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RE: New NTIA Policy Notice

The NTIA issued a policy notice on June 6, 2025, outlining changes to the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. These changes also impact South Carolina's BEAD program; therefore, it is recommended all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) review the revised guidance, which is available for download on NTIA's website at: <https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2025/bead-restructuring-policy-notice>

In compliance and satisfaction with NTIA's policy notice and requirements, the South Carolina Broadband Office (SCBBO) hereby notifies all Unlicensed Fixed Wireless (ULFW) providers they have seven (7) calendar days to respond to our office that they intend to submit evidence that BEAD funding is not required for locations they serve.

Upon receiving a response from a ULFW provider, the SCBBO shall allow the provider seven (7) calendar days to submit documentation supporting the claim that the existing ULFW services meet the same technical and service standards required for a ULFW application for a BEAD subgrant (see Appendix A of the NTIA's policy notice for additional details), and the provider is reasonably capable of delivering the service for at least four (4) years after the date of the SCBBO's Final Proposal submission.

Additional guidance pertaining to the SC BEAD Grant Program and NTIA's new policy notice will be forthcoming. Questions during the interim can be submitted through the SC BEAD FAQ form, available at: <https://arcg.is/1vrXK00>

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