



Dig-Once Policy

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Purpose of Policy	The primary objective of the Dig Once Policy Proposal for Adamawa State is to expand broadband infrastructure access for residents and businesses in the region. By reducing the capital costs incurred by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) through strategic alignment of road projects with broadband deployment, this policy aims to create a conducive environment for broadband expansion.
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A. Introduction:

The Dig-Once policy for Adamawa State is established to promote efficient and sustainable infrastructure development. It aims to minimize the disruption of public spaces, reduce costs, and facilitate the deployment of essential utilities such as broadband internet, telecommunications, and electrical wiring.

This policy is intended to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Adamawa State by fostering cooperation and coordination among infrastructure providers, local authorities, and construction projects.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to:

- ❖ Promote the efficient use of public rights-of-way and minimize the disruption to the environment and local communities by coordinating the installation of underground infrastructure.
- ❖ Reduce the long-term maintenance and construction costs for both public and private entities by encouraging a "dig-once" approach.
- ❖ Facilitate the timely deployment of broadband internet, telecommunications, and other essential services across Adamawa State.

C. Definitions:

- ❖ Dig-Once: The practice of installing conduits, ducts, or other infrastructure during road construction, maintenance, or any other excavation project, with the aim of accommodating multiple utilities or services.
- ❖ Public Rights-of-Way: Any publicly-owned land or infrastructure that is available for the installation of utilities, including roads, sidewalks, and public easements.
- ❖ Infrastructure Providers: Entities responsible for the installation and maintenance of utilities and services, such as telecommunications companies, internet service providers, and utility companies.
- ❖ Local Authorities: Government bodies and agencies at the municipal and regional levels responsible for issuing permits, managing public rights-of-way, and regulating infrastructure development.

D. Key Principles:

- ❖ **Coordination:** All infrastructure providers, construction projects, and local authorities shall coordinate their activities to maximize the use of the Dig-Once approach.
- ❖ **Standardization:** Infrastructure providers should adopt standardized specifications for conduit sizes, depths, and installation methods to ensure compatibility and flexibility for future use.
- ❖ **Notification and Collaboration:** Infrastructure providers and construction projects must inform and collaborate with each other and with local authorities to plan and implement Dig-Once opportunities.

E. Implementation:

- ❖ **Opportunistic Installation:** Infrastructure providers and construction projects are encouraged to identify opportunities for Dig-Once installations during planned road construction, maintenance, or other excavation projects.
- ❖ **Notification:** Infrastructure providers must notify relevant authorities and construction projects of their intentions to install conduits or infrastructure to allow for coordination.
- ❖ **Permit Streamlining:** Local authorities should streamline permitting processes to facilitate Dig-Once activities, provided that safety and environmental regulations are adhered to.

F. Reporting and Monitoring:

- ❖ Infrastructure providers and construction projects should report annually on the Dig-Once activities, including the length of infrastructure installed, costs saved, and the extent to which coordination was achieved.
- ❖ Local authorities should monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy to ensure its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.

G. Review and Amendments:

This policy will be subject to periodic reviews and may be amended to address evolving needs and technologies.

H. Conclusion:

The Dig-Once policy for Adamawa State is an essential step towards optimizing infrastructure development while minimizing disruptions and costs.

By promoting coordination, standardization, and efficient use of public rights-of-way, this policy aims to benefit both the public and private sectors, ultimately improving the quality of life for the residents of Adamawa State.

I. Related References

Following documents/links may be relevant to this policy.

Related Policies and Procedures	a. AD SG ICT Policy (AD SG Digital Transformation Agenda and Roadmap)
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