

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-6)
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S. No.	Queries	Document Ref:	USF Response
1	<p>2-USF Subsidy Payment Schedule Subclause#5-. Demonstration that 100% of target BTS Towers have been directly connected with USF Optic Fiber Network. Payment against the milestone will be made according to the value of the BoQ installed.</p> <p>How can SP design total BTS connectivity solution when BTS information of all Mobile operators in the area is not provided?</p>	Schedule D of SSA	<p>As per clause 11 and 13.1 of RFA, as reproduced below: “The USF Optic Fiber Network shall be constructed and otherwise rolled out in accordance with the Project Implementation Milestones, providing USF OFC services to all Towns/Union Councils and connectivity to number of BTSs identified in Schedule C of the USF Services and Subsidy Agreement.”</p> <p>The subsidy payment is against number of BTSs connected with in the project implementation timelines.</p> <p>Further, the Service Provider (SP) will have to coordinate directly with Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) in given area, obtain BTS information and offer BTS connectivity at given USF Tariff.</p>
2	<p>Clause # 3 Timing of completion of each of the Project Implementation Milestones set out in the table above shall be at the discretion of the USF Service Provider. However, all five (05) Project Implementation Milestones must be implemented within sixteen (16) months of the Effective Date and the First Project Implementation Milestone must be implemented within eight (08) months.</p> <p>If some Operator doesn't connect BTS with SP's USF network or is not willing to connect or have already connected/deployed their own fiber previously, how can SP achieve this milestone?</p>	Schedule D of SSA	<p>The Service Provider (SP) will have to coordinate directly with Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) in given area, obtain BTS information and offer BTS connectivity at given USF Tariff. The subsidy payment is against number of BTSs connected with in the project implementation timelines.</p> <p>Furthermore, the given targets are very pessimistic giving ample room to USF SP to identify and connect target number of BTSs.</p>