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Public Comment Form

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The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) is in the process of developing its BEAD Initial Proposal as required by the NTIA. This initial plan is divided into Volume 1 and Volume 2. Volume 1 includes initial identification of unserved and underserved locations, definition of community anchor institutions, proposed pre-challenge process location modifications, and the model challenge process. Please use this link to review the entire Initial Proposal Volume 1 document, and feedback on Volume 1 will be captured in the text boxes below. The comment portal will be open from August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2023. KOBD will then review all feedback and submit the Initial Proposal to the NTIA. To access a full copy of Volume 1 of the BEAD Initial Proposal along with accompanying documents, please use the links below:
<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/officeofbroadbanddevelopment/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment/>

I am responding to comments related to the following Volume 1 requirements **Requirement 5: Identification of existing unserved and underserved broadband locations**

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It is not just the speed of communications but the fact that small businesses, like mine, can not set up a server with either a static or dynamic IP address through WiFi networks available in the area. A server must be connected to the internet by cable. Fiber optic cable comes to within 2 miles of my business location. But the provider, Totah, requires that any additional customers beyond their present service pay the \$138,000 to extend the cable that additional 2 miles. Rural small businesses are being unserved in this sense.

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