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## SWIFT Issues First Round of RFPs to Expand High-Speed Internet in Southwestern Ontario

Residents and business owners in the counties of Norfolk, Wellington and Lambton are one step closer to increased access to reliable high-speed internet. SWIFT has now officially issued its first round of RFPs for the design and construction of high-speed broadband networks within the counties.

Prequalified Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have been invited to submit network proposals aimed at connecting business facilities, public buildings and residences within the counties underserved areas.

The RFPs are now available to the prequalified ISPs for review on bids&tenders™, an electronic tendering service.

Actual construction dates and network designs will be provided by the ISPs in their proposals.

SWIFT anticipates releasing implementation plans later this Fall, including detailed construction timelines.

Regular project updates can be found on SWIFT's [website](#), [Facebook page](#) and on [Twitter](#).

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## SWIFT Continues to Grow its Eligible Internet Service Provider List

SWIFT proudly announces 13 new additions to its [Vendor of Record \(VOR\)](#) list with the closure of its

second Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ).

Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that have prequalified will be invited to submit proposals and project plans to address broadband connectivity challenges within their service areas.

The greater the number of prequalified ISPs, the greater the potential for competition during SWIFT's RFP process.

**Prequalified service providers include:**

*\*Newly added*

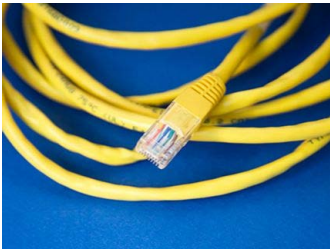
- Bell Canada
- **Beyond Air Networks Limited\***
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- Brant Municipal Enterprises Inc.
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- **Eh!tel Networks Inc.\***
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- **Envi Networks Ltd.\***
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- HCE Telecom
- **Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited\***
- Hydro One Telecom Inc.
- **Internet Access Solutions Ltd.\***
- **KWIC Internet\***
- Lakeland Energy Ltd.
- **Mornington Communications\***
- **Multiboard Communications (Start.ca)\***
- Nexicom Inc.
- Niagara Regional Broadband Network Limited
- North Frontenac Telephone Company, Elgin Corp.
- **Olds Fibre Ltd.(O-Net)\***
- **Quadro Communications Co-operative Inc.\***
- Rogers Communications Canada Inc.
- Silo Wireless Inc.
- TekSavvy Solutions Inc.
- TeraGo Networks Inc.
- The North Frontenac Telephone Company Corp.
- **Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative Limited\***
- Vianet Inc.
- **Wightman Communications\***
- Xplornet Communications Inc.
- Zayo Group LL

Service providers who did not participate in SWIFT's RFPQ process may

contact [bids@swiftruralbroadband.ca](mailto:bids@swiftruralbroadband.ca) for more information regarding the process for placement on SWIFT's VOR list.

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# Updates



## How Connected Are You?

Explore Southwestern Ontario, Niagara and Caledon's 50/10 broadband footprint.

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## How is SWIFT Funded?

SWIFT was approved for funding under the Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (SCF), a joint federal and provincial infrastructure funding program. As a result, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have committed up to \$127.4 million, each respectively investing \$63.7 million to the total project cost. SWIFT will also leverage additional funding from municipal partners and private sector investors to bring the total project investment to \$209 million.



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