

Windstream

Standard Milestones for Fiber to the Premise (FttP) Projects

The milestones provided below represent a standard Windstream FttP build, which covers the 2021 Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund application. A more specific timeline will be developed upon application approval.

1. Planning – 9 to 18 weeks.
2. Engineering – 9 to 18 weeks. This step overlaps with planning. As each site is planned, engineering will begin.
3. Procurement – 8 to 16 weeks. Planning and engineering must be completed prior to procurement. Procurement can be shortened for on hand material.
4. Permitting and Make Ready – 12 to 24 weeks. This step begins at the same time as Procurement and is significantly impacted by local agencies and approving authority timelines.
5. Construction and Installation – 12 to 24 weeks. Construction and Installation overlaps with Permitting and Make Ready. As permits for each site are secured, construction on that site will begin.
6. Test and Turn Up – 8 to 16 weeks. Test and Turn Up overlaps with Construction and Installation. As each site is built, testing follows.
7. Records and Customer Qualification. 12 to 24 weeks. Records and Customer Qualification overlaps with Test and Turn Up. Once each site is Tested and Turned Up, the records for locations being served by that site will be updated to reflect the faster speed.

Overall, given the size of the proposed Alabama build, it is reasonable to expect that the full project can be implemented in 12 to 18 months.