

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### NUSF-131 2022 Reverse Auction Pre-Auction Application Form

#### **Section I: Applicant Details**

1. Applicant/Entity name:	Hamilton Long Distance Company (HLD)
2. Applicant NE Code:	NE000147
3. NETC Status: NOTE: Post auction, winning bidders must pursue any ETC application/amendment process that may need to be completed prior to support authorization.	Currently certified as Nebraska Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (NETC) for the territory i
4. Applicant address:	1006 12th Street
4a. Applicant city:	Aurora
4b. Applicant state:	Nebraska
4c. Applicant zip code:	68818
5. Applicant contact (first and last name):	Benjamin Dennis
6. Applicant e-mail:	benjamin.dennis@hamiltontel.com
7. Applicant phone number:	(402)694-7290
8. Legal representative name (must be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nebraska):	Jim Ediger, General Counsel
9. Legal representative e-mail:	jim.ediger@hamiltontel.com
10. Legal representative phone number:	(402)694-5101

#### **Section II: Bidding Details**

11. Indicate the speed tier or tiers in which applicant intends to bid, and the proposed technology for the respective speed tier. Technologies other than fiber to the premise need to provide supporting documentation, including speed tests, proving that the technology can meet the required speed thresholds:

A. Baseline: ≥ 100/100 Mbps; - Low Latency (≤ 100 ms)	Yes	🔲 No
Technology for Baseline tier		
B. Gigabit ≥ 1 Gbps/500 Mbps; - Low Latency (≤ 100 ms)	× Yes	No
Technology for Gigabit tier		Buried fiber to the premises.

#### 12. Please provide the names and email addresses of the bidders authorized to bid (up to 3 bidders per applicant/entity allowed):

	Name of Bidder (Last, First)	E-mail Address
Authorized Bidder 1:	Nelson, John	john.nelson@hamiltontel.com
Authorized Bidder 2:	Wyatt, Brock	brock.wyatt@hamiltontel.com
Authorized Bidder 3:	Ediger, Jim	jim.ediger@hamiltontel.com

#### Attach/Include:

Please label attachments as follows: "[Applicant Name]\_[Attachment Letter]." If it is necessary to submit multiple attachments under one attachment letter category, label the attachments to identify the separate attachments. Ex. "[Applicant Name]\_[Attachment Letter]\_2", etc.

■ Technical Capability: Attach a detailed network proposal in addition to documents showing a demonstrated history of at least two (2) years of service at the speeds for which the applicant proposes to bid and with the technology to be used to complete the proposed deployment. (Attachment Letter: A)

■ Financial Capacity: Attach documentation of financial information showing the applicant's financial capability to bid on the proposed service areas. This should include audited financial statements along with an opinion letter when the applicant or its parent company are audited in the ordinary course of business. If the company is not audited in the ordinary course of business, unaudited financial statements from the prior fiscal year must be provided. If unaudited financial statements are provided with the pre-auction application, the applicant must also provide a statement certifying that if it is identified as a winning bidder, the audited financial statements and opinion letter will be provided with the post-auction commitment form. (Attachment Letter: B)

■ Operational Capacity: Provide subscribership information for an existing network that currently provides the speeds in which the applicant intends to bid are currently being offered to customers. This information is required to demonstrate the ability of the applicant to run a successful broadband operation and serve its customers. Applicant should identify existing services in Nebraska, and the number of customers that subscribe to their services, separated by exchange. (Attachment Letter: C)

The proposed Lifeline service plans of the applicant. (Attachment Letter: D)

■ Information relative to whether the applicant participates in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (formerly Emergency Broadband Benefit Program) and how that participation may impact proposed service offerings to subscribers in auctioned areas. (Attachment Letter: E)

□ Applications proposing to use technology other than fiber or proposing to use a combination of fiber and other technologies, must include an attestation from a qualified engineer describing the speed capabilities of the proposed technology, as well as speed test data from existing deployments that support the capability claim. (Attachment Letter: F)

Attach documentation with details of the standalone voice plan and service plan currently offered by the application that provides broadband at the relevant performance tier and latency requirements at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates offered in urban areas. (Attachment Letter: G)

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:** By signing this statement, the applicant certifies that the information submitted on the application and all supporting documents are true and correct. The applicant agrees to refrain from any discussion of eligible areas, bids, bidding strategies, or agreements to bid or not bid on eligible areas with other participants at any point during the auction. The applicant agrees to perform and adhere to all requirements for funding, and to comply with all state and federal regulations and requirements pertaining to this program. The applicant agrees not to use equipment prohibited by the FCC within the network, to offer rates in the project area that are comparable to the rates offered by the applicant in urban areas outside the project area and as compared to the FCC's national rate survey, to submit network performance (speed and latency) testing information as prescribed by the Commission, and to complete the project build within two (2) years following the grant award unless granted an extension. The applicant acknowledges that failure to comply with the requirements of the Auction may result in civil penalties pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-156.

## John Nelson

Printed Name of Authorized Person

# President

Title of Authorized Person

OHN NEWSON

Signature of Authorized Person

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