



# South Carolina Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (SC BEAD) Program

## Pre-Qualification Application Guidelines

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**Purpose:** This document offers guidelines for completing the corresponding Pre-Qualification Application for the SC BEAD Program. All prospective subgrantees must submit a Pre-Qualification Application to be considered for an award.

Pre-Qualification Applications are due **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

For questions, please consult the [FAQs](#) and submit questions at <https://arcg.is/1vrXK00>



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## Introduction and Overview

### Background

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) sets forth a \$65 billion investment into broadband, for which \$42.45 billion will be administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

The NTIA has allocated \$551.5M of BEAD funding to provide financial support to install and deliver broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas throughout South Carolina. Five (\$5) million of BEAD funds were provided to South Carolina in 2022 to support BEAD planning activities and develop the SC Five-Year Action Plan; therefore, \$546.5 million dollars remain eligible for investment. The SC Broadband Office (“SCBBO”), an office within the SC Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), will administer this competitive grant process as detailed in the State’s BEAD Initial Proposal as approved by the NTIA on September 20, 2024.

Nationwide, BEAD requires that all Eligible Entities, including SCBBO, prioritize 1) unserved areas without any broadband service at all or with broadband service offering speeds below 25 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream/3 Mbps upstream, 2) underserved locations without broadband service offering speeds of 100 Mbps downstream/20 Mbps upstream, 3) Community Anchor Institutions (“CAIs”) without gigabit symmetrical service, and 4) non-deployment eligible activities. Further, each Eligible Entity has twelve months to develop and submit a BEAD Final Proposal to NTIA for approval.

For purposes of BEAD deployment awarded projects, an awardee will be considered a “subgrantee,” also known as a “subrecipient.” A subgrantee is an entity that receives grant funds from the SCBBO (“grantee”) to carry out eligible activities under the federal award. All subgrantees must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services no later than four years after the execution of the grant agreement.

As part of the Pre-Qualification Phase, the SCBBO is releasing:

- BEAD Eligible Location Data
  - o BEAD eligible location data includes all the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) eligible unserved, underserved, unserved/underserved CAIs broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) as approved by the NTIA.
- BEAD Eligible Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTA’s)
  - o BEAD eligible 2020 Census ZCTA’s are the project areas designated by the SCBBO for the BEAD program as outlined in the State’s BEAD Initial Proposal.
- Pre-Qualification Guidelines (this document)
  - o The Pre-Qualification guidelines are used to assist the applicant on the BEAD program rules and filling out the Pre-Qualification application.
- Pre-Qualification Application
  - o The Pre-Qualification application is provided in Microsoft Excel format.
- BEAD Timeline
  - o The BEAD timeline lists certain anticipated dates for the SCBBO BEAD program.
- Guidance Document (Pre-Qualification and Main Application)
  - o This document will be updated throughout the grant program and provides a detailed overview on required elements and associated attachments due throughout the BEAD program through the Main Application phase.

### General Eligibility Criteria

Based on the NTIA's BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), as well as the SCBBO’s approved BEAD Initial Proposal, minimum eligibility highlights include, but are not limited to:

- Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be a provider of fixed broadband service capable of delivering

reliable broadband or a provider capable of delivering alternate broadband technologies to all eligible BSL's representing residential homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions (CAIs); Each applicant must have a Tier C or D CostQuest license;

- Eligible Service Area: The project must be located in an eligible service area, defined as a US Census Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) where broadband service is considered unserved or underserved and not under an existing enforceable commitment;
- Fixed Broadband Service: The broadband service provided must meet the minimum speed requirements of at least 100 megabits per second for downloads and 20 megabits per second for uploads, with low latency to support real-time applications;
- Documentation: Applicants must provide all required documentation to support all gating and selection criteria as outlined in SC's BEAD program;
- Cost Sharing: Applicants must meet the cost-sharing requirements, which may vary depending on the specific project and funding amount requested;
- Permitting: Applicants must comply with all applicable rules, laws, executive orders, and regulations, including but not limited to those related to labor standards, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and non-discrimination;
- Compliance: Maintain compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, executive orders, guidance, rules, and reporting, as indicated by the SCBBO and NTIA through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the SC BEAD program;
- Sustainability: The project should demonstrate long-term sustainability, including plans for ongoing maintenance and operation of the broadband infrastructure; and
- Low-Cost Broadband Plan Service Option: Comply with the approved low-cost Broadband plan option following the completion of any awarded project.

## BEAD Eligibility Data

The goal of the BEAD program according to the NTIA is to enable Internet for All. As part of this initiative, the SCBBO will continue to seek out opportunities to fund deployment projects throughout the State using any remaining funds available under alternate funding sources (e.g. ARPA SLFRF, ARPA CPF, State Funds, etc.). Therefore, the SCBBO reserves the right to remove broadband serviceable locations from the eligibility map where appropriate. This may occur in the time period from the end of the BEAD challenge process up until the SCBBO receives grant applications during the Main Application phase of the SC BEAD program.

The SCBBO will publish regular updates of the eligibility data to inform applicants about the status of locations that may now fall under these commitments. The SCBBO will use the grant notification list serve as a mechanism to announce when an update has been published. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure they are using the most up to date version of SC BEAD eligibility data when submitting information back to the SCBBO during the Main Application phase of the program. Applicants are encouraged to check the BEAD page frequently for the latest information and updates on the disposition of these locations along with revised FAQ's and SC BEAD program guidance.

In accordance with NTIA requirements, Applicants may download a CSV file of all BSLs approved by the NTIA for the SC BEAD program from the [BEAD page](#). The list includes all served BSLs, served CAIs, unserved BSLs, underserved BSLs, and unserved/underserved CAIs. This data uses version 3.2 of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Broadband Availability Map Fabric, therefore, version 3.2 of the fabric must be used to join and display the correct FCC attribute information (e.g. latitude and longitude coordinates).

Please note, the CSV file may exceed the viewable limits in Microsoft Excel and/or other applications. The SCBBO will also provide, in GIS format, a point layer already joined by FCC ID to all BEAD eligible BSL's along with a ZCTA data layer attributed with the overall count of eligible BSL's coincident with a given zip code. GIS data will be made available for download for those Applicants that have successfully executed a Tier C or D CostQuest license agreement.

All downloads will occur through the SCBBO BEAD Citrix Platform. Applicants must fill out the BEAD Prospective Subgrantee Program Access Form located here <https://arcg.is/101ueC2> and pending confirmation of an executed CostQuest license agreement, access will be granted by the SCBBO to the download directory. If an applicant has already provided their Tier C or D license to the SCBBO, no further action is required aside from filling out the BEAD Prospective Subgrantee Program Access Form.

## Process

The SCBBO intends to collect information in two phases:

- **Pre-Qualification Phase**, which will capture relevant gating criteria from prospective subgrantees, and will serve as a prerequisite to a Main Application.
- **Main Application Phase**, which will include detailed application packages submitted on a per project basis from prospective subgrantees that have been successfully gated during the Pre-Qualification phase. Guidelines for the Main Application phase are forthcoming.

## Confidentiality

### Transparency

BEAD NOFO *Section IX.A.* - The Infrastructure Act contains robust reporting requirements for Eligible Entities and subgrantees, and requires NTIA, the FCC, and other agencies to coordinate to make information regarding federal broadband funding, low-cost plans, and other aspects of the BEAD Program readily available to and understandable by the public. NTIA will fulfill its obligations to the fullest extent possible. Recipients of U.S. Department of Commerce and NTIA grants also should be cognizant of the access to records requirements set forth at 2 C.F.R. § 200.337.

### Protected and Proprietary Information

As a state agency, ORS and the SCBBO are subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* (“FOIA”). Under FOIA, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive an electronic transmission of any public record of a public body, except as otherwise provided by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40, or other state and federal laws. Section 30-4-40 contains various exemptions from disclosure, including for trade secrets (section 30-4-40(1)) and matters specifically exempted from disclosure by statute or law (section 30-4-40(4)). In addition, 2024 S.C. Acts 226, Part 1B, Proviso 73.11 exempts certain information from disclosure under FOIA.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The full text of 2024 S.C. Acts 226, Part 1B, Proviso 73.11 is as follows:

(A)(1) From funds appropriated, the SC Broadband Office shall contact the appropriate entities to provide information

Furthermore, it is recommended Applicants review BEAD NOFO *Section IX.B.* regarding Protected and Proprietary Information.

Eligible Entities and subgrantees acknowledge and understand that information and data contained in applications for financial assistance, as well as information and data contained in financial, performance, and other reports submitted by either entity, may be used by the Department of Commerce in conducting reviews and evaluations of its financial assistance programs and for statistical purposes. For this purpose, information and data may be accessed, reviewed, and evaluated by Department of Commerce employees, other federal employees, federal agents and contractors, and/or by non-federal personnel, all of whom enter into appropriate confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements covering the use of such information. As may be provided in the terms and conditions of a specific financial assistance award, Eligible Entities and subgrantees are expected to support Program reviews and evaluations by submitting required financial and performance information and data in an accurate and timely manner, and by cooperation with the Department of Commerce and external program evaluators. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.303(e), Eligible Entities and subgrantees are reminded that they must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other confidential or sensitive personal or business information created or obtained in connection with a Department of Commerce financial assistance award.

NTIA will protect confidential and proprietary information from public disclosure consistent with applicable law, including the Trade Secrets Act, as amended (18 U.S.C. 1905) and the Economic Espionage Act of 1996 (18 U.S.C. 1831 et seq.). In the event that a submission contains information or data deemed to be confidential commercial information or that otherwise should not be publicly disclosed, that information should be identified, bracketed, and marked as Privileged, Confidential, Commercial or Financial

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necessary to compile the county-by-county broadband mapping plan showing the location and capability of broadband facilities throughout the State. To meet federal mandates, the SC Broadband Office may be required to collect confidential financial data to confirm and verify compliance with the various grant programs. In order to facilitate the provision of information necessary to these tasks, financial data, including any planned construction timelines and related data provided by a broadband service provider or other entity providing information, shall be maintained by the SC Broadband Office and any other agency as confidential, proprietary, and a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state law. Data may be made publicly available in an aggregated, nonprovider specific format or in the form of a map, where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service provider or other providing entity is not disclosed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this provision, such broadband provider-specific information shall not be released to any person other than to the broadband service provider or other entity providing information, employees of the SC Broadband Office, agents designated to assist in developing the South Carolina broadband map, entities contracting with the SC Broadband Office, and other state or federal agencies administering funds for broadband deployment without express permission of the submitting broadband service provider or other entity providing information. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this provision. The SC Broadband Office shall ensure that any such agents, entities, or agencies with whom the information is shared are aware of the confidential nature and restricted purposes for which the information may be used and that any such agents or entities that are not state agencies execute an appropriate nondisclosure agreement protecting the information from public disclosure before receiving the information.

(3) Notwithstanding the above, if required by federal law, ORS may report broadband service provider costs for external reporting.



Information. Based on these markings, the confidentiality of the contents of those pages will be reviewed for protection consistent with applicable law.

Additionally, some of the information submitted in the course of applying for funding under this Program, or provided in the course of its grant management activities, may be considered law enforcement sensitive or otherwise important to national security interests. This may include threat, risk, and needs assessment information, and discussions of demographics, transportation, public works, and industrial and public health infrastructures. In the event that a submission contains such information or data, that information should be identified, bracketed, and marked appropriately. Based on these markings, the confidentiality of the contents of those pages will be reviewed for protection consistent with applicable law. The Eligible Entity and subgrantee should be familiar with the regulations governing Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (6 C.F.R. Part 29) and Sensitive Security Information (49 C.F.R. Part 1520), as these designations may provide additional protection to certain classes of homeland security information.

In the event that information submitted to the SCBBO contains information or data the Applicant deems to be confidential commercial information or that otherwise should not be publicly disclosed, such information should be clearly identified, bracketed, and marked as Privileged, Confidential, or Proprietary Information. The SCBBO will protect confidential and proprietary information from public disclosure consistent with applicable law and except as otherwise required by law. Any third-party consultants retained by the SCBBO to assist with administering the BEAD Program will be required to execute an appropriate nondisclosure agreement or other contractual arrangement protecting Privileged, Confidential, or Proprietary from public disclosure.

All information provided to the SCBBO, regardless of whether it is marked Privileged, Confidential, or Proprietary, is subject to being shared with NTIA and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Please see BEAD NOFO *Section IX.B.* for more information. In addition, the SCBBO is subject to periodic audits and similar-type examinations by various federal and state agencies and may be required to allow access to information as part of such audits or similar-type examinations, regardless of whether it is marked Privileged, Confidential, or Proprietary. See, for example, 2 C.F.R. § 200.337 and S.C. Code Ann. § 11-7-35. In the event of such audits or similar-type examinations, the SCBBO will make the agents, entities, or agencies performing the audit or examination aware of the confidential nature of the information.

As stated in the South Initial Proposal Volume 2 *02.04.01*, all applications received will be posted on the ORS website during the public review and comment period.

## Pre-Qualification Application

The application and all requested and/or relevant attachments must be uploaded to the ORS Citrix site under the “BEAD Pre-Qualification” folder within the main folder titled “BEAD – [Prospective Subgrantee Name]”. If a prospective subgrantee (hereafter referred to as “Applicant”) does not have access to the folder, complete the BEAD Prospective Subgrantee Program Access Form located here <https://arcg.is/101ueC2> and access will be granted by the SCBBO.

One Pre-Qualification application submission is required per company. All questions are required to be answered. Portions of expenses related to Pre-Qualification may be reimbursable if awarded a project (see guidance document for more information).

## Purpose of Pre-Qualification

In accordance with the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Guidelines and the SCBBO approved Initial Proposal, the Pre-Qualification phase will capture relevant information and gating criteria from prospective subgrantees. This Pre-Qualification phase is required to participate in the SCBBO BEAD program which includes any grant rounds or direct negotiations. This information enables the SCBBO to identify potential issues and/or concerns for applicants ahead of South Carolina’s Main Application phase for the BEAD program.

Applicants must be forthcoming and transparent when providing requested information to allow the SCBBO to properly assess for Pre-Qualification. Further, to the extent applicants identify substantive changes to the information provided in the Pre-Qualification phase, applicants should promptly notify the SCBBO within 5 (five) business days. The gating criteria considers prospective subgrantee characteristics, such as:

- Applicant is capable of carrying out activities funded by the subgrant in a competent manner and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- Applicant has the financial and managerial capacity to meet the commitments of the subgrantee under the subgrant, the requirements of the Program, and such other requirements as prescribed by the Assistant Secretary or the SCBBO; and
- Applicant has the technical and operational capability to provide the services promised in the subgrant in the manner contemplated by the subgrant award.

The SCBBO will accept Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) project applications from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that have successfully completed the Pre-Qualification phase. Grant applications will be structured in such a way to collect any additional gating criteria not captured during the Pre-Qualification phase along with scoring information relevant for the SCBBO to complete the subgrantee selection process outlined in the BEAD Initial Proposal, which is included by reference in whole as part of the guidelines associated with this grant program. The SCBBO Initial Proposal is available at: [South Carolina Initial Proposal](#).

## Schedule of Events

**Pre-Qualification applications are due by December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dates are subject to change pending future updates and guidance from the NTIA.**

Full detail of the South Carolina BEAD timeline can be viewed in Attachment 1 – South Carolina BEAD Timeline. All BEAD information, including the Eligibility Map and a detailed Schedule of Events, and documentation will be published to the ORS website at: <https://ors.sc.gov/broadband/office/investments/state/bead>. Prospective subgrantees will be notified



through the grant notification distribution list.

## Pre-Qualification Guidance

The following corresponds to the sections within the SC BEAD Grant Pre-Qualification Application. Each section provides an overview of the required action the Applicant must complete for the SCBBO to properly gate the prospective subgrantee. Additional details are provided in the SCBBO BEAD Guidance document.

***Note:** SCBBO may deny an application if an Applicant's submission is determined incomplete. Only Applicants that successfully complete the Pre-Qualification Application phase will be eligible to submit ZCTA-based project applications for consideration during the Main Application phase of the SCBBO BEAD Broadband Deployment grant program or be considered for any potential direct negotiations. In addition, Pre-Qualification and Main Application may be reopened at the SCBBO's sole discretion for all applicants to ensure a fair, open, and competitive process.*

The following outlines submission types for the various BEAD requirements:

- *Certifications* – Certifications are formal acknowledgements that an applicant meets the requirement.
- *Confirmations* – Confirmations are meant to verify and document the applicant understands key elements of the Pre-Qualification and Main Application. These confirmations are outlined to verify the Applicant understands key elements associated with BEAD funding. Please read each confirmation in full, as seen below.
- *Attachments* – Attachments must be uploaded to the SCBBO Citrix ShareFile platform within the file structure outlined by SCBBO as part of the Pre-Qualification application. All attachment file names must include the name of the corresponding subsection for which it represents and uploaded to the appropriate section directory in Citrix. For example, documentation pertaining to audited financial statements should be named “<ISP Name>FinancialCapabilityAttachmentSection2\_3.pdf” and uploaded to the applicant’s “Financial Capability Attachments” folder in Citrix. Please see subsequent information in this Guidance regarding confidential or proprietary information and include appropriate designations in file names containing such information.
- *Narrative Response* – Narrative responses are open-ended response fields for applicants to provide written answers to the requested information. Please refer to the guidance document for all required elements to be provided in the narrative.

***Note:** Prior to submitting your Pre-Qualification application, both the Certification and Confirmation sections should be marked “Yes” to all.*

## Section 1: General Requirements

Application and/or relevant attachments must be uploaded to the ORS Citrix site under the “Grant Application and Affidavit” folder. An applicant submission for the Pre-Qualification phase must provide the following key information:

### 1.1 Applicant Information

The purpose of this section is to obtain name, contact information and identification numbers for the Applicant. Data fields include:

- Legal Entity / Organization Name – The name of the legal entity that will submit ZCTA Project-based applications and if awarded, the name used for the grant agreements.
- Primary Contact information (Name, Title, Address, Phone, Email) – The designated Primary

Contact will be the individual that SCBBO will contact in the event of requests for additional information and/or curing is required.

- FCC Registration Number (FRN) – The FCC Registration Number corresponding to any BDC filing that would occur if Applicant obtained an award from the SCBBO.
- SAM.gov registration status – All Applicants must be registered on SAM.GOV at the time of Pre-Qualification and throughout the duration of the grant program. An Applicant needs to confirm its registration is in good standing and has no exclusionary records by answering “Yes.”
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) – A UEI is provided through the SAM.GOV registration process. *Note: a UEI takes ten (10) business days to be active. For information regarding UEI registration refer to: [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) | [Entity Registrations](#).*
- Federal Tax ID – The Federal Tax Identification Number or Employer Identification Number associated with the Legal Entity that will be the Applicant. In the event of an award, Applicants will need to provide a W-9 that matches the Federal Tax ID. Federal Tax ID number should match the Federal Tax ID number associated with the South Carolina State Vendor Number.
- South Carolina State Vendor Number – A South Carolina State Vendor Number may be obtained from the South Carolina Division of Procurement Services (Procurement Services (sc.gov)). *Note: a South Carolina Vendor Number may take up to 30 days to obtain. For additional information refer to the South Carolina State Vendor Registration Manual.*

## 1.2 Applicant Information Certifications

- Certify that the Applicant has and will, at the time of the Main Application, provide the SCBBO its Certificate of General Liability Insurance and any updates to its insurance information. Applicants are responsible for promptly notifying the SCBBO of any changes in its general liability insurance after initial submission.
- Certify that to the extent there are substantive changes to the information or policies provided between the Pre-Qualification and grant award, the Applicant will disclose the changes and provide updated versions of the relevant policies within five (5) business days. The Applicant will also update the SCBBO with any new relevant information involving other BEAD grant applications or other financial commitments that have been made to other counties and/or states to identify any potential capacity issues from a risk-management perspective.

## 1.3 Applicant Information Attachments (Due during Pre-Qualification Phase)

- Applicant must provide a signed copy of the required affidavit (Template Provided) certifying Pre-Qualification is complete and accurate.

## 1.4 Organizational Information

The purpose of this section is to obtain information on the Applicant’s organizational structure. Applicants will need to answer the following:

- Participation as a Joint Venture – If the Applicant intends to participate in the BEAD program as a joint venture, select “Yes” to this question. The SCBBO will initiate a Request for Information (“RFI”) to verify the Section 1.1 information for all joint venture partners. When completing the remaining sections of the application, the Applicant should provide responses for all joint venture partners.
- Nature of Applicant’s Organizational Structure – The Applicant must identify its organizational structure using the list provided.

## Section 2: Financial Capability

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the materials required for submission

outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) and collect information on prospective applicant's financial capacity. The items listed below will enable the SCBBO to evaluate the Applicant's financial capability to meet their obligations if selected as a subgrantee. Applicants are required to submit all required documents to be considered for funding.

## 2.1 Financial Capability Certifications

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a.i](#) - Applicant understands the requirement to certify its financial resources to meet the obligations required under an award. Applicant also understands the requirement to provide evidence of its financial capabilities to satisfy all responsibilities to complete the project and will comply with all Program requirements including service milestone.

## 2.2 Financial Capability Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) - The Applicant will choose to provide a Letter of Credit, in the amount of 10% of the award, accompanied by an Opinion Letter from third party legal counsel, or a Performance Bond in the amount of the full award for any proposed projects.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a.ii](#) – If the Letter of Credit option is chosen, the Applicant will, at the time of the main application, be required to submit a letter from a bank that meets eligibility requirements consistent with those set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.804(c)(2) committing to issue an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit, in the required form (see SCBBO model Letter of Credit template).
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a.ii](#) – If the Letter of Credit option is chosen, the Applicant will, at the time of Selection, prior to award, be required to submit an opinion letter from third party legal counsel. The opinion letter must clearly state the following: *subject only to customary assumptions, limitations, and qualifications, that in a proceeding under Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (the “Bankruptcy Code”), the bankruptcy court would not treat the Letter of Credit or proceeds of the Letter of Credit as property of the winning subgrantee’s bankruptcy estate under Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.*
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) - If a performance bond is chosen, upon selection and prior to award, the Applicant will be required to submit a letter from a certified surety on federal bonds committing to issue the Applicant a performance bond upon award.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, provide evidence of having the necessary funds to cover all project costs that exceed the amount of the grant.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of Main Application, submit business plans and related analyses that substantiate the sustainability of the proposed project.

## 2.3 Financial Capability Attachments (Due during Pre-Qualification phase)

All financial capability attachments must be uploaded to the ORS Citrix site under the “Financial Capability Attachments” folder.

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.a](#) – The Applicant, at the time of the Pre-Qualification application, will submit financial statements audited by independent certified public accountant for the prior fiscal or calendar year or unaudited financial statements with a certification that it will provide financial statements audited by independent certified public accountant for the prior fiscal or calendar year at the time of the Main Application submittal.
- Single Audits and/or any other audits related to federal funding within the past 5 (five) years (if applicable). This is required if an Applicant has had a single audit performed as part of another federal grant program award.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.e](#) - For Applicants that have only operated electric transmission or distribution services, provide qualified operating or financial reports that it has filed with the

relevant financial institution for the relevant time period along with a certification that the submission is a true and accurate copy of the reports that were provided to the relevant financial institution. See guidance for acceptable reports to submit.

### Section 3: Managerial Capability

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the materials required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.b](#) and collect information on the prospective Applicant's managerial capacity. The items listed below will enable the SCBBO to evaluate the Applicant's capability to effectively manage the project and determine readiness of the prospective subgrantee. Applicants are required to submit all required documents to be considered for funding.

#### 3.1 Managerial Capability Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.b](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, provide one-page resumes for key management personnel and certifying engineers, including name, title, relevant licenses with license numbers, and three (3) examples of relevant experiences.

#### 3.2 Managerial Capability Attachments (Due during Pre-Qualification phase)

With the Pre-Qualification application, please attach an organizational chart (s) detailing all parent companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates. Managerial Capability attachments must be uploaded to the ORS Citrix site under the “Managerial Capability Attachment” folder.

#### 3.3 Managerial Readiness Narratives

The purpose of this section is for the Applicant to provide a narrative in the Pre-Qualification application on the subgrantee's readiness to manage a broadband services network. This will include relevant organizational management policies and procedures, such as organizational changes, management continuity plans, regulatory compliance, labor, wages, workplace health and safety, and training. These narratives must communicate the policies and procedures currently in place.

- Provide information on recent and upcoming organizational changes including mergers and acquisitions, system changes, and anticipated policy changes.
- Describe the Applicant's overall policies and procedures to ensure that any awarded project is completed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Describe the Applicant's experience and qualifications of key management personnel's experience in undertaking projects of similar size and scope. See guidance for required elements to include in the narrative.

Please refer to the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.b](#) and the SCBBO BEAD Pre-Qualification Guidance for additional information.

### Section 4: Technical Capability

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the information required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.c](#). The information shared below will enable the SCBBO to evaluate if the Applicant has the technical qualifications and experience to fulfill the commitment to construct and operate the Project.

#### 4.1 Technical Capability Certifications

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#)– The Applicant has the technical and operational capability to carry out activities in a competent manner, and all contracted resources possess the necessary skills and qualifications to work on and operate any of the proposed projects.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.c](#)– The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, submit a network design, diagram, project costs, build-out timeline, and milestones for project

implementation, and a capital investment schedule evidencing complete build-out and the initiation of service within four (4) years of the date on which the entity receives the subgrant, all certified by a professional engineer licensed in South Carolina, stating that the proposed network can deliver broadband service that meets the performance requirements to all locations served by the project.

## Section 5: Compliance with Laws

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the information required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.d](#). The information shared below will enable the SCBBO to ensure that the Applicant has a history of compliance with federal, state, and local laws and remain in good standing. Applicants must demonstrate ability to complete any proposed Project in accordance with all applicable laws.

### 5.1 Compliance with Laws Certifications

- The Applicant is not presently debarred and/or suspended, and the Applicant is in good standing in South Carolina.
- The Applicant will comply with the requirements and all associated guidance set forth in BEAD, and other federal, state, and local laws, including environmental and permitting laws and regulations, and labor laws.

### 5.2 Compliance with Laws Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.6](#) – The Applicant will not use BEAD funding to procure or obtain certain telecom and video surveillance services or equipment as outlined in 2 CFR 200.216 and 2 CFR 200.471, including covered telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment provided or produced by entities owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China and telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, produce records of any other entities that will participate in the project, including contractors and subcontractors, including disclosures of any instances in which contractors or subcontractors have been found to have violated laws that has been certified by an Officer or Director-level employee.
- Applicant will require its employees, contractors, and subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements in the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act pursuant to [Title 58, Chapter 36 of the South Carolina Code of Laws](#), as amended.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.d](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, demonstrate that it is capable of carrying out funded activities in a competent manner in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, Territorial, and local laws. To ensure that a subgrantee complies with occupational safety and health requirements, subgrantees must permit workers to create worker-led health and safety committees that management will meet with upon reasonable request.

## Section 6: Operational Capability

The purpose of this section is to educate applicants of the information required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.e](#). The information listed below will enable the SCBBO to evaluate the Applicant's operational capability to operate the Project. Applicants will disclose their history within the telecommunications market. Questions regarding broadband service experience are required by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.e](#).

### 6.1 Operational Capability Certifications (Existing Providers Only)

- The Applicant has provided voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution service for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of its application submission or it is a wholly owned subsidiary of such an entity.



- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.e](#) - The Applicant has timely filed Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Form 477, Broadband Data Collection, and the Broadband DATA Act submission, if applicable, and as required during this time period.
- The Applicant, consistently throughout the period of their operation, has shown compliance with and respect for the Commission’s rules and regulations.
  - Optional Narrative Response: If there have been any failures to adhere to the Commission’s rules and regulations, please describe the circumstances, whether there are any related enforcement actions, civil litigation, or other matters.

## 6.2 Broadband Service Experience Information

The Applicant is required to answer the following data fields that are applicable for the entity:

- Date of Applicant’s Initial and Most Recent FCC Submission: For Applicants that have provided a voice and/or broadband service, the Applicant must demonstrate it timely filed FCC Form 477 and/or the FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC).
- Entity Name that has provided voice, broadband, and/or electric transmission or distribution service for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of this application: The Applicant must report the entity legal name that it is relying on to fulfill the required minimum experience. This may be the name of the Applicant or the name of the Applicant’s parent company.
  - Type of Experience: This refers to the type of required experience of the entity listed in the prior question. If multiple apply, chose Broadband-Fiber or Broadband-Other as applicable.
  - Number of Years Experience: Enter the number of years the Applicant has been providing voice, broadband and/or electric transmission or distribution services.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.e](#): New entrants to the broadband market must demonstrate and describe how they have obtained, through internal or external resources, sufficient operational capabilities. Descriptions could include experiences of significant personnel, project descriptions and narratives from contractors, subcontractors, or other partners with operational experience, and any other comparable evidence underlining operational proficiency.

## Section 7: Ownership

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the materials and disclosure required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.f](#). The information listed below will enable the SCBBO to best understand the ownership structure of the legal entity applying for funding. The information requested is outlined by the requirements described in [47 C.F.R. § 1.2112\(a\)\(1\)-\(7\)](#). As a starting point, an Applicant may refer to its latest filed FCC Form 602.

### 7.1 Applicant Ownership Information

The Applicant is required to complete the Applicant Ownership table in the Pre-Qualification Application (7.1). Provide the name, address, citizenship, and ownership percentage of the parties that hold more than 10% ownership, interest, stock and/or otherwise have the capacity to exercise ownership interest equivalent to those having 10% interest or more in the Applicant.

Relevant definitions for consideration include:

- Direct Owner – An individual or entity that holds an immediate interest in the Applicant.
  - **Illustrative Example:** Company A’s stock is owned by Mary Smith (40%) and Company B (60%). Both Mary Smith and Company B are Direct owners and should be listed in Section 7.1.
- Indirect Owner – An individual or entity that holds a 10% or greater interest in the Applicant as determined by successive multiplication of the ownership percentages for each link in the vertical ownership chain. If the ownership percentage for an interest in any link in the chain exceeds 50%



or represents actual control, it shall be treated as if it were a 100 percent interest.

- **Illustrative Example:** Company B is owned by John Doe (50%) and Mega Corp (50%). Both John Doe and Mega Corp are Direct Owners and should be listed in Section 7.1. If Mega Corp is owned by Richard Mega (91%) and Peter Smith (9%). Richard Mega under the successive multiplication of the ownership percentages ( $50\% * 91\% = 45.5\%$ ) owns greater than 10% and should also be listed in Section 7.1 as an Indirect Owner. Peter Smith owns less than 10% ( $50\% * 9\% = 4.5\%$ ) and does not need to be included in the Section 7.1 Table.

## 7.2 Ownership Interests Held by Applicant

The Applicant is required to complete the Ownership Interests Held by Applicant Table (7.2) in the Pre-Qualification Application. Provide details on any FCC-regulated entity or Applicant for an FCC license in which the Applicant, or any of the Owners identified in Table (7.1), owns 10 percent or more of stock - whether voting or nonvoting, common or preferred.

- Applicant ownership information: The NTIA requires Applicants disclose all parties that have a 10% ownership interest or have the capacity to exercise an equivalent amount of control.

## Section 8: Other Public Funding

The purpose of this section is to educate applicants of the materials required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.g](#). The information listed below will enable the SCBBO to understand the Applicant's prospective and awarded funding for broadband projects. Other Public Funding attachments must be uploaded to the ORS Citrix site under the "Other Public Funding Attachment" folder.

### 8.1 Other Public Funding Certification

- The Applicant certifies a commitment to serve all eligible unserved and underserved locations in all previously awarded projects to the best of their abilities.

### 8.2 Other Public Funding Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.g](#) – The Applicant, at the time of the of the Main Application will disclose any other financial commitments that have been made with any Federal, State, or Local Funds.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.g](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the of the Main Application disclose any other BEAD grant applications or other financial applications that have been made to other counties and/or States.

### 8.3 Other Public Funding Narratives

The purpose of this section is to obtain information regarding the Applicant's previous broadband projects, audit findings and other reportable legal disclosures. If the Applicant reported a withdrawal, cancellation and/or incompleteness of a broadband project funded by federal, state, local or tribal funds, provide copies of the official document evidencing the disposition of the project and any additional information to assist the SCBBO in understanding the circumstances.

- Previous broadband projects withdrawn/cancelled/not completed: An Applicant must disclose any previous federal, state or local funding projects that were withdrawn, cancelled or not completed. This should include instances where either the Applicant voluntarily withdrew, cancelled or did not complete a grant or subsidy broadband project, or the government withdrew or cancelled a grant or subsidy broadband project. When describing any and all instances, the Applicant should identify the government name, funding source, amount and a high-level summary (i.e., two or three sentences) that describes the circumstances leading to the final disposition. In addition, the Applicant should attach the formal notification sent or received related to the relevant project.

- Previous broadband projects breach/default/audit findings: An Applicant must disclose any previous federal, state or local funding projects where the Applicant was notified of a breach or default. In addition, to the extent a previous broadband project required an audit performed under government auditing standards, and the audit resulted in a material weakness, significant deficiency, findings related to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and/or Findings and Questioned Costs relating to Federal Awards then the Applicant should provide a high-level summary (i.e. two or three sentences) that identifies the relevant award, award amount, relevant document ( i.e. Single Audit Report 20XX) that describes the reportable issue, corrective action and relevant contact information. In addition, the Applicant should attach documentation describing the breach, default and/or audit findings and any corrective action the Applicant implemented as a result of the notification.
- Disclosure of criminal, civil or administrative proceedings: An Applicant must disclose information regarding criminal, civil or administrative proceedings. The narrative should include a summary of the proceeding with relevant proceeding identification numbers (i.e., Case Number 123456 and estimated liability if the Applicant is at fault).

## Section 9: Fair Labor Practices and Highly Skilled Workforce

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the materials required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#).

### 9.1 Fair Labor Practices and Highly Skilled Workforce Confirmations

The confirmations in this section (9.1) of the Pre-Qualification application will be repeated in the workforce plan the Applicant needs to submit at the time of the Main Application (see Section 9.2 Workforce Plan for more information).

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, describe the Applicant's plan to ensure that workers (internal team members as well as contractors/subcontractors) on any awarded BEAD project will receive wages and benefits that will secure an appropriately skilled workforce in the context of the local or regional labor market as stated in the NOFO. For example, Applicant's will provide the applicable wage scales and wage and overtime payment practices for each class of employees expected to be involved directly in the physical construction of the broadband network.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, describe how the Applicant will provide a safe and healthy workplace that avoids delays and costs associated with workplace illnesses, injuries, and fatalities, including plans to implement workplace safety committees that are authorized to raise health and safety concerns in connection with the delivery of deployment projects and descriptions of safety training, certification, and/or licensure requirements for all relevant workers (e.g., OSHA 10, OSHA 30).
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will ensure the implementation of a workplace safety committee that is authorized to raise health and safety concerns in connection with the delivery of deployment projects.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will ensure strong labor standards and protections, such as those listed in Section IV.C.1.e of the BEAD NOFO; and plans to attract, retain, or transition the skilled workforce needed to achieve the plan's goals, including describing the involvement and partnerships of sub-grantees, contractors, and sub-contractors with existing inhouse skills training programs, unions and worker organizations; community colleges and public school districts; supportive services providers; Registered Apprenticeship programs and other labor-management training programs, or other quality workforce training programs.
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, provide records of past 3 (three) years of compliance with Federal labor and employment laws that has been certified by an Officer or Director-level employee.

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.e](#) – The Applicant will ensure that the project workforce will be appropriately skilled and credentialed.
- [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.7](#) - The Applicant will ensure that minority business (MBEs), women-owned business enterprises (WBEs), and labor surplus area firms are recruited, used, and retained when possible. The Main Application will provide the planned percentage of minority business and women's business participation in each project relative to the project's total cost. Findings will be provided in Applicant's Workforce Plan, at the time of the Main Application.

## 9.2 Workforce Plan Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Sections IV.C.1.e and IV.C.1.f](#) - The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, submit a workforce plan that integrates all components reflected in Section 9.1 in addition to showing past compliance with and ensuring continued compliance with federal labor and employment law. This workforce plan will account for 20 percent of the project score (20 Points).
- As part of the Main Application process, applicant's will be required to submit: (This part accounts for ten points of the total 20 in Fair Labor Practice/Workforce Plan)
  - Evidence of the subgrantees' record of past compliance (previous three (3) years) with federal labor laws and its plans to be in compliance with federal awards.
  - An Officer/Director certification evidencing consistent past compliance with federal labor and employment laws by the subgrantee.
  - Information on applicable wage scales and overtime practices for each class of employee expected to be involved in the physical construction of the broadband networks.
  - The subgrantee's plans for ensuring compliance with its stated labor and employment practices, including verifying its contractors and subcontractors will comply with the same consistent practices.
  - The subgrantee's plans to ensure the implementation of workplace safety committees that are authorized to raise health and safety concerns.
  - Applicants that cannot certify compliance with federal labor and employment laws with respect to broadband deployment projects within the last three years, including new entrants that have not completed a broadband deployment project in that time frame, shall produce forward-looking commitments to labor and employment standards and protections to BEAD-funded projects. All other elements related to the workforce plan are still required.
- When scoring the workforce plan on the Main Application, applicants may also achieve additional points based on including additional elements from the [South Carolina Initial Proposal – Volume II 02.04.02](#) as specified below: (Each additional item addressed below is worth up to one additional point up to the maximum of ten additional points.).
  - Using a directly employed workforce, or subcontractors with a workforce that is based in South Carolina.
  - Use of local hire provisions, or evidence of targeted training and hiring of South Carolina residents in proximity of the project.
  - Use of programs to establish an appropriately credentialed workforce and opportunities for employees to obtain additional occupational training, certification, and licensure.
  - Taking measures to prevent misclassifications of workers.
  - Leveraging apprenticeships (Addresses use of an appropriately skilled workforce to support broadband deployment)
  - Participation in federal workforce training. (To ensure prospective sub-grantees will comply with Federal labor and employment laws)

- Applicants are encouraged to submit a single statewide workforce plan during the Main Application phase that applies to all applications. Please refer to the [Workforce Planning Guide](#) and the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.e](#) for additional guidance. Note, the NTIA planning guide may not include all requirements identified by the SCBBO for input into the Applicant’s workforce plan(s).

## Section 10: Environmental and National Historical Preservation

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants on required permitting upon award outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.4](#).

### 10.1 Environmental and National Historical Preservation Certifications

- The Applicant will comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. §§ 300101 et seq.).
- [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.4](#) - The Applicant understands that NEPA analysis will be required for every project funded through the BEAD Program and agrees to provide sufficient information to allow for NEPA analysis such as a detailed project description, including applicable supporting documentation.
- The Applicant will cooperate with NTIA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposed projects or other eligible activities.
- The Applicant understands that they are responsible for identifying and obtaining applicable federal, state and local Permits (such as easements) required to complete any BEAD projects.

## Section 11: Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the materials required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.6](#)

### 11.1 Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Certifications

- The Applicant will comply with BABA requirements.
- The Applicant understands and is committed to comply with the use of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s cleared vendor list.

### 11.2 Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section VII.D.6](#) – The Applicant will provide a preference for the procurement or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States as described in 2 C.F.R. 200.322 and Executive Order 14005 Ensuring the Future is Made in All by All of America's Workers (January 25, 2021), unless otherwise waived by the NTIA Build America Buy America Waivers.

### 11.3 Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Plans Narrative

- Please describe detailed plans outlining the organization’s approach to remain compliant with BABA requirements for proposed BEAD projects.

## Section 12: Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Compliance

The purpose of this section is to educate applicants of the materials required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.2.c.vi](#).

### 12.1 Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Compliance Confirmations

- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.2.c.vi](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, provide a cybersecurity risk management plan that is operational or ready to be operationalized should the Applicant be awarded a BEAD-funded project. For network facilities owned or operated by a third party, the Applicant must obtain cybersecurity information from that network provider.
  - When drafting or enhancing its cybersecurity risk management plan for the Main

Application, the Applicant should consider referring to the following resources

- [NIST Cybersecurity Framework](#)
- [NIST SP 1299 NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0: Resource & Overview Guide](#)
- [NIST Cybersecurity Framework \(CSF\) 2.0 Reference Tool](#)
- [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.2.c.vi](#) – The Applicant will, at the time of the Main Application, provide a Supply Chain Risk Management Plan that is compliant with the BEAD NOFO. For network facilities owned or operated by a third party, the Applicant must obtain supply chain risk management processes and procedures from that network provider.
  - [Supply Chain Risk Management](#) is defined as “The process of identifying, assessing, and mitigating the risks associated with the global and distributed nature of information and communications technology product and service supply chains.” When drafting or enhancing its Supply Chain Risk Management Plan, Applicants should:
    - Review NTIA and NIST guidance on Supply Chain Risk Management Plan requirements and best practices including, but not limited to:
      - [NTIA April 2023 Webinar Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management and Providing Internet for All.](#)
      - [NIST SP 800-161r1 Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations](#)
      - [NISTIR 8276 Key Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management](#)
      - [NIST SP 1305 ipd Quick-Start Guide for Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management](#)
- Verify the Supply Chain Risk Management Plan includes the following components outlined in [SSP 800-161r1, Appendix D](#):
  - Authorities and Compliance
  - Strategic Objectives
  - Implementation Plan and Progress Tracking
  - Internal policies, including those in place, to be developed and/or revised
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Definitions
  - Revision and Maintenance

## Section 13: Affordability

The purpose of this section is to educate prospective applicants of the information required for submission outlined by the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.D.2.c](#). The information shared in this section will enable the SCBBO to evaluate if the Applicant will fulfill affordability commitments in regard to the operation of the Project. See Guidance, NOFO, Initial Proposal Volume II, and related documents for additional details.

### 13.1 Affordability Certification

- The Applicant will offer at least one low-cost broadband service option (LCBSO) that is consistent with the requirements set forth in the South Carolina Initial Proposal Volume II 02.12.01 and the [BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.2.c.i](#).

### 13.2 Affordability (LCBSO) Confirmation

- At the time of the Main Application, the applicant will provide a narrative addressing how it will meet all the requirements in the LCBSO. See guidance for SCBBO LCBSO requirements.

## Designated Contacts

The following contacts are the primary sources for information and management over the duration of the South Carolina BEAD program.

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## Questions

Questions regarding Pre-Qualification must be submitted using the SCBBO BEAD Comment form available at [South Carolina BEAD FAQ Form \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) prior to the close of the Prequalification Period.

An FAQ has been published on the ORS website at:

<https://ors.sc.gov/broadband/office/investments/state/bead>. Individual responses will not be provided by the SCBBO.

## Additional Guidance

| SITE / DOCUMENT NAME                                       | LINK  |
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| NTIA BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity                    | <a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/BEAD%20NOFO.pdf">https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/BEAD%20NOFO.pdf</a>   |
| NTIA BEAD Frequently Asked Questions                       | <a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/Broadband_Equity_Access_Deployment_Program_Frequently_Asked_Questions_Version_6.0.pdf">https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/Broadband_Equity_Access_Deployment_Program_Frequently_Asked_Questions_Version_6.0.pdf</a> |
| NTIA BEAD Subgrantee Qualifications Evaluation Guide       | <a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/BEAD_Subgrantee_Qualifications_Evaluation_Guide.pdf">https://broadbandusa.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/BEAD_Subgrantee_Qualifications_Evaluation_Guide.pdf</a>   |
| NTIA Prevailing Wage Overview                              | <a href="https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/Prevailing_Wage_Overview_and_Resources.pdf">https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/Prevailing_Wage_Overview_and_Resources.pdf</a>   |
| Department of Labor Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Resources | <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction</a>   |
| SC BEAD Site   | <a href="https://ors.sc.gov/broadband/office/investments/state/bead">https://ors.sc.gov/broadband/office/investments/state/bead</a>   |
| SC Small and Minority Business Division                    | <a href="https://cma.sc.gov/community-wide-divisions/small-and-minority-business-division">https://cma.sc.gov/community-wide-divisions/small-and-minority-business-division</a>   |
| South Carolina Works                                       | <a href="https://jobs.scworks.org/vosnet/default.aspx">https://jobs.scworks.org/vosnet/default.aspx</a>   |