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## GIG-CAPABLE PROVIDER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the Gig-Capable Provider certificate presented by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association. Please read and complete each section fully and accurately in clear, legible writing or type. All qualifying materials must be enclosed at the time the application is submitted. The completed application with letter of authentication and payment must be received by NTCA to be considered.

**Please mail or email your completed application to:**

**Mail:** NTCA Gigabit Certification Program  
PO Box 418507 Boston, MA 02241-8507

**Email:** [gigcertified@ntca.org](mailto:gigcertified@ntca.org)

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged within two weeks. Applications that are emailed will be considered once payment has been received.

*Receipt of your application to become a Gig-Capable Provider does not mean your company has achieved certification. Applicants will be evaluated for eligibility under the program's requirements, which include certification of NTCA membership and that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% percent of the exchange or census block. Additional information on program requirements and procedures is available at [www.ntca.org/GigCertified](http://www.ntca.org/GigCertified) or in the "Guidelines" section of this application. For further assistance, contact NTCA staff at 703-351-2087 or [gigcertified@ntca.org](mailto:gigcertified@ntca.org).*

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

*Please be sure to complete all four sections of this application.*

- 1. Certification Application Information.** I have completed all application information and noted where I would like certification materials sent.
- 2. Gigabit Capability Certification.** I have completed and signed the Gigabit Capability Certification Statement and certify that its claims are valid and true to the best of my knowledge.
- 3. Payment.** I have submitted payment for this application. (If I submitted check payment, it was made payable to "NTCA")
- 4. Letter of Confirmation.** I have enclosed a letter of confirmation to serve as proof of my Gigabit Capability Certification Statement and certify that this letter is written by a qualified independent source.



## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

*(Please provide the address you would like to be used for mailed certification correspondence.)*

COMPANY INFORMATION						
Company Name					Date	
Applicant Name	First		Last			
NTCA Member ID #						
Street Address				Apartment/Unit #		
City		State		ZIP		
Phone		Email Address				
NETWORK INFORMATION						
Total # of Gigabit Exchanges or census blocks						
Locations of Gigabit Exchanges or census blocks						
What led your company to offer a Gig? (please use as much space as needed)						
What has your Gig offering meant to your customers and your company?						



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## 2. GIGABIT CAPABILITY CERTIFICATION

### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the certification program. I understand that if this application leads to certification, NTCA reserves the right to review and guide marketing and publication activities my company may pursue and that any application of the NTCA Gig-Capable Provider name and logo should abide by NTCA brand standards that will be made available to me.

Signature

Date

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## 3. PAYMENT

**All fees must accompany the application.** The fee to apply for certification is \$250, due upon receipt of the application. Only credit card or check payment will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to "NTCA."

Total payment included: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4. LETTER OF CONFIRMATION

**A letter of confirmation must accompany this application.** Letters will be accepted from qualified and credible sources capable of supporting the company's claim that it has achieved gigabit capability to 95% of at least one exchange or census block in its service territory and that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within the exchange. Reputable sources of authenticity include professional network engineering firms, telecommunications network planners and consultants, or other professional entities with direct and qualified knowledge of the applicant's network.

Letters must be signed by a current employee of the signatory firm with knowledge of the exchange or census block in consideration.

For the full criteria of qualifying exchanges, visit [www.ntca.org/GigCertified](http://www.ntca.org/GigCertified) or see the "Guidelines" section of this application form.



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## **GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA**

### ***PROCESS***

Applications may be submitted on an ongoing basis and will be reviewed by NTCA staff for compliance with the terms of this program. Certification will be awarded, and applications shall therefore be submitted, on an exchange-by-exchange basis.

### ***CRITERIA***

1. Applicants must be an NTCA member company in good standing.
2. Certification is obtained by submitting to NTCA documentation of the following:
  - a. Certification that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% percent of one or more exchanges or census blocks, and that such service can be provided without new trenching or stringing new aerial facilities.
  - b. This statement must be confirmed by a letter from an engineering firm or other independent source involved in the company's network planning, deployment or operation.

### ***FEES***

A single, **nonrefundable** \$250 fee shall apply to applications filed simultaneously by a company for one or more exchanges or census blocks. Only check or credit card payments will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to "NTCA". To make a credit card payment, visit [www.ntca.org/estore](http://www.ntca.org/estore).

### ***BENEFITS***

Certified companies will be permitted to advertise themselves as a "Gig-Capable Provider" and make use of the program's logo, subject to NTCA review. Other promotional materials may be granted or made available to certified companies for a fee. Certified companies also will be recognized in NTCA media, on the NTCA website and during association conferences and events.