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Policy Notice Overview



Goals

- Reducing non-statutory NOFO requirements
- Streamline BEAD process
- Prioritize technology neutral solutions
- Increase marketplace competition
- Reduce costs and speed to deployment
- Prevent overbuild

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Technology Neutral



All broadband technologies that meet performance requirements are eligible to participate
(i.e., IIJA/BIL speed, latency, and scalability requirements)

- Fiber-optic,
- Cable modem
- LEO satellite
- Terrestrial fixed wireless

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Program Requirements Eliminated



Labor, Employment and Workforce Development

- Applicants only required to certify they comply with federal labor and employment laws

Climate Resiliency

- Complying with the "Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management" section of the NOFO (IV.C2.c.vi)

Open Access and Net Neutrality

- "Any project that involves laying fiber optic cables or conduit underground or along a roadway, shall include interspersed conduit access points at regular and short intervals."

Removed Local Coordination & Stakeholder Engagement

Non-Traditional Broadband Providers

- No preference must be tech neutral

Removed Middle Class Affordability Requirements

Low-Cost Service Option

- One low-cost plan – at least 100/20 Mbps

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Benefit of the Bargain Round



KOBD must conduct at least one new subgrantee selection round, called the "Benefit of the Bargain Round," where all internet service providers—even if they haven't participated thus far—can apply.



KOBD must rescind any preliminary BEAD decisions



Interested applicants will go through an additional BEAD application round



All applications will be rescored based on Policy Notice

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Updated Scoring Rubric

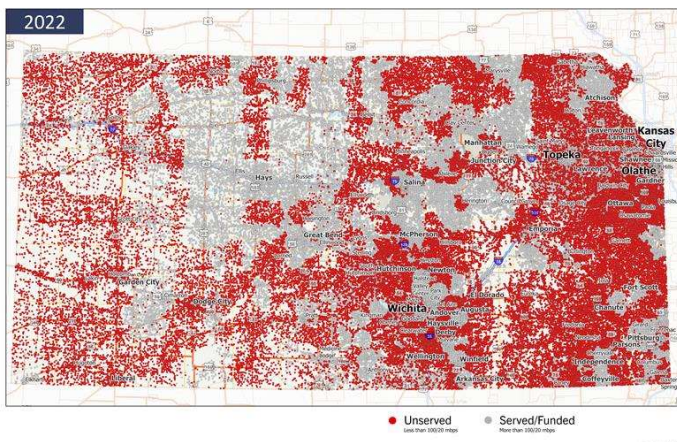
Updated Scoring Rubric	Primary Criteria	Secondary Criteria
Minimizing the cost of deployment	NTIA	
Speed to deployment		KOBD
Speed of network and other technical capabilities		KOBD
Provisional selection status		KOBD

The scoring criteria for subgrantee selection are revised to initially focus on minimizing the cost of deployment, with the secondary criteria consisting of (i) speed to deployment, (ii) speed of network and other technical capabilities, and (iii) provisional selection status. The relative weighting of the three (3) secondary criteria is at the discretion of the Eligible Entity.



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Optimizing BEAD Locations



Modified Lists to Include:

- Locations defaulted on
 - NTIA to provide (ex RDOF)
- Federally enforced commitments
 - NTIA to provide
- Extremely high-cost locations
 - Evidence required

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Next Steps for Kansas



Non-Deployment

- All activities suspended
- KOBD partners notified



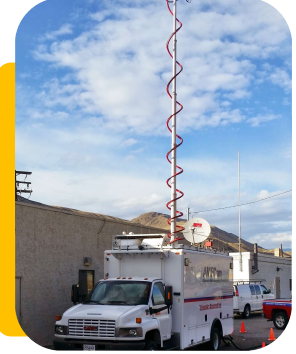
Unlicensed Fixed Wireless

- KOBD posted public list of locations that could be challenged as served for BEAD.



Applications

- KOBD to conduct Round 2
- Stay tuned for more info



Timeline

- Final Proposal Due Sep 4, 2025

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