

Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) State, Tribal, and Local Government Enrollment Guide

The TSP program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's National Communications System (NCS) with oversight by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To assist state, tribal, or local government administrators in the preparation of successful TSP applications, the NCS and FCC have developed the following steps for enrollment:

1. Evaluate the telecommunications services you use to determine which lines should have TSP coverage. Consult with your telecommunications service provider to determine the cost of TSP coverage. Some service providers charge for TSP; others do not. Ask your service providers to provide the circuit identification numbers necessary to complete the TSP applications.
 - Circuits eligible for TSP include circuits used primarily for continuity of critical state, tribal, and local government functions, such as those connecting with command-and-control authorities, the Governor's and Mayor's offices, State Police, the National Guard Bureau, local police, fire, and EMS, 911 Call Centers, alternate operating facilities, media outlets, and hotlines to critical sectors such as communications, energy, healthcare, and transportation.
2. Notify the NCS by email (<http://tsp.ncs.gov>) of the proposed TSP coverage and request NCS sponsorship. In requesting sponsorship, provide the location and function of each facility requiring TSP coverage, along with the related quantity and type of circuits for which TSP coverage is requested.
3. Upon notification that the NCS will act as your Federal sponsor, access the NCS website at (<http://tsp.ncs.gov>) to establish a TSP account. [Select "E-forms," then "Register to use e-forms."]
4. The NCS will provide a login ID and password.
5. Re-enter the NCS website (using the login ID and password) and fill out the application form. [Select "E-forms," then "Access to e-forms application," then "TSP request for service users (Form 315)."]
6. The NCS approves TSP coverage and provides the TSP authorization codes for each circuit (*e.g.*, TSP02H682).
7. Notify the service provider of the TSP authorization codes and request TSP service.
8. The service provider issues the appropriate service order activity to establish the TSP service on each circuit and enters it into the priority service operations support systems.