

Final Kansas Office of Broadband Development Workshop Notes

Pre-Registration Demo – Marie McNeal, Broadband Grant Program Manager, KOBD

- Please follow the PowerPoint Instructions
- Key Points:
 - Plan ahead.
 - Review the draft pre-registration checklist.
 - Begin gathering information and documents.
 - Watch for a pre-registration “go live” notification from KOBD

BEAD Prequalification Project Funding Area Previews: Jade Piros de Carvalho, Director, KOBD

- PFAs designed around USDs and NTIA 80/20 rule with public comment considerations in mind.
 - APPROVED V2 2.4.6 page 37-38
 - "KOBD primarily defines project areas for proposals based on Unified School District boundaries as found in attachment 2.4.6-Kansas Unified School Districts-Attachment.xlsx. In cases where a USD is too large or the BSLs are too widely dispersed, or in areas where a USD has few unserved or underserved locations, KOBD may elect to divide the USD into smaller sections or may elect to combine a USD with contiguous USDs or census block groups. The goal is to ensure that the Project Funding Area is 80% unserved or underserved as required by BEAD policy and guidance. Final Project Funding Areas will be defined after the final deduplication is performed and prior to the subgrantee process beginning."
- Stranded locations moved into more populated PFAs/USDs, natural barriers considered, man-made barriers considered, and existing backbone considered.
- Incorporating every location, minimize BEAD outlay, optimize financial return, lessen dependence on permitting, and improve speed of deployment.

Q: What is the size of those areas?

A: That is the challenge and why we are taking a granular approach. School districts were easy, but we are trying to cut and merge to make them more efficient.

Q: When do you anticipate pre-registration and portal opening?

b: Pre-registration around mid-May; Portal opening around July 8th.