technologies, including fixed wireless or laser connectivity, when technically and financially justified under **BEAD** guidance.

3. Matching Fund Strategy.

The Parties acknowledge that the 25% required match will be **requested as a waiver by the Government Entity**, and both parties will actively supply the required evidence to support such waiver, **subject to approval and inclusion of the Texas Match Assistance Program (TMAP)** or other allowable matching sources.

4. Funding and Disbursement.

If awarded, the **Government Entity** will receive **BEAD** program funds and will disburse payment to **Fiber2Go** in accordance with a mutually agreed-upon milestone-based contract, to be executed

following the grant award. Disbursements shall be made based on verified performance, inspection, and invoicing tied to project progress.

5. Term and Termination.

This MOU shall remain in effect until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon award of BEAD funds, the Parties agree to enter into a formal **Grant Implementation Agreement** that will define detailed scopes of work, contract terms, schedules, and other binding obligations.

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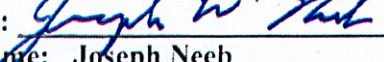
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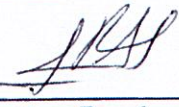
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