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Please provide your response to Requirement 1: Objectives

With the new requirements of having to serve an entire school district it poses some issues that may need to be addressed. One is the sheer size of some of the school districts that have joined together. I have seen some 25 miles long by 15 miles wide with 400 subs. I know it is allowed to join other companies to share but usually these districts are in the middle of the most rural parts of the state and there are not any other companies interested in sharing the cost. While these are the ones that need the most funding. Another issue is that when telephone exchanges were laid out it was in a way to avoid having to cross more major obstacles than needed such as rivers and railroads. School districts were designed to drive over these obstacles. One last issue is that the wireless companies pick out a couple areas and say they serve them but another company may have to bury fiber by the wireless provider to serve a underserved or unserved BSL and that is why we need to know where these exact BSLs are in the school district without buying the info that the taxpayers have already paid for that Cost Quest now owns. If I figure the same percentage as rest of BDC map about 60-75 % of BSLs shown are actually servable BSLs so I figure the ones shown unserved or underserved are close to the same. We have provided fiber to the home to over 300 homes out of company funding in the last several years so we are serious about wanting to serve our rural neighbors with the best broadband possible.

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