Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2025 Application Package | Memo

To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Jason Fizell, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2025-102-SCKEDD

Date: May 22, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 18 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-9. Page 9 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – 40101d application, pages 10-18.

Project Overview
The Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc. seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for funding available through the SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid program for their SC Resilient project which includes replacing deteriorating transmission poles to improve grid reliability, enhance safety, and protect against severe weather-related outages.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 48.33% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting $260,997.56 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of $13,736.71. This request has the potential to unlock $568,415.73 in federal funds, for a total project cost of $843,150.00.

The deadline was January 9, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on January 29, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation
The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 14, 2025 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-102-SCKEDD
Applicant Name	Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Application Date Received	1/29/2025
Project Name	SC Resilient
Project Description	Replace deteriorating transmission poles to improve grid reliability, enhance safety, and protect against severe weather-related outages
Entity Type	Non-Profit
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	South Central KS Economic Development District
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Energy
BIL Program	SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Implementation
BIL Application Deadline	1/9/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	$260,997.56
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes ☒ No ☐
	BIL Application Yes☐ No☒
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes☒ No☐
	Other (Brief Description): Provided General TA and BKF Application Support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of $260,997.56 will unlock $568,415.73 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of $13,736.71 for a total project cost of $843,150.00
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	**5/14/2025 | Recommend ☒ Declined ☐**
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	**5/22/2025 | Recommend ☐ Declined ☐**

Title

Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

01/29/2025

id. 49476360

by **Casha Short** in **Build Kansas Fund Application**

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Original Submission

04/18/2025

Score	n/a
	Part 1: Applicant Information
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Project Name:	SC Resilient
Entity type:	Non-Profit
Applicant Contact Name:	Coni Adams
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Chief Executive Officer
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16203263356
Applicant Contact Email Address:	conia@sucocoop.com
Applicant Contact Address:	2223 N A Street
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
Applicant Contact City:	Wellington
Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
Applicant Contact Zip Code:	67152

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	Yes
	Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria
Certify that you are pursuing an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible:	Yes
Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component:	Yes
What is the primary county that the project will occur in?	Sumner County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

Zip Code Percentage.xlsx

	Part 3: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.
Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for:	SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	U.S. Department of Energy
What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	81.254
What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	1/9/2025
Application Type:	Implementation
What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	2024
Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:	$568,415.73 for a total project cost of $843,150.00
Enter the total project cost:	$843,150.00
Enter the required non-federal match percentage:	48.33%

	Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Beginning in July 2024 and moving forward, eligible applicants are expected to contribute a portion of the non-Federal match requirement. This contribution can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions. The goal is to demonstrate the applicant's commitment to the project. The contribution should be significant enough relative to the Build Kansas Fund request. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement. See Build Kansas Fund Program Guidance for exceptions and more information.
Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund:	$260,997.56 for a total project cost of $843,150.00
Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable:	$13,736.71 for a total project cost of $843,150.00
Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable:	00
Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project: **Kansas+DOT+table_V2.xlsx**	
	Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match
What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project?	N/A

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match?	N/A
What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.	N/A
What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	N/A
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	In its efforts to secure funding for this project, Sumner-Cowley explored several alternative funding sources, but ultimately found that none were viable due to the financial constraints faced by the cooperative and its membership base. The project as a priority through a separate planning effort outside of our regular 5-year workplan. However, with other critical projects already committed within the workplan, there was insufficient capacity to incorporate this project without causing delays to existing priorities. As a result, it was not feasible to include this project within the planned timeline and utilizing the existing resources that have already been set aside for other critical work-plan projects. Several other options were considered, which ultimately involve rate increases, including debt financing. Given that cooperative's rates are already higher than average, further rate increases would place an undue burden on its members, particularly in the disadvantaged regions we serve. Many of the areas within Sumner-Cowley's service territory are economically challenged, and additional rate hikes would significantly impact the financial stability of our rural communities, where household incomes are already below state and national averages. Such increases could exacerbate the economic hardships faced by our members and reduce access to essential services. Given these constraints, external funding support is crucial to moving this project forward. Without this assistance, Sumner-Cowley would be unable to proceed with the project without disproportionately impacting its members.

	Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a draft or final version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:

40101d_Application_Sumner_Cowley.pdf

Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):	Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative is seeking funding for its SC Resilient project, which aims to replace deteriorating poles along critical transmission lines serving several substations in the region. These lines provide power to over a quarter of the cooperative's members and are highly vulnerable to severe weather, particularly high winds. The project, which involves replacing 67 poles, is essential for ensuring grid stability and preventing power outages. However, due to financial constraints, the cooperative cannot fully fund the project on its own and is requesting $568,428.50 in grant support through the 40101(d) and $260,997.56 in Build Kansas funding while providing a cash match from Sumner Cowley Electric in the amount of $13,736.71. The total cost of the project is estimated at $843,150, but the cooperative's limited financial resources, compounded by other high-priority projects, make it impossible to cover the costs without external support. If funded, the pro-rata cost per member would decrease significantly, making the project more affordable and reducing the financial burden on members, many of whom live in economically disadvantaged areas. The improvements will benefit not only residential members but also local businesses, agricultural operations, telecommunications, and public services, such as water supply systems and emergency services. The SC Resilient project will enhance grid reliability, reduce power disruptions, and support economic growth by providing more stable power to key sectors. Additionally, the project will improve regional power infrastructure, benefiting neighboring cooperatives and state services. Ultimately, the project will significantly strengthen the resilience of Sumner-Cowley Electric's system, benefiting both individual members and the broader community.
	Part 7: Terms and Conditions
Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:	checked
Understanding of Use of Funds:	checked
Understanding of Reporting Requirements:	checked
Authority to Make Grant Application:	checked

Persons and Titles: The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.	Coni Adams
Position/Title:	Chief Executive Officer
Additional:	
Position/Title:	
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Position/Title:	
Additional:	
Position/Title:	

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	$260,997.56	30.96%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	$13,736.71	1.63%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	$0.00	0%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	$568,415.73	67.42%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	$0.00	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	**$843,150.00**	**100%**

***Applicant satisfies recommended match contribution of 5% of the required match**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67005	40%
67140	21%
67013	16%
67058	10%
67120	4%
37031	4%
67152	3%
67026	2%
	100% In Kansas

Title

SUMNER COWLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE_SC Resilient

01/08/2025

id. 49279405

by **Casha Short** in **SECTION 40101(d) Second Round: Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid**

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Original Submission

04/10/2025

Score	n/a
	Section 1: Applicant Information
Entity name:	Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Are you submitting a new application, or will you be resubmitting the application you submitted last round?	New Application
Entity Type:	Distribution Provider
Entity address:	2223 N A Street Wellington Kansas 67152 US 37.289063 -97.393462
Employer Identification Number (EIN):	48-0441812
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	U8X9HNUN1X39

Please upload verification of eligible entity size and documentation of annual sales per year:

Sumner_Cowley_Electric_Form_EIA_861S_2023.pdf

EIA Table

2023 Utility Bundled Sales to Ultimate Customers List.xlsx

Project Manager name:	Coni Adams
Project Manager phone number:	+16203263356
Project Manager e-mail address:	conia@sucocoop.com

IRS Form W-9:

Sumner_Cowley_Electric_Form_W9.pdf

Latest financial statement and financial statement audit:

Sumner_Cowley_Electric_2023_Audited_Financials.pdf

Please acknowledge whether your entity has ever submitted an application, similar in nature, to the DOE under BIL Section 40101c, DE-FOA-002740, Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP):	No

Section 2: Project Description and Scope

Project Name:	SUMNER COWLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE_SC Resilient
Project type:	Utility pole management

Project description and scope:	Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative has made a proactive commitment to strengthening the resilience of its electric grid by identifying critical infrastructure needs and funding opportunities outside of its routine work planning process. This effort began in 2022 with the launch of a strategic planning initiative called SC Resilient, in collaboration with an outside consultant. The goal of this initiative was to identify priority projects focused on enhancing the reliability and resiliency of the cooperative's infrastructure. SC Resilient identified 15 projects spanning short-, mid-, and long-term timeframes and cover a wide range of areas, including reliability and resiliency improvements, maintenance, disaster mitigation, safety and security, workforce training, innovation, technology upgrades, and integration of renewable energy sources. One key project that emerged from this strategic planning process was the replacement of deteriorating poles along a critical transmission lines that serves the Anson, South Haven and Rome substations, and the Silverdale substation which provides power to over a quarter of Sumner-Cowley's members. These transmission lines are vital to the cooperative's ability to provide uninterrupted service to its members, and many of the poles along these lines have significantly deteriorated over time. This deterioration has made them increasingly vulnerable to severe weather events, particularly high winds, posing a substantial risk to grid stability. An outage caused by pole failures along transmission lines would result in significant power disruptions across the cooperative’s system. In 2023, Sumner-Cowley conducted pole testing of all cooperative owned transmission lines, identifying 67 poles in urgent need of replacement. However, given the cooperative's limited financial resources, it is unable to fully fund this critical replacement project on its own. To address this challenge, Sumner-Cowley is seeking support through the 40101(d) grant funding opportunity. The cooperative is requesting $568,428.50 in grant funds. The scope of this project includes the complete replacement of the identified poles (ranging from 35 to 80 feet tall), along with the installation of new rigging, arms, insulators, pole bands, links, guards, and other necessary hardware to ensure the reliability and safety of the transmission line. The estimated cost of materials for this project exceeds $170,000, with the cooperative planning to contract out the labor, which is projected to cost $632,500. Given the critical importance of these transmission lines and the cooperative’s financial limitations, this project cannot move forward without a rate increase in lieu of the 40101(d) funding. The successful completion of this project will significantly enhance the resiliency of Sumner-Cowley's distribution electric grid, ensuring a more reliable and secure power supply for its members, particularly in the face of extreme weather events.

Section 3: Need for Funding

Project funding need: Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative is requesting funding for its SC Resilient project, a vital initiative to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the cooperative's electrical distribution system. The total estimated cost of the project is $843,150, which includes a 15% contingency on labor and materials to account for unforeseen expenses. This project represents a substantial investment in the cooperative’s infrastructure, and the need for external funding is urgent to make it financially feasible.

In the past two years, SCEC's net operating margins have been $785,278 in 2022 and $689,828 in 2023. However, these margins are insufficient to cover the cost of such a significant capital improvement, particularly given the cooperative’s existing commitment. Other high-priority projects have consumed the cooperative’s available resources, leaving no room in the current or upcoming years’ budgets to fund this project. As a point of reference, the SC Resilient initiative alone represents more than 70% of the cooperative’s annual maintenance budget. It is simply too large of a project to work into the cooperative’s standard operational budget.

The cooperative's members would face a significant financial burden if the project had to be funded solely through member rate increases. The pro rata cost of the project, when spread across all members, is estimated to be $176.52 per member, with members directly affected by the project facing a much higher cost of $692.81 per member. These costs would present a substantial financial strain on many of the cooperative’s members, particularly in rural areas where household incomes are significantly lower than state and national averages.

With the assistance of funding through the 40101(d) grant, the financial burden on the cooperative’s members can be significantly reduced. If the project is supported by this funding, the pro rata cost of the project would decrease to just $57.52 per member across the entire service area. For those members directly impacted by the project, the cost would be reduced to $225.74 per member, making the project much more affordable and allowing the cooperative to move forward with these critical improvements without unduly burdening its members, many of whom already face significant economic challenges.

The transmission lines and substations directly involved in this project serve several areas within the region identified as disadvantaged by the Council of Environmental Justice Screening Tool including census tracts 20191962500, 20191962400, 20191962300, and 20035493100. These areas are home to many low-income households and vulnerable populations who are disproportionately affected by power outages. The SC Resilient project will directly benefit these communities by improving grid reliability, reducing downtime during extreme weather events, and enhancing the overall safety of the electric system.

Provide historical and post project estimated interruption frequency and duration data, if known.	Over the last five years, Sumner-Cowley has experienced an average of 814 outages annually, impacting over 10,965 members. With an average membership of 4,536, this results in approximately 2.4 outages per year for each member. The cooperative has also logged nearly 26,000 outage hours annually, equating to about 5.7 hours of outages per member each year. The cooperative's average SAIDI over the past five years is 342.1. Since 2019, the transmission lines supplying the Anson, Rome, South Haven, and Silverdale substation have experienced a combined 46 outages impacting 17,739 members and, accumulating a total of 2,097,551 customer outage minutes. The upcoming transmission pole replacements are expected to reduce outages at the Anson substation, improving service reliability.
Provide pro rata customer impact of total project cost.	The pro rata customer impact on Sumner-Cowley's members is $185.35 for all members or $692.81 for affected members. With aid through the 40101(d) grant, the pro rata cost drops to $60.39 for all members or $225.74 for affected members. Funding assistance through the 40101(d) project is vital to this project. Many of the members benefiting from these transmission line upgrades are located in the distressed and disadvantaged communities surrounding the substation.
Provide number of customers to be impacted by the project and percentage of impacted customers to total customers in the disadvantaged or underserved community.	The project will impact more than ¼ of Sumer-Cowley's members, all of whom are located in the state of Kansas. The Anson substation serves several disadvantaged populations, including census tracts 20191962500, 20191962400, 20191962300, and 20035493100. Anson- 479 Accounts Rome- 146 Accounts South Haven- 299 Accounts Silverdale - 498 Accounts
	Section 4: Complete Budget and Narrative
Award amount requested:	568415.73
Matching funds to be provided:	274734.27

Budget (Total Costs):

Budget Template DRAFT.xlsx

Project budget upload (optional):

Sumner-Cowley_40101d_Project_Budget_-_FINAL.xlsx

Project budget narrative:	Sumner-Cowley estimates the total project cost at $843,150 and can be broken down into two categories: Material and Labor MATERIAL COSTS: $170,500 Sumner-Cowley will replace 67 poles ranging from 35 to 80 feet tall. The overall material cost for the pole replacements is $90,000. Additionally, the cooperative will replace all assemblies for these poles and the assemblies on another 80 poles that will not be replaced. The overall cost for the assemblies is estimated at $80,500. Please see the attached budget spreadsheet for a full breakdown of the pole replacement and assemblies costs. LABOR COSTS: $632,500 Sumner-Cowley will contract out the labor on the project. It has not yet received bids, but based on past projects, the cooperative is estimating the labor cost at $632,500. Sumner-Cowley is also accounting for 5% ($40,150) of project costs to go towards professional services for project compliance and project management.

Cost match commitment letter:

KCC_Matching_Funds_Certification_signed.pdf

	Section 5: Project Timeline
Project timeline:	Assuming there are no supply chain delays, Sumner-Cowley plans on completing the project within 12 months of ordering materials.
	Section 6: Bids and Estimates

Bids and estimates:

Transmission_Estimate_Sheet_40101d_Grant.xlsx

	Section 7: Community Benefit
Community benefit narrative:	The SC Resilient project will have broad and far-reaching impacts across the community, significantly improving service reliability and benefiting multiple sectors within the region, including commercial, agricultural, industrial, telecommunications, and public services. At its core, the project will enhance system resiliency for the cooperative's diverse membership, providing substantial benefits to all members, from households to businesses and essential services. For residential members, the improved reliability of the system will directly enhance quality of life, reducing the frequency and duration of outages. Furthermore, the increased reliability will have a significant positive impact on the region's business environment. Many local businesses depend on consistent power for their daily operations, and these system improvements will create a more favorable environment for existing

businesses while opening up opportunities for new ventures that might not have been feasible without these upgrades. In this way, the project will help foster economic growth and development in the region.

The telecommunications and communications sector will also benefit greatly from the improvements. As the regional economy continues to evolve toward more integrated and interconnected systems, particularly within the agricultural industry, broadband and reliable communication infrastructure have become essential. Reliable power is a foundational component of this infrastructure, and by improving the system's reliability, this project will support the region's telecom and communications companies, ensuring they can maintain and expand services for both businesses and residents. Key telecom companies, including AT&T, Southern Kansas Telco, Haviland, MyTown Communications, Entercom, Verizon, Sumner Communications, U.S. Cellular, and Bell Consulting, all operate communication towers in the region, and the upgraded grid will enhance their operations. Additionally, Steckline Communications and KanOkla, which provide radio services and broadband, respectively, will also see improvements to their infrastructure as a result of this project.

Public services across the region will experience marked improvements as well. The reliability of power is crucial for maintaining essential public services such as water supply systems and emergency services. The City of Conway Springs Water Department, which operates both a main and secondary water supply system, will benefit from a more reliable power supply, ensuring the continuous availability of clean water for residents. Similarly, Sumner County Rural Water Districts #4 and #5, which serve the rural communities of Belle Plaine and other nearby areas, rely on consistent power for their water towers and pump stations. Additionally, the City of South Haven and Rural Water District #6 will see improvements in their water supply infrastructure, benefiting the larger community.

The project will also support a transmission tie line from Evergy to Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, further enhancing the regional power grid and ensuring greater interconnectivity and reliability for both cooperatives. Broader state services will also benefit, as the project will improve power reliability for critical infrastructure such as the Kansas Turnpike Authority's weather tower and southern port of entry, and the Kansas Highway Patrol's southern port of entry, both of which are vital for public safety and traffic management across the state.

Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the targeted areas of each proposed project.	Over the past five years, Sumner-Cowley has averaged 814 outages annually affecting more than 10,965 members. With an average of 4,536 members, the cooperative has averaged about 2.4 outages per year per member. With nearly 26,000 outage hours per year, the cooperative has averaged about 5.7 outage hours per member annually. The cooperative has averaged a SAIDI of 342.1 over the past five years. Since 2019, the transmission lines feeding the Anson, South Haven, Rome, and Silverdale substations have experienced a combined 46 outages affecting 17,739 members and totaling 2,097,551 customer outage minutes (34,959 customer hours).

Provide expected changes to the historical data as a result of each proposed project.	Sumer-Cowley expects the project to have a significant impact to maintaining power to the Anson, South Haven, Rome and Silverdale substations in the future. With more than 60 poles failing testing, the structural integrity of these transmission lines is seriously compromised.
Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the entire system to determine whether the project is in an area that has, on average, more frequent or longer duration outages.	Over the past five years Sumner-Cowley has averaged a SAIDI of 342.1. During this time, Sumner-Cowley has experienced an average of 814 outages each year, impacting over 10,965 members. With a membership base of approximately 4,536, this translates to an average of 2.4 outages per member annually. The cooperative also faces around 26,000 outage hours each year, averaging about 5.7 outage hours per member.
Provide age of system or line segments to be replaced or repaired, type of equipment that failed, and the number of annual outages for the project area.	The transmission lines dates back to the 1970s, and some of the poles are original to their construction (50+ years old). Other poles have been replaced since its construction, but the last large-scale replacement was in the late 1990s (25+ years old).
Provide a number of protective devices (fuses or breakers) that have operated more than once in a rolling 12-month period.	In the past 12 months, 62 protective devices have operated with 27 operating more than once. These 27 devices operated a total of 119 times in the past 12 months.
Provide a number of customers impacted by project and the percentage to total customers served in Kansas.	The transmission lines feed the Anson, South Haven, Rome and Silverdale substations, which provide power to 1,217 meters on Sumner Cowley's system, which is about 27% of the cooperative's total membership base. All of the cooperative's customers are located in the state of Kansas.
Description of efforts to attract, train, and retrain a skilled workforce for this project.	Sumer-Cowley partners with several outside vendors including NRECA (a national trade organization) and the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc (KEC) on both safety and workforce training. KEC provides several safety training courses throughout the year, and other vendors provide workforce training for Sumner-Cowley staff.
Provide an estimate of job creation due to this project.	The cooperative will work with contractors to complete the labor on the project and does not anticipate hiring any new jobs as a direct result of the project.

Identify any plans to partner with training providers to support workforce development.	The cooperative will continue to work with its partners to provide safety and workforce development training and support throughout the course of the project and beyond.
Provide any other metric(s) that indicates potential community benefit.	None
Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Davis-Bacon Act requirements.	Yes
Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Buy America Requirements.	Yes
Confirmation that the applicant will submit an environmental questionnaire (NETL Form 451.1-1-3), if required, for each work area proposed in the application.	Yes