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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** South Carolina Internet Service Providers

**FROM:** Jim Stritzinger  
Director, SC Broadband Office

**DATE:** January 22, 2026

**RE:** Spring 2026 Data Request

To maintain efficient deployment of federal funding and prevent duplication of facilities, the SC Broadband Office (SCBBO) requests, pursuant to 2025 S.C. Acts 69, Part 1B, Proviso 73.9 (Proviso 73.9), that all residential and commercial Internet Service Providers (ISPs) submit their most recent information by **March 1, 2026**, so the next set of SC broadband maps can be developed. This is the first data request for 2026 and broadband maps using this information are expected to be published in the summer. **Improperly coded data will not be accepted.**

**NEW FOR 2026:** As we announced on [November 18, 2025](#), the SCBBO is offering *optional* Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Data Collection (BDC) **Pre-Screening Assistance** to ISPs. Participation is highly encouraged because it is intended to prevent many issues and may help eliminate the need for amended FCC filings. However, to take advantage, ISPs must share draft BDC information with the SCBBO by **Feb. 13, 2026**. See below for more details.

The following data elements are now required:

**1) FCC BDC (December 31, 2025)** – Submit your most recent BDC information in the same format as you submit to the FCC **by March 1, 2026**. Per FCC [instructions](#), each BDC filing must include information about the filer and:

**a) Broadband Availability Data**

- *Fixed wireline broadband service providers* must submit the **list of locations served** as calculated by the FCC's BDC portal. See [BDC Availability Data Specifications](#) Sections 6 and 7 for more info.

**NOTE:** *Even though the FCC BDC provides the option for a list of Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) to be reported as served by an ISP, the SCBBO recommends that all ISPs report to the FCC using carefully rendered shapefiles and then let the FCC BDC system calculate the location list. This is because we have observed that the BSL Fabric is being modified routinely – including many new locations, lat/long modifications, and street address*

*corrections. By carefully rendering and reporting shapefiles (with unserved donut holes removed), ISPs will likely be insulated from unexpected fabric changes.*

All South Carolina ISPs that have received funding from the SCBBO or participated in the other programs are required to verify that all Program Identified Locations (see below) which are construction complete are included in their December 31, 2025, BDC filing.

### **Optional FCC BDC Pre-Screening Assistance**

To assist with FCC BDC Dec. 31, 2025 filing, the SCBBO is offering pre-screening assistance to help make sure your data is as defect-free as possible.

As a first step for pre-screening, the SCBBO has identified BSLs (using the current FCC Version 8 Fabric) that were part of one of our programs in which they are expected to be reported in this BDC reporting cycle. Each of these locations has been compiled and placed into an ISP-specific data file:

#### **SCBBO\_ProgramIdentifiedLocations\_BDC\_March2026\_[ISPName].xlsx**

This is intended to be used as a “test battery” against your draft BDC data. Said differently, if your company has successfully included all of the BDC locations that are in this file, you will likely pass screening with the SCBBO and decrease the chances that an amended FCC BDC filing will be required.

Program Identified Locations that are in ISP-specific files are limited to fully complete projects, programs, and or construction phases. For purposes of this reporting cycle, programs are defined as “ARPA SLFRF 1.0,” “ARPA SLFRF 2.0,” “CPF,” “ARPA SLFRF 3.0,” “SC BEAD Eligibility Cleanup,” and the “SC BEAD Challenge Process” and/or “RBGP” and “CARESII.”

ISPs may download their unique file from their assigned Sharefile Mar 1, 2026 Data Request – [ISP Name] subdirectory.

Once ISPs have tested their draft BDC data against the Program Identified Locations above, they should share it with the SCBBO as soon as possible; however, no later than **Friday February 13, 2026**. Assuming draft files are received on/before February 13, the SCBBO will provide written feedback before the March 1, 2026, FCC deadline to each ISP letting them know whether issues have been found, or if their BDC data is clean and ready for formal FCC submission.

Once again, while this step is optional, participation in BDC Pre-Screening is **recommended** as it should prevent many issues, improve overall SC broadband statistics, and help minimize the need for amended FCC filings.

The BDC Pre-Screening is not to be considered instructions on how or what to file in your BDC report, it is only intended to aid and assist your organization in its filing.

Please be advised that any pre-screening assistance provided by SCBBO is informal and intended to provide general assistance only. It does not supersede, replace, or amend any applicable laws, regulations, rules, guidance, or other information provided by the FCC or other applicable federal agency. The SCBBO is unable to provide advice on how to comply with the FCC BDC process, offer opinions, or give legal counsel. The SCBBO is not responsible for any ISP's FCC BDC information and is not liable for any damages or injuries in any way related thereto.

#### **b) Broadband Subscription Data**

- *Facilities-based fixed broadband service providers* must report connections to end-user premises -- by census tract, technology code, advertised downstream speed, and advertised upstream speed -- that the service provider (including affiliates) equips to enable an end user to receive information from and/or send information to the internet at information transfer rates exceeding 200 kbps in at least one direction.

The FCC Form 477 file format continues to be used for reporting broadband subscription data. The SCBBO only accepts subscription data in properly formatted Comma Separated Value (CSV) files. Web forms will not be accepted.

See [BDC Availability Data Specifications](#) Section 5 for more info.

#### **c) FCC Confirmation Documents**

- ISPs must provide copies of BDC timestamped submission confirmations from the FCC to the SCBBO.

**2) ISP Contact Form** – Please update or create a detailed ISP contact form using the attached template. This will help the SCBBO maintain contact with appropriate personnel and communicate with your team on a variety of issues.

**3) FCC BDC Amendments** – If, for any reason, an ISP files amendments to their South Carolina portion of BDC December 31, 2025, information with the FCC, the ISP is required to share these modifications with the SCBBO at the same time.

**4) FCC Fabric Challenges** – If an ISP files Fabric Challenges with the FCC to either add, modify, or delete BSLs in South Carolina, the SCBBO would be grateful to receive a duplicate of the CSV file, together with all supporting data, that you uploaded to the FCC. We plan to do everything possible to support your challenge determinations. ISPs can notify the SCBBO whenever a Fabric Challenge is filed since the window never closes at the FCC.

Submit items 1 through 4 to your assigned Sharefile location:

**Mar 1, 2026 Data Request – [ISP Name]**

Submit this information as soon as possible but no later than **March 1, 2026**. The SCBBO would be grateful if all respondents would submit the ISP contact form, in particular, as soon as possible.

If you have not previously reported to the SCBBO, please send an email to [broadband@ors.sc.gov](mailto:broadband@ors.sc.gov) to request that a secure folder be created.

**PLEASE BE AWARE:** The SCBBO collaborates closely with the FCC with the goal of building the most accurate BSL Fabric for the State of South Carolina. We will require amended filings and may inform the FCC if we identify material errors in reported data. ISPs that do not accurately account for all SCBBO Program Identified Locations (as described above in Broadband Availability Section) will be required to amend their filings with the FCC. If, for any reason, the SCBBO requires an amended FCC filing, grant processing may be paused until revised confirmation pages and location information from the FCC are received and verified.

The SCBBO analyzes and aggregates all submitted data and features that information on [www.scdigitaldrive.org](http://www.scdigitaldrive.org).

We are grateful for the efforts of all parties that participate in our data collection. Please email [broadband@ors.sc.gov](mailto:broadband@ors.sc.gov) if there are any questions or need further clarification.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and cooperation.