



Program Account Justification Drafting at Scale

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Each RD program account — Section 502 Direct, 502 Guaranteed, 504, 515, 521, 538, B&I Guaranteed, REAP, IRP, REDLG, RBDG, WWD, CF, ReConnect, Electric, Telecom, and others — requires a Congressional Justification narrative, an OMB MAX submission narrative, and supporting trend / volume / subsidy-rate exhibits, and the volume across RHS / RBCS / RUS routinely overwhelms OBP's drafting capacity in compressed cycles.

WHY IT MATTERS

Program account justifications are the public face of every dollar RD asks Congress to appropriate, and weak justifications drive line-item cuts. Strong, data-anchored justifications protect program funding through OMB pass-back, House and Senate appropriations subcommittees, and conference.

HSG'S APPROACH

1. Build a program-justification template library aligned to Congressional Justifications and OMB MAX schedule conventions, with embedded data-driven exhibits.
2. Use a Claude-API-backed LLM to auto-draft each justification from prior-year text, current-year program performance, and OMB MAX data, with explicit pointers to authoritative sources (FMMI, BICS, Rural Data Gateway, Tableau dashboards).
3. Maintain a citation library so every numerical claim has an auditable source and every narrative claim has a programmatic anchor.
4. Pair every AI-drafted paragraph with expert review by an OBP analyst or program-office subject-matter expert.
5. Produce a one-page executive summary suitable for the Acting Under Secretary's Hill engagement.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Program-justification template library
- Auto-draft tool covering all major RD program accounts
- Citation library with full source traceability
- Executive-summary one-pagers per program
- Edit-and-review workflow with audit trail

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Cut justification drafting time by 60% per program account while raising consistency and data-traceability quality across the full RD portfolio.

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