

NHMA Member Contract

For

The NH Broadband Investment Planning Network Membership

The National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE) and the NH Municipal Association (NHMA) have partnered to create the NH Broadband Investment Planning Network to provide consulting services to municipalities.

Both NHMA and NCDE recognize that there is a great need for improving the access, reliability, and speeds of internet in the state of New Hampshire. Both NHMA and NCDE recognize that many municipalities are seeking help in addressing broadband issues in their community.

NCDE agrees to provide the following services based on contract hours and materials:

Broadband/Fiber Ready Community with Investment Planning – Carol Miller, NCDE Director of Broadband Initiatives

- a. Prepare community leadership with investment and capacity building readiness planning for the infrastructure of the future.
- b. Collect data from providers to provide mapping analysis of Barrington in preparation of deployment of fiber to the premise.
- c. Create goals and objectives based on fiber to the premise.
- d. Help secure partners in non-profits, banking, and state funding opportunities.
- e. Provide recommendations that reflect best models in Public and Private partnering and sharing of funding resources with one or more communities.
- f. Promote solutions that incorporate affordable pricing (<\$15/month) for low- and moderate-income households
- g. Provide mapping and report at the end of contract.

To join the network, NHMA members must allocate a portion of their CSLFRF grant funds or other available funds to NCDE. The portion to be allocated will be based on population, as stated below:

Barrington Population based fee 9,599 residents: \$7,500

NCDE will provide NHMA a fee equal to 15% (fifteen percent) of each of the contribution each municipality makes to the network.

Signature signifies acceptance of terms of membership:

Town Officials: NCDE Representative:

Conner MacIver, Town Administrator (duly authorized)

Date: November 10, 2021 Date:

About NCDE

The Weare, NH-based tax-exempt <u>National Collaborative for Digital Equity</u> (NCDE) is a nationally recognized leader in developing, field testing and promoting <u>systemic digital equity</u> initiatives and broadband investment planning for regions and communities.

NCDE's founder and executive director Dr. Robert McLaughlin will advise interested NHEC members, investors and providers about proven business models that feature affordable pricing for LMI households. NCDE's Director of Broadband Initiatives, Carol Miller, is a recognized state and national leader in broadband investment planning and will lead investment planning and Broadband Ready capacity building efforts for and with NHEC. NCDE's founder and executive director Dr. Robert McLaughlin will advise interested NHMA members, investors and providers about proven business models that feature affordable pricing for LMI households.

Questions about your membership contract or billing please contact Carol Miller, 603-723-4850 or email at cmiller@digitalquity.us.