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June 2, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Frances Cavenaugh, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 24 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- University of Central Arkansas Grants to Students, HVAC Improvements \$3,860,336
- Department of Commerce Economic Development Commission Broadband \$149,251,108
- Department of Health Health Division Arkansas 988 Capacity Project \$407,664
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas Improve/Upgrade the MLT/Phlebotomy Laboratory \$124,200
- Arkansas Tech University Testing, Wellness and Cleaning Supplies,
 Replacement/Renovation of HVAC Systems \$1,220,000
- University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College Lost Revenue Capture \$5,735,036
- University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College HVAC Replacement \$813,022
- Ozarka College HVAC Upgrades to Increase Ventilation/Filtration \$168,984
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock Community Navigator Pilot Program \$500,000
- Henderson State University Implementation/Consulting Cost ERP System \$445,300
- Department of Commerce Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance \$1,844,049



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Pursuant to Section 36 (02) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Commerce Economic Development Commission –
 Rural Connect Program \$4,884,320
- Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer –
 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Consulting Services \$10,057,710
- Department of Commerce Economic Development Commission –
 Rural Connect Program \$1,262,632

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther Secretary

Attachment(s)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

Agency:		Business Area C	ode:	0165						
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May 12, 2023

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th St, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 796 of 2023

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Act 796 of 2023, the University of Central Arkansas is requesting review of the attached request to continue previously approved appropriations from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in FY24, in order to provide emergency grants to students and to make improvements to air quality, filtration, and ventilation in campus facilities.

The total funding to be distributed from the university's ARPA funding is \$3,860,336 for this request. More information may be found on the following pages.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this appropriation request. Please contact me should there be any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely.

Houston D. Davis, Ph.D.

President

University of Central Arkansas

hdavis@uca.edu



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS ARPA APPROPRIATION REQUEST – JUNE 2023

The University is requesting the continuation of \$3,860,336 in appropriation that was previously approved in FY23. The ARPA funding will still be used to provide emergency student grants and to make improvements to air quality, filtration, and ventilation in campus facilities. Below is more information on the uses of these funds.

Student Grant Appropriation Request

1. We are requesting \$35,615 to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Fall 2023 and/or Spring 2024 semesters. These funds were previously approved and expensed to award grants to students during Spring and Summer of 2022, but the payments have not been deposited by students. After multiple attempts to reach the grant recipients, the payments have been voided (or will be voided upon stale-date).

Institutional (Supplemental) Appropriation Request

1. We are requesting \$3,824,721 to make improvements to air quality, filtration, and ventilation in several campus facilities and therefore reduce and/or prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other airborne illnesses.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

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Arkansas State Broadband Office – Plan Updates, SFY 2024 Detailed Plan Updates

Capital Project Fund-Broadband CA9 FRP7905

U.S. Treasury awarded the State of Arkansas \$158,086,576 from the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funding from the CPF is separate from the \$1.6 billion in funding awarded under the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. Unlike the SLFRF program, which may be spent in a variety of authorized categories, the CPF award from Treasury specifies that it may only be used for broadband projects and related administrative expenses (regular salaries and personal services matching for staff; fees for management consultants and strategic program design advisory services and program management support; costs related to project engineering design and review; legal expenses related to project management support; media and communications expenses, educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll for extra help staff or contract labor). Treasury allocated \$15,236,576 to be used for broadband projects with the balance of \$7,850,000 to be used for broadband administrative expenses through 2026. This broadband project funding was awarded to 22 projects across the state in the October 2022 ARC funding round, approved by ALC and JBC in December 2022 and February 2023, respectively. The availability and use of funds is subject to all applicable State and Federal laws including guidance from Treasury regarding CPF established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Supplementary guidance may be published at any time by Treasury and/or the State. Capital Projects must invest in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. The CPF grant program has been designed to address the critical need for high-speed, reliable connectivity that was highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLAN UPDATES:

• Broadband infrastructure projects awarded, awaiting agreement execution and construction initiation:

Awardee	County/Location		
CableSouth Media, LLC	Ashley		
NEXT, Powered by NAEC	Baxter		
Hometown Internet, LLC	Boone-B		
Ashley-Chicot Electric	Chinat		
Cooperative, Inc.	Chicot		
South Central Connect, LLC	Clark		
Connect2First Internet	Cleburne-A		
Comcast Cable	Cross		
Communications, LLC	Cross		
Comcast Cable	Faulkner-B		
Communications, LLC	Taukiici B		
Wave Rural Connect, LLC	Franklin		
South Central Connect, LLC	Garland		
South Central Connect,			
LLC/Central Arkansas	Hot Spring		
Telephone Cooperative Inc.			
Farmers Rural Connect, Inc	Jackson		
Wave Rural Connect,	Logan-A		
LLC/Cox Com, LLC	Logan /		
Wave Rural Connect, LLC	Logan-B		
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Four States Fiber	Montgomery-A		
South Central Connect, LLC	Montgomery-B		
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- A proposed awardee change for the Columbia County project.
- Utilizing allowable administrative funding, funding of four staff positions and personal services matching within the state broadband office. Two of the four proposed positions would serve as reclassifications of existing broadband office employees, while two other positions would offer additional capacity for the office.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST **SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

FY24

Arkansas Department of Health **Business Area Code:** 0645 Agency: Program Title: Arkansas 988 Capacity Project Granting Organization: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration CFDA #: 93.243 6/30/2024 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): The purpose of the grant is to improve state and territory response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in the state by: (1) recruiting, hiring and training behavioral health workforce to staff local 988/Lifeline centers to respond, intervene, and provide follow-up to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis; (2) engaging Lifeline crisis centers to unify 988 response across states/territories; and (3) expanding the crisis center staffing and response structure needed for the successful implementation of 988. American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding Direct Funding: X Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645X Steering Comm. Approved: RSUP0022 Continuation: Funds Center: AZ2 Internal Order/WBS Element: **Program Funding Amount** Regular Salaries Extra Help Personal Services Matching Operating Expenses 86.648 Conference & Travel Expenses Professional Fees Capital Outlay **Data Processing** 321,016 Grants and Aid (CI: 04) Other: Other: 407,664 \$ Total Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 4/29/2024 **DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning. Positions to be established: (list each position separately Position Line Item Cmnt Pers Cost Org Pers SubArea Item **Position Title** Code Grade Maximum * Number Unit Center State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor. Robert Brech 5/31/2023 Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt

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ADH Legislative Review Summary

Date Completed: 5/16/2022

This is an internal document to assist ADH leadership with answering questions that may be asked at legislative meetings.

Center or Office: CHP		nch:		Section/Unit/Program Name:		
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Geographic Area(s) Served	: Statewide					
Amount of this Action: \$815,327.00	Со	ntract/Agreement # H79SM086081	urchase Order #: None			
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Importance of Program/Contract/Sub-grant (Statement of Need):

As of January 2021, the in-state call answer rate for Arkansas Lifeline call centers was 65% and therefore, too many Arkansans are facing extended wait times as their calls are transferred out of state to available call centers, which often lack knowledge of resources within the state. The culmination of this project will allow in-state call centers to join resources and work together on a unified front in the effort to reduce the number of Arkansans who die by suicide

Overview of Request - Objectives, Scope, and Performance/Purpose of Amendment

(For contracts, use same description from the Form SRV-1 or SRV-1A):

These funds are to be used for salaries, supplies, subcontracts and outreach expenses that will allow the Arkansas Department of Health to work in collaboration between Arkansas 988/Lifeline call centers to decrease wait time and increase appropriate resource advisement for callers.

- Answer 90% of all in-state calls by September 2023 and extend the response capacity of all call centers by using full-time, part-time, and volunteers.
- Establish two Sub-grants with (1) Arkansas Crisis Center and (1) Western Arkansas Counseling to better equip each organization to answer calls and texts placed to 988. These are the only two, besides ADH, that are able to answer 988 calls/texts in the state.
- Initiate an in-state chat and text response plan for all call centers to a 50% response rate by the end of the first year and 90% by the end of the project period.
- Establish coordinated quality improvement plans for all in-state call centers to improve response time/quality and capability to respond to state or local impacting events.

Prioritize consistent follow-up in all call centers and ensure employees are appropriately equipped and trained to provide resources over a broad range of topics from imminent risk, safety, and follow-ups.

Method for Monitoring/Accountability:

Sub-grants will be monitored with monthly reporting, invoice auditing

Additional pertinent information about th	is action:						
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Primary Contact Name: Jacob Smith	Title: Substance Misuse Section Chief						
Filliary Contact Name: Jacob Chillin	Title. Substance ivisuse section office						
Phone # : 501-671-1611	Email: Jacob.r.Smith@arkansas.gov						
Secondary Contact Name: Mandy Thomas	Title: CHP ADMO						
Phone # : 501-661-2251	Email: Amanda.Thomas@arkansas.gov						

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Arkansas Department of Health 988 Capacity Project Overview— Overview \$815,327 Award through two years from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)

Background

In 2017, Arkansas Legislative Act 811 mandated ADH to create and maintain a suicide prevention call center, and in late 2017, staff began answering calls from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) as the Arkansas Lifeline Call Center (ALCC), the ALCC is the initial call center all callers are routed to in the state. In addition to the ALCC, the Arkansas Crisis Center (ACC) answers calls for the northwest part of the state. Additionally, the Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center (WACGC) is in the process of becoming an NSPL call center in the first quarter of 2022, also set to answer calls in the northwest part of the state.

Purpose

The Arkansas 988 Capacity Project will enable the state to meet or exceed the expected in-state 988/Lifeline call answer rate, which will decrease wait time and increase appropriate resource advisement for callers. (A call can route to all three of the listed call centers in the state and then roll to a back-up center out of state, which could be a center in Texas, Missouri, New York, California, etc.) Additionally, the project will develop the capacity for in-state chat and text response. Equally important, the Project will require collaboration between current Arkansas 988/Lifeline call centers and ensure that policies are consistent and that call takers are adequately trained on at-risk populations and resources available.

Goals

To meet the goals set forth, the project will:

- 1) Answer 90% of all in-state calls by September 2023 and extend the response capacity of all call centers by using full-time, part-time, and volunteers.
- 2) Initiate an in-state chat and text response plan for all call centers to a 50% response rate by the end of the first year and 90% by the end of the project period.
- 3) Establish coordinated data reporting and quality improvement plans for all in-state call centers to improve response time/quality and capability to respond to state or local impacting events.
- 4) Prioritize consistent follow-up in all call centers and ensure employees are appropriately equipped and trained to provide resources over a broad range of topics from imminent risk, safety, and follow-ups.
- 5) Develop a sustainability plan to maintain capacity, key performance indicators, and 90% response rates for calls, chats, and texts after the grant performance period.

To ensure the success of the project, ALCC as the primary call center, will develop a volunteer program that will utilize volunteers in addition to the grant funded employees to enhance call, chat, and text response capabilities. This initiative will allow for a higher response rate and eliminate the necessity to reroute a person in need to the other in-state call centers.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022

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May 8, 2023

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 199 of 2022 & Act 796 of 2023

Dear Secretary Walther:

Phillips Community College has been fortunate to benefit from funding through the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 37 of Act 199 of 2022 and hereby submits a supplemental appropriation revision request and detail plan for the final expenditure of the institutional portion of these funds during FY2023 and the supplemental appropriation of certain funds for FY2024. A no-cost extension has been filed with the US Department of Education for the requested extension.

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas respectfully requests review of appropriation requests to (1) provide direct grants to students for emergency relief under the provisions provided by the US Department of Education, (2) reimburse PCCUA for payroll related COVID-19 related expenses, and (3) for other COVID-19 related expenses for PPE, student aid, and technology-related expenses as allowed for by federal regulations.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants – Institutional Funds

For the institutional portion, PCCUA intends to use the funds for purposes outlined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The following table outlines the intended purposes for the use of grant funds consistent with the requirements of the grant. The guidance accompanying the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 states that institutions must use a portion of their funds to implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines and conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances. Through the following plan, PCCUA intends to accomplish both of these directives.

Student Aid -27.15

Zero out this budgeted line item

Operating Expenses 27.15

 Increase budgeted amounts to provide funds for purchasing educational material and equipment.

TOTAL \$00.00

Strengthening Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)

PCCUA intends to re-appropriate these funds in FY24 for purposes outlined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The following table outlines the intended purposes for the use of grant funds consistent with the requirements of the grant. Through the following plan, PCCUA intends to accomplish these directives. The use of these grant funds will focus particularly toward the minority population on all three campuses.

Capital Outlay 124,200.00

 Improve and upgrade the MLT/Phlebotomy laboratory to allow for social distancing, improved virtual/simulated learning, and enhanced hygienic and cleanable surfaces.

TOTAL \$124,000.00

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this supplemental appropriation request revision and spending plan. Please feel free to reach out to Stan Sullivant, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration by email at swillivant@pccua.edu with any questions.

Respectfully,

Dr. G. Keith Pinchback

Chancellor

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 400 MARYLAND AVE. NW Washington, DC 20202

March 11, 2022

Dear Grantee,

In response to the overwhelming requests for **no-cost extensions** for HEERF grant award(s), the Department will automatically extend the performance period for all open HEERF grant awards that have balances over \$1,000. The new performance period end date will be June 30, 2023. **No further action is required** for your grant award to receive the extension.

Further guidance on this will be provided in the forthcoming Federal Register notice. Please be advised, <u>no changes</u> will be made to the current performance period dates before April 2022.

- Automatic extensions for balances over \$1,000
 - o New Performance end date June 30, 2023
- \$1,000 or less balance will not be extended
- Grants in closeout phases will not be extended
 - o Liquidation,
 - o Suspension and
 - o Manual Closeout
- The FAQ guidelines remain in effect
 - o **Unallowable** Construction/ Reconstruction/ Renovations
 - o **Allowable** Repairs
 - Projected Budget Submission Needed-Please provide spending outline given your remaining award balance to be added to your grant file record.

If you have other questions related to your HEERF grant award, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your patience.

Mr. Mose Cartier, MA

Sr. Program Management Analyst-(Emergency Response Unit) U.S. Department of Education | Office of Postsecondary Education 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Rm. 287-11 | Washington, D.C. 20202 (Phone) 202-453-7373 | (FAX) 202-453-7464 | Mose.Cartier@ed.gov www.ed.gov/ope

[&]quot;No man knows what he can do until he tries." Dr. Carter G. Woodson...

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: FY24 **SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023** University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College Agency: Business Area Code: 0693 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Granting Organization: US department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: ___ 6/30/2024 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): Please see the attached letter. American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding Direct Funding: X Func. Area: TCOL Fund Code: 293ARPA Steering Comm. Approved: Funds Center: D79 Internal Order/WBS Element: Continuation: Program Funding Amount Regular Salaries Extra Help Personal Services Matching Operating Expenses Conference & Travel Expenses Professional Fees Capital Outlay Data Processing Grants and Aid (CI: 04) Other: Lost Revenue 5,735,036 5,735,036 6/30/2024 **DFA IGS State Technology Planning**

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Robert Brech 5/31/2023

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May 15, 2023

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and
AdministrationOffice of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 796 of 2023

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College (UA-PTC) received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 36 of Act 796 of 2023. This funding is from CFDA 84.425F and is approved for use as institutional funds. We are submitting a revised request and detailed plan for expenditure of the appropriation in the amount of \$5,735,036. Following is a detailed plan for expenditure of these funds during FY2024, pending approval of a no-cost extension submitted to the US Department of Education.

A. Other - Lost Revenue <u>\$5,735,036</u>

• Capturing revenue lost to the college from loss in enrollment in the academic years of 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. These funds will be used in bolstering strategic initiatives in student retention and expanding workforce education programs and to address some deferred maintenance needs of the campus.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this revised request and spending plan. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Summer Lee DeProw, Ph.D.

Chancellor

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FY24 AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST **SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023** University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College Agency: Business Area Code: 0693 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Granting Organization: US department of Education CFDA #:84,425L Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): Please see the attached letter. American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding Direct Funding: X Func. Area: TCOL Fund Code: 293ARPA Steering Comm. Approved: Funds Center: D79 Internal Order/WBS Element: Continuation: Program Funding Amount Regular Salaries Extra Help Personal Services Matching Operating Expenses Conference & Travel Expenses Professional Fees Capital Outlay Data Processing Grants and Aid (CI: 04) Other: HVAC Upgrades 813,022 Other: Total 813,022 Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2024 **DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

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May 12, 2023

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and
AdministrationOffice of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 796 of 2023

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College (UA-PTC) received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 36 of Act 796 of 2023. This funding is from CFDA 84.425L and is approved for use as institutional funds. We are requesting appropriation in the amount of \$813,022. Following is a detailed plan for expenditure of these funds during FY2024, pending approval of a no-cost extensions submitted to the US Department of Education.

Other – HVAC Upgrades \$813,022

• Improving air quality for select buildings by replacing old HVAC units to increase air handling and improve air filtration that helps to mitigate COVID-19.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this appropriation request with proposed spending plan. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Summer Lee DeProw, Ph.D.

Chancellor

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

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Agency:	HENDERS	ON STATE	UNIVER	SITY			Business A	Area Code:	0100	
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services Business Area Code: 0810 Agency: Unemployment Insurance Program Title: CFDA #: 17.225 Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Labor 1/23 800 Beginning: Ending: Effective Date of Authorization: Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): American Rescue Plan - Fraud Detection and Prevention - used to support and innovate strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI) 2)Enhance fraud detection and prevention strageties: 3)improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4)increase cybersecurity; and 5)expand overpayment recovery efforts. Requesting legislative approval to utilize fuding back to the federal grant award date of September 2021 in order to utilize funding. American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding Direct Funding: X Steering Comm. Approved: Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8103 Funds Center: AX8 Internal Order/WBS Element: Continuation: Program Funding Amount Regular Salaries 400,000 15,000 0 Extra Help 152,000 Personal Services Matching 200,000 0 Operating Expenses Conference & Travel Expenses Professional Fees 150,000 Capital Outlay Data Processing Grants and Aid (CI: 04) Other: CI 46 922,049 Overtime 5,000 Other: 1,844,049 Total Vilaghia 31/202 Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning. Positions to be established: (list each position separately) unclassified positions only Pers Position Cmnt Class Line Item Cost Pers SubArea Unit Area Center Number Item Position Title Code Grade Maximum * State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor. Robert Brech 5/31/2023 Office of Budget Office of Personnel Mgmt Date MLG 5/22/23 /18/23

Date

Cabinet Fiscal Officer

David L. Bell, CFO, Ark. Dept. of Commerce

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

UI Fraud -ARPA-Detailed Plan Updated

Purpose:

The funds will be used to support innovative strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants; 2) enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) increase cybersecurity; and 5) expand overpayment recovery efforts.

Project Details:

The funding will be used for eligibility fraud which generally occurs when benefits or services are acquired because of false information with the intent to receive benefits for which an individual or individuals would not otherwise be qualified and identity fraud when one person acquires and uses the identifying information of another person in order to illegally receive benefits. The fraud can happen either at the time of UI application submission, or by changing key user data like bank account information after a claim has been established. The Division of Workforce Services Efforts are to implement National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)-Compliant identify proofing, specifically IAL2 and AAL2, before claimants start filing out the UI claims application and for re-accessing their account.

Funding will also be used to strengthen identity verification of UI claimants, enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies, improve data management and analytic capabilities, increase cybersecurity, and expand overpayment recovery efforts in all UC programs. Using the funds to Procuring, implementing, and paying reoccurring subscription costs and/or ongoing maintenance costs of identity verification and fraud detection solutions; implementing or enhancing data analytics capabilities to understand the nature and prevalence of fraud and the impact of fraud mitigation efforts: implementing cross-matching to detect suspicious activity, including synthetic or false identities, and identification of other patterns of fraudulent behavior; implementing or enhancing cybersecurity perimeter defense for the websites and web applications responsible for initial application steps and regular certification; Assessing and mitigating disproportionate impact of fraud measures on vulnerable communities such as communities of color, communities with disabilities, limited English proficient and immigrant communities, and certain geographic communities; assessing and mitigating security vulnerabilities; hiring staff or obtaining contract services to conduct fraud investigations, other eligibility fraud and identity fraud detection-related activities, and support overpayment recovery efforts; administrative expenses incurred by the state to gather business requirements, program computer systems, or otherwise implement tools, strategies, or solutions to strengthen fraud detection, prevention, and recovery efforts.

Justification:

Nationally, Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs have been inundated with fraudulent claims. In Arkansas, fraudulent claims have affected both the State UI Trust Fund and the Federal CARES Act funding. The Division of Workforce Services (DWS) has flagged over 73,000

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims as potentially fraudulent in addition to the approximately 40,000 traditional UI claims and PUA claims that have been reported as fraudulent due to identity theft. If those claims had not been stopped, the potential for loss would have been immense. Additional fraud detection measures have been implemented as quickly as possible to sufficiently mitigate this threat to the programs.

We need to increase the capacity of our dedicated resources to investigate all of these claims on a case-by-case basis; however, the full investigation process takes a substantial amount of time to complete due to the complexities involved in the various fraud schemes We previously developed a plan with all of the departments within DWS and in conjunction with the NASWA Integrity Data Hub, Arkansas Department of Inspector General Office of Internal Audit, United States Secret Service, and the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

DWS is committed to continuing to combat the high volume of fraudulent unemployment insurance claims in order to maintain the integrity of the program. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 22-21 provides an opportunity for states to combat fraud in the UI program, including supporting innovative strategies and solutions to assist with identity verification and combatting identity fraud and to strengthen fraud detection and prevention efforts.

The fraud strategies and solutions funded with the sources available above will enable us to analyze the results in a timelier manner. Due to the statute of limitations, fraud solutions must continue to be implemented as quickly as possible to recover the overpayments and ensure the proper resolution of the perpetrators of the fraud.

When necessary, extra help positions will be utilized on a temporary basis to assist full-time staff with the workload. The Division of Workforce Services may receive additional UI Integrity funds through UIPL 22 – 21 Change 2.

The Division or Workforce Services contractors to provide technical expertise and preventing and discovering fraud.

SFY24 APPROPRIOATION REQUEST:

Salaries: \$400,000 Benefits: \$152,000 Extra Help: \$28,549 Overtime: \$5,000

Operating: \$200,000 Professional Fees: \$150,000 Other CI: 46: \$908,499

Grand Total: \$1,844,048

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Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Arkansas Rural Connect Program Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Treasury Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): To utilize funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for continuation of the AEDC's Rural Broadband program, for regular salaries and personal services, grant awards, operating expenses, purchase of equipment and construction expenses necessaries in the deployment or improvement of broadband infrastructure into unserved or improvement to unserved communities in Arkan capital outlay; cost of infrastructure equipment required to provide broadband network service; fees for management consultants and	
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Arkansas State Broadband Office – Plan Updates, SFY 2024 Arkansas Rural Connect Program No Detailed Plan Updates

There are no plan updates to the following program and fund. The Arkansas State Broadband Office formally requests continuation of the following:

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Further, this appropriation provides for three staff positions established during FY22 for broadband office operations to address the need for broadband service in the areas of Arkansas that are still unserved and underserved. Additionally, due to recent broadband master plan's recommended changes to the ARC program to 1) implement competitive bidding and 2) make awards utilizing census block groups, it was necessary to expand the scope of work performed by the ARC program's contractors.

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Arkansas State Infrastructure Coordinator Program Management Support State Entity Statement of Work (SOW)

State of Arkansas State Infrastructure Coordinator Program Management Support

State of Arkansas Contact: Becky Keogh, DFA Buyer

Deloitte Consulting LLP Contact: Heidi Green, Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting LLP

Authorized start date: With Completed Contract modification.

This Statement of Work ("SOW"), effective on the date of completion of contract modification and receipt of Delivery Order ("SOW Effective Date"), confirms our agreement that Deloitte Consulting LLP ("Deloitte Consulting" or "Deloitte1") will provide the consulting services set forth herein (the "Services") to assist the State of Arkansas ("Client" or "State" or "DFA") with the Project (as described in this SOW). This SOW is governed by the terms and conditions of the Statewide Infrastructure Consulting Services (# 4600050829) contract between Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and Deloitte Consulting, effective May 24, 2022 (the "Agreement"). Capitalized terms in this SOW that are not defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

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Part A

Scope

Arkansas' Infrastructure Plan ("State Infrastructure Plan") will identify the funding and program opportunities to increase the impact for Arkansans and align Departments with the Governor's vision for the State. Implementing the plan over the coming years will require consistent, ongoing coordination, engagement, reporting, and monitoring across a broad group of stakeholders. The overall goal of this SOW is to provide a suite of project management, stakeholder coordination, and compliance advisory services that will support the State Infrastructure Coordinator (SIC) with coordination and implementation activities required to achieve the governor's vision, increase the infrastructure funding that flows to Arkansas, and comply with relevant program requirements.

State Infrastructure Coordinator Program Management

Coordination and consistency across state agencies, alignment of investment priorities and opportunities, development of grant applications, and subsequent grant management processes require that attention is paid throughout the program coordination, project application, and delivery process to federal compliance requirements. Unlike the American Rescue Plan Act funding, more recent infrastructure funding devolves reporting and compliance responsibilities from the State to the individual entities that are lead applicants for formula and discretionary infrastructure programs, necessitating clear communication and collaboration across a variety of stakeholder groups.

Deloitte will help facilitate Infrastructure Plan coordination across 17 state agencies and provide research and planning support to agencies that may potentially pursue and manage more than 140 grant opportunities, of which Arkansas can expect to receive more than \$3 billion in announced funding. The objective of the Program Management workstream is to provide the SIC with the required core staffing, scheduling, coordination, analysis, and technical support to effectively coordinate implementation of the State's Infrastructure Plan across state agencies and in conjunction with other stakeholders and support existing agency efforts, provide uniform guidance across agencies, and serve as a conduit between individual state agencies and federal rulemaking and regulatory bodies. To achieve these goals, Deloitte will provide:

- A Project Kick-Off Meeting with key stakeholders to formally initiate the work under this SOW and will cover the scope, timelines, and work products/deliverables.
- A Project Plan covering the deliverables across workstreams in addition to Bi-Weekly Project Status Reports to the SIC on ongoing and future activities.
- Ongoing scheduling and communications support to the SIC.
- Coordination with state agencies and stakeholders on the SIC's behalf to make match funding recommendations between eligible state infrastructure opportunities, align investment priorities, project plans, and requirements for upcoming opportunities.
- Identification of grant application opportunities and support for state agency writing teams with research planning and cost share modeling.
- Development of an Implementation Plan across multiple agencies, including project sponsor, project approval and status tracking, and support efficiency to increase resources.
- Ongoing research and analysis on federal grant opportunities and requirements relating to the State Infrastructure Plan

- New and updated materials regarding available funding, specific grant program requirements, case studies, and upcoming funding opportunities.
- Assistance to the SIC in evaluating and proactively managing State Infrastructure Plan risks.
- Guidance on leading practices and training materials to agencies to maintain compliance with federal regulations and mitigate the risk of the claw back of funds.
- Assistance to agency compliance teams to facilitate collaboration, communication, and consistency across state compliance reporting.
- As needed, provide support to DFA to include reviewing outgoing agency reports for compliance and accuracy and for consistency across the agencies' compliance processes and outputs; and conducting quarterly risk-based reviews.
- Serve as an ongoing source of guidance for project teams within state agencies that are tasked
 with managing new, additional and/or complex compliance funding requirements. Deloitte will
 not review any grants to which it may have a role in the Federal administration of the program.

Grant Application Support

As requested, and at the direction of DFA, Deloitte will support research, planning, and writing for grant applications to assigned Grant Applicant(s) (DFA or other designated State Agency). Deloitte will support grant application preparation and risk management throughout the process and under the direction of Grant Applicant, assist in the preparation of documentation and analyses for the Grant Applicant's consideration, review, approval, and submission. The services include supporting overall project management activities for preparation of the grant applications, advise and recommendations related to establishment of a grant management risk and controls framework to help drive compliant program administration activities, and other grant related advise and recommendations as may be needed throughout the term of the engagement.

Deloitte will work with the Grant Applicant to advise and provide recommendations with respect to the full application process for applicable grants and:

- Develop a detailed project schedule that tracks the various application requirements at the task level and configure the schedule to account for data requests, drafting and review time for the full application(s).
- Assist with developing content as directed for grant applications.
- Provide program management oversight, governance and daily guidance to the Grant Applicant and grant application development team(s) to help manage and guide overall activities and the full application to completion.
- Review and provide recommendations for the Grant Applicant on its full application which may include identification of gaps in the requirements of the full application and where additional information should be gathered and included in the full application.
- Utilize Deloitte's experience building and operating risk and control frameworks for federally funded grants to work with the Grant Applicant to draft, for the Grant Applicant review, approval, and submission the program administration portion of the federal grant application.
- Provide advice and recommendations to assist the Grant Applicant develop portions of the application(s) relating to the required risk assessment.
- Develop a risk assessment framework and issue management plans to be included as part of the full application. Deloitte will work with the Grant Applicant to review the various risks

identified and determine the Grant Applicant's desired risk mitigation choices (transfer, avoid, accept, and control).

Analytics

In addition to the State Infrastructure Coordination Program Management, Deloitte can provide outreach and communication-related services and tools to the SIC to facilitate awareness of the State Infrastructure Plan and foster ongoing buy-in to its implementation. These services and tools are described below under the headers of 'Reporting and Analytics'.

Reporting and Analytics

Having established a suite of public-facing interactive dashboards for the Statewide Infrastructure Plan under Arkansas Contract #4502120402, the Deloitte team will provide ongoing maintenance and development of additional functionality in service of public reporting, inter-agency tracking, and establishing the solution as an up-to-date one-stop-shop for information on implementation of the State Infrastructure Plan.

The Deloitte team will provide analysis and reporting to the SIC, DFA leadership, the Governor's Office, and other state agencies:

On a monthly basis:

- Progress on applicable grant applications,
- Funding allocation and awards, amounts received, and expenditure data,
- Project progress against budget and expenditures

On a quarterly basis:

• Analysis and reporting on user activity to track the dashboard's access and identify approaches to increase adoption, if needed.

In addition to reporting and analytics, the Deloitte team will add functionality that allows relevant infrastructure-related documents, plans, case studies, and releases to be housed and accessed from the same solution. The intention is for the solution to mature from a reporting and analytics platform to be the central, statewide repository of data, analysis, reports and specific messages on infrastructure activities. It will be able to fulfill a wide range of reporting requirements and inquiries, and serve as the basis for automated, consistent, correct and timely messaging on infrastructure activities, wins, and impacts for the State.

Reporting solutions will be developed with a focus on allowing data to be visualized in easy-to-read and easy-to-understand formats that are accessible to a wide range of stakeholders.

Project Plan

The proposed project timeline for Part A is 24 months from the effective date of the SOW. The Part A timeline of milestones, work products and deliverables is outlined in the 'Deliverables and Milestones' section. Dates within the timeline, including the deliverable, work product and milestone completion dates, will be mutually agreed upon at the start of the engagement. The services outlined herein will be provided pursuant to the mutually agreed to project plan and related processes.

Deliverables and Milestones

Below are the proposed work products, deliverables, and milestones for this SOW, Part A, with changes subject to the mutual agreement between the SIC and Deloitte.

Work Product, Deliverable, or Milestone	Name	Description	Frequency	Submission Week
		Program Management and Support		
Milestone	Project Kick-Off	The Project Kick-Off meeting is the formal gathering of key stakeholders to initiate project work under this SOW, Part A. The Project Kick-Off Report includes such project details as team structure, scope, timeline, and deliverables and milestones.	One time	End of week 1
Work Product	Project Plan	The Project Plan will provide a centralized, easy-to-digest view of the project timeline across Deloitte Consulting workstreams within this SOW Part A, including specific activities, work products, deliverables, and milestones.	One time, then refreshed weekly	End of week 1
Work Product	Biweekly Project Status Reports	The Biweekly Status Report will be delivered to the SIC and will include details on the Deloitte Consulting team's progress, upcoming deliverables and milestones, risks and issues, financials, and items in need of leadership attention.	Ongoing	Every two weeks starting end of week 2
Work Product	Ongoing Research and Analysis	Research and Analysis will be distributed to the SIC, state agencies, and stakeholders as information is released, or as needed.	Ongoing	Ongoing
Deliverable	Compliance Training Materials	Compliance Training Materials will provide guidance and leading practices to maintain compliance with Federal regulations throughout the grant life cycle.	Once	End of week 8
Work Product	Quarterly Risk- Based Reviews	Quarterly Risk-Based Reviews will assess the compliance efforts of state departments and agencies to validate that each comports with Federal regulations.	Quarterly	Each quarter starting end of week 14
Work Product	Report Review and Oversight	Each required compliance report will be reviewed for compliance, accuracy, and consistency.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		Reporting and Analytics		
Deliverable	Monthly Dashboard Reports	The Monthly Dashboard Report will provide updates on funds received, funds allocated, grant application information, and program progress updates.	Ongoing	Every month starting end of week 1 of second month
Deliverable	Monthly Progress and User Reports	The Monthly Progress and User Report will communicate project progress	Monthly	Every month starting end of

Work Product, Deliverable, or Milestone	Name	Description	Frequency	Submission Week
		against budget expenditures, as well as user activity and utility.		week 1 of second month
Work Product	Ongoing Maintenance	This public facing dashboard will be monitored and maintained to validate proper function and operation.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		Grant Application Support		
Work Product	Grant Management Controls and Framework	The Framework will provide recommendations for the Grant Applicant to consider to select processes, procedures, and controls that DFA will need to establish to administer the federal grant in compliance with the federal funding agency and 2 C.F.R 200 requirements.	As applicable	As applicable
Work Product	Risk Assessment Framework	This Risk Assessment Framework will guide risk identification and rating in a consistent method across the full grant application.	As applicable	As Applicable
Work Product	Issue Management Plans	These Issue Management Plans will establish protocols for reacting to risk symptoms and triggers as they arise.	As applicable	As applicable

Figure 1. Work Product, Deliverable, or Milestone

Cost

Fees and Expenses

The services outlined in Part A of this SOW are estimated not to exceed \$10,057,710 and are to be completed no later than 24 months from the effective date of the SOW in accordance with the Project Plan. Dashboarding enhancements and capabilities, as mutually agreed between DFA and Deloitte, may be added to support reporting and transparency, up to 1500 hours annually. Fees incurred will be invoiced on a monthly basis using the approved Contract Price Sheet based on hours worked during the period of performance on services within this SOW. Incurred expenses will be charged in accordance with the Agreement. Deloitte will not perform any services beyond the not to exceed amount or period of performance without written agreement from DFA.

Item	Description*	Estimated Year 1 Subtotals	Estimated Year 2 Subtotals	Estimated Total Cost**
1	State Infrastructure Coordination Program Management	\$3,080,510	\$3,100,760	\$6,181,270
2	Grant Application Support	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
3	Analytics: Reporting and Analytics	\$994,920	\$881,520	\$1,876,440
Totals		\$5,075,430	\$4,982,280	\$10,057,710

Figure 2. Fees and Expenses

^{**}Estimates are listed by support area outlined in the 'Scope' section and can be reallocated to other support areas, upon mutual agreement between DFA and Deloitte, as long as the Estimated Total Cost is not exceeded.

*Should additional hours be required to complete the work, Deloitte will obtain DFA's approval prior to exceeding the Estimated Total Cost.

Assumptions

The following is a list of assumptions and expectations upon which Deloitte has depended upon in the development of our scope, project team, and pricing ("Project Assumptions"). Any deviation from Assumptions may affect the fees, expenses, and timelines set forth herein.

ID	Assumption
1	DFA management will provide sponsorship and support for this project.
2	Deloitte team members will have appropriate access to DFA executives, project leadership, managers, and employees.
3	Project timeline and completion of milestones, deliverables, and work products outlined in the Scope, Project Plan, Project Team, and Pricing sections is dependent on the availability, cooperation, and timely response by DFA on requests for information from Deloitte.
4	Deloitte will have no responsibility for the performance of other contractors or vendors engaged by DFA, or delays caused by them, in connection with the Services, even if Deloitte has been involved in recommending or selecting such contractors or vendors, or in the monitoring of their work.
5	DFA or the SIC will designate one authorized approver for each deliverable and/or milestone. This individual will have the authority to approve deliverables and milestones on behalf of DFA.
6	DFA shall be solely responsible for, among other things (a) the performance of its personnel and agents; and (b) the accuracy and completeness of all data and information provided to Deloitte for purposes of the performance of the services.
7	DFA or the SIC will promptly notify Deloitte of any issues, concerns or disputes with respect to the services under this SOW.
8	DFA and SIC will be responsible for all decisions related to any actions taken by DFA and SIC and/or for any procedures implemented by DFA and SIC based upon the deliverables provided by Deloitte. Based upon the Scope of Work, Deloitte will be assisting in various projects, but will not be providing or including recommendations within its deliverables.
9	Deloitte will not provide any legal advice regarding its services nor will Deloitte provide any assurance regarding the outcome of any future audit or regulatory examination, grant approval, or other regulatory action; the responsibility for all legal issues with respect to these matters, such as reviewing all deliverables and work product for any legal implications to DFA, will be DFA's.
10	To promote timely and efficient project execution, DFA will approve each Deliverable that conforms in all material respects with the agreed-to specifications for such Deliverable ("Specifications") using the following process: -Within five days of Deliverable delivery, DFA will provide Deloitte with (i) written approval of such Deliverable or (ii) a written statement which identifies in reasonable detail, with references to the applicable Specifications, all of the deficiencies preventing approval (the "Deficiencies")Deloitte will respond within five days to address the identified Deficiencies and resubmit the DeliverableDFA will review the resubmitted Deliverable to validate the Deficiencies have been corrected and notify Deloitte Consulting in writing of acceptance or rejection in accordance with the above
	process. Deloitte shall be entitled to rely on such approvals for purposes of all subsequent stages of Deloitte's performance. In the event an approved Deliverable differs from the Specifications for such Deliverable, the Specifications shall be deemed modified to conform with such approved Deliverable.
11	The Grant Applicant will work with the Deloitte throughout the grant application support process on the identification of risks, the development of the risk and control framework, the risk assessment, and the determination of mitigation measures to be included in the issue management plans.
12	The Grant Applicant will be responsible for all technical solutions of the grant application. Any advice provided by Deloitte subject matter specialists are recommendations only. Deloitte will not make any management decisions, perform any management functions, or assume any management responsibilities.
13	During the grant application support process, certain documentation may be initially drafted by Deloitte for the Grant Application's consideration, the Grant Applicant will be solely responsible for reviewing and making ultimate decisions with respect to approval, potential modifications, and ultimate acceptance.
14	Deloitte will support grant writing in any program area related to the Master Services Agreement with the exception of Broadband grants and will utilize our conflict checking process to identify any potential conflicts of interest and will coordinate with DFA as required to mitigate or avoid.
15	Should any of Deloitte's compensation be provided as part of one or more grants awarded to the State, Deloitte shall be considered to be a contractor and not a sub-grantee.
16	Unless otherwise authorized through a mutually agreed change order, Deloitte shall not be required to perform work in excess of agreed Not to Exceed amounts listed above.

Figure 3. Assumptions

Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto have caused this SOW to be executed by their duly authorized representatives upon modification to the contract and a Delivery Order is completed.

Accepted and agreed to by:

State of Arkansas	Deloitte Consulting LLP
Ву:	
Print:	Print: <u>Heidi Green</u>
Title:	Title: <u>Managing Director</u>
Date:	Date:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023

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Arkansas State Broadband Office – Plan Updates, SFY 2024

Detailed Plan Updates

AI3 FRP7903-AR Rural Connect Admin

To utilize funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for continuation of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's Arkansas Rural Connect broadband program, grant awards, operations, purchase of equipment and construction expenses necessary to assist in the deployment or improvement of broadband infrastructure into unserved or improvement to unserved communities in Arkansas; cost of infrastructure equipment required to provide broadband network service; regular salaries and personal services matching for staff; fees for management consultants and strategic program design advisory services, including customizable software services and program management support; engineering costs for project design; legal costs related to the acquisition of real estate rights or easements; costs of media, electronics, cabling, and communications equipment; make ready costs for utility pole attachments; boring and splicing cost for infrastructure construction; educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll for extra help staff or contract labor; to ensure timely and proper implementation of network construction, related equipment and material installation necessary to expand the broadband footprint in Arkansas. These funds will continue to support essential infrastructure improvements that will allow Arkansans to compete in today's digital economy, enhance healthcare outcomes through telemedicine, and improve access to education.

PLAN UPDATES:

- Reallocation of \$6,000 to fund the salary and benefits of an existing employee whose funding was exhausted.
- Establishes one (1) extra help position.