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Category	Scoring Description
Primary Scoring Criteria Bead Program Outlay (100%)	Full points shall be awarded to the applicant who proposes the lowest overall cost to the Program. If additional applications are (i) within the same category (either Priority Broadband Project or Non-Priority) and (ii) are within 15% of the application with the lowest overall cost to the Program, the lowest cost application and those applications that meet (i) and (ii) shall move to the second round of scoring, all starting with equal points.
Secondary Scoring Criteria Speed to Deployment (10%) Max Score = 10 points	• 0 points: Greater than 4 years • 2 points: Greater than 3years but less than or equal to 4 years • 5 points: Greater than 2 years but less than or equal to 3 years • 10 points: Less than or equal 2 years
Secondary Scoring Criteria Speed of Network & Other Technical Capabilities (90%) Max Score = 90 points	**Network Usable Life (10 points)** 10 points: Built to withstand future technological demands, these networks are typically based on the latest fiber optic or high-band 5G technologies, XGSPon or greater, and can be continually upgraded to keep pace with user needs. 6 points: Networks are functional and generally support current speeds but may struggle to keep pace with future demands. 2 points: Networks are still operational but already exhibit signs of obsolescence. 0 points: Networks no longer operational or are entirely obsolete. **Upstream/Downstream Service Speed Offered (60 points)** 30 points: Supports up to 10G symmetrical speeds or higher 25 points: Supports up to 5 G symmetrical speeds or higher 20 points: Supports up to 1G symmetrical speeds or higher 15 points: Supports up to 500M symmetrical speeds or higher 10 points: Supports up to 100M symmetrical speeds or higher 0 points: Does not meet min. requirements of 100M symmetrical speeds or higher **Network Scalability (20 points)** 20 points: High Scalability — Highly modular architecture supporting plug-and-play nodes and capable of vertical upgrades at existing nodes with minimal latency impact. 10 points: Moderate Scalability — Basic support for adding new nodes and moderate capacity to enhance current nodes. 5 points: Limited Scalability — Fixed architecture with minimal ability to scale horizontally or vertically without significant infrastructure overhaul. 0 points: No scalability is possible.

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Category	Policy Guidance
<u>Primary Scoring Criteria</u> Bead Program Outlay (100%)	The Eligible Entity must select the combination of project proposals with the lowest overall cost to the Program. This may involve selecting a proposal that is not the lowest-cost option for a given set of BSLs but is part of the combination of selected projects with the lowest overall cost to the Program. When comparing competing proposals, Eligible Entities shall assess the total BEAD funding that will be required to complete the project (i.e., the total project cost minus the applicant's proposed match) and the cost to the Program per location (i.e., the total BEAD funding that will be required to complete the project divided by the number of BSLs the project will serve).
<u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u> Speed to Deployment (10%) Max Score = 10 points	The prospective subgrantee's binding commitment to provision service by a date certain that is earlier than four years after the date on which the subrecipient will receive the subaward from the Eligible Entity subject to contractual penalties to the Eligible Entity. Greater consideration can be awarded to prospective subrecipients promising an earlier service provision date.
<u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u> Speed of Network & Other Technical Capabilities (90%) Max Score = 90 points	Eligible Entities may weigh the speed, latency, and other technical capabilities of the technologies proposed by prospective subgrantees.