Please state the location, the type of project (fixed wireless, wireline, etc.), the number of passings/locations (households, businesses, anchor institutions) to be connected, the project partners, the speed goals to be met/exceeded, and the community/economic development rationale for the project. We have provided a template summary paragraph below, but please use details from your project to craft an original statement that will be shared with the public.

Mercury Wireless Indiana, LLC | Mercury Connects Northeast Indiana
Mercury Connects Northeast Indiana will provide broadband Internet and communications services to unserved residents, businesses, and anchor institutions in Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley county utilizing a Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) network. The Company will make service available to 3,940 households, 169 businesses, 13 anchor institutions, and all surrounding communities using state of the art fixed-wireless LTE technology. BWA networks offer a high-performance alternative to fiber, delivering similar speeds and reliability. In a funding partnership with the State of Indiana, Mercury Wireless Indiana, LLC will improve unserved levels to 100 megabits per second down by 20 megabits per second up by August of 2021. Access to fast, reliable, and unlimited broadband service is critical in allowing our communities to economically flourish. For over 10 years, Mercury Wireless has been deploying advanced carrier class wireless networks using scalable wireless technologies. The rapid deployment and wide availability provided by BWA networks will improve access to business, health care, and education services allowing connected communities to accelerate economic development. Total eligible project cost is $3,700,000.00. Applicant match is $1,900,000.00.

☐ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (up to two pages long) – Please check the box at right to show that you have included an Executive Summary as the last page(s) of your application document. Specific topics to include in the Executive Summary are located at the end of the application. Information included in this section will be posted publicly for challenge purposes.

☐ General Location(s) of your project: (you must also provide detailed location information in the body of the application, but please also note the general location here):

Mercury Connects Northeast Indiana will target underserved census blocks identified by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs in the following counties; Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley. A detailed list of underserved census blocks and housing units impacted by this project are included in Attachment 1.4. A map of the proposed funding areas providing additional detail is also included with the attachment NLC_MCNEIN_Proposed Funding Areas.kmz.

☐ Does your project also involve middle mile deployment? : Yes.