

Mississippi Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

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Introduction

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program was established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, allocating over \$42 billion to build broadband networks and support initiatives aimed at closing the digital divide across the states. In June 2023, Mississippi was allocated \$1.2 billion from the total BEAD funding.

This document aims to provide prospective applicants with a clear and detailed guide to the Mississippi BEAD Letter of Intent process. Given the scale of this initiative and the possibility of additional or revised guidance from the administering federal agency, the National Telecommunications Administration ("NTIA"), there may be situations that necessitate deviations from the procedures outlined in this guide. In some cases, these situations may require amending this Letter of Intent guide to introduce new or modified requirements or procedures.

Mississippi's \$1.2 billion in BEAD funding is designated for statewide broadband deployment to all unserved and underserved areas. BEAM will manage the subgrantee selection process in the following phases as described in Initial Proposal Volume II:

Step 1: Define project areas to include all unserved and underserved locations statewide:

BEAM plans to make the initial assignments of defined project areas by defining the unserved, and underserved locations geographically. Prospective subgrantees will then apply for these service areas, as they so choose. The ultimate goal is to provide services to each project area. The BEAM office plans to subdivide the state geographically such that an application area would encompass a target number of BSLs, with additional consideration given to the overall coverage in square miles and the potential span of fiber routes.

Step 2: Accept Letters of Intent from ISPs:

Establish a streamlined process for ISPs to express their intent to participate in the broadband expansion initiative through a Letter of Intent process, whereby BEAM requests essential information, including their interest in specific project areas, to gauge their willingness to contribute to the initiative. Provide ISPs with guidelines and a submission channel, such as an online portal, to submit Letters of Intent ("LOI"). <u>This Letter of Intent process is a prerequisite (absent special considerations) for applying for a subgrant.</u>

Step 3: Review Letters of Intent to understand if project areas as defined will maximize participation:

After receiving Letters of Intent from ISPs, BEAM will review the Letters of Intent to gauge interest and assess alignment with the defined project areas. This evaluation will help determine if the project areas encompass the maximum potential for participation from interested providers and if any adjustments or clarifications are needed.

Step 4: Re-define project areas, as necessary:

If the review of Letters of Intent reveals gaps or areas that may not maximize ISP participation, BEAM may choose to re-define some or all project areas. This may involve revisiting the initial criteria, consulting with stakeholders, and making data-driven adjustments to ensure that the project areas are optimized for participation and successful broadband deployment.

Step 5: Open a competitive application process allowing applications to be submitted for finalized project areas: Once project areas have been re-defined and confirmed, the BEAM office will launch an open and competitive application process. The application portal will establish clear guidelines for applicants, including ISPs and other potential partners, to submit detailed proposals outlining how they plan to address broadband deployment within the finalized project areas. This process allows for the selection of the most promising proposals, ensuring efficient and effective broadband expansion to all Mississippians.

Program Eligibility

To receive BEAD funding, subgrantees must:

- 1. Complete a Letter of Intent
- 2. Meet mandated financial requirements;
- 3. Meet mandated organizational requirements, including ownership;
- 4. Propose a project that will provide at least 100/20 service to applied for locations within the service area within the required timeline; AND
- 5. Certify ability to comply with all applicable requirements mandated by NTIA, 2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance, and the State of Mississippi.

Letter of Intent Resources

BEAM will post this guide, templates, FAQ documents, and relevant application portal links to the BEAM <u>website</u>. Any changes to documents will be noted in subsequent versions. Applicants should mark as "confidential" any submitted information that the submitter considers confidential or proprietary.

During the review period, applicants may receive requests from BEAM for any missing or incorrect documentation required by the Letter of Intent. Requested additional documentation should be provided to BEAM within a timely manner.

The Letter of Intent process is the first step in the multi-phase application process in order to ensure all applicants meet the NTIA subgrantee minimum qualifications and offer prospective applicants the opportunity to help shape the pre-defined project areas. During the Letter of Intent

filing window, prospective subgrantees must provide financial, operational, managerial and technical qualifications as well as submit required certifications and authorization as required by the <u>BEAD NOFO</u>, Uniform Guidance (UG) <u>2 CFR 200</u> and the new <u>NTIA BEAD</u> <u>Restructuring Policy Notice</u>. The <u>BEAD NOFO</u> and the <u>BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice</u>, outline requirements to meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the program. These include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- 1. Financial Capability: Certifications and documentation, letter of credit commitment letter OR performance bond commitment letter, audited financial statements, business plans
- 2. Organizational Capability: Key management resumes, Organizational charts, Certification of operational readiness, Evidence of prior service in relevant areas, Compliance with regulatory filings, Uniform Guidance requirements for federal awards
- 3. Technical Capability: Certifications and documentation, plans for skilled and credentialed workforce, deployment/service obligations
- 4. Certifications and Compliance: Adherence to federal, state, and local laws, Compliance with occupational safety regulations
- 5. Federal Labor and Employment Laws: Adherence to federal labor and employment laws, Labor, and employment practices
- 6. Risk Management: Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management plans
- 7. Ownership: Ownership information required by <u>47 C.F.R. § 1.2112(a)(1)-(7)</u>
- 8. National Laws: Adherence to National Environmental Protection Act, National Historic Preservation Act and Build America, Buy America

Letter of Intent Required Documentation and Certifications/Attestations

This preliminary Letter of Intent Guide may be updated to align with any changes in the BEAD federal program requirements. BEAM may seek clarifications as necessary and may also require additional details, updates, or documentation to ensure program eligibility. This guide serves as a condensed overview of the required Letter of Intent materials.

After the recent NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice, several questions have been removed from LOI and are no longer required. These questions will not be considered as part of your LOI submission.

To assist you, the omitted questions are highlighted in **black**, with accompanying notes to guide you on how to address them within the portal, if needed. Due to tight time constraints, the portal itself will not be updated to remove these questions; however, please be assured that these questions will not count against your submission or bind you to any outdated requirements.

The LOI process will remain open throughout the application period. Please note that an LOI must be submitted and reviewed before an application can be submitted.

The Letter of Intent phase is organized into ten sections: Administrative, Financial Capability, Managerial Capacity, Technical Capability, Ownership, Compliance with Laws, Other Public Funding, Risk Management, National Laws, and the Letter of Intent itself. All forms must be completed in full before submission. Additionally, for identification purposes, all uploaded documents should follow this naming convention: Entity Name_File Name.

SECTION 1: Administrative

Summary

Applicants must provide their administrative details as to the applicant, including company details and primary and secondary contacts.

Administrative Questions/Document Uploads

1 - 11 – Provide the following information related to your organization:

- 1. Organization Name: Include full company name.
- 2. Primary Contact First and Last Name: This should be the person primarily responsible for completing the application.
- 3. Primary Contact Email
- 4. Primary Contact Phone
- 5. Primary Contact Title
- 6. Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) First Name and Last Name
- 7. AOR Title
- 8. AOR Email
- 9. AOR Phone Number
- 10. Organization Website
- **11. Organization Address**

Prepare to appoint your Authorized Organizational Representative. The authorized organizational representation (AOR) should be legally authorized to make financial decisions and sign contracts on the applicant's behalf. Corporate/LLC authorizing resolutions setting forth the authority of the AOR will be required.

Basic Information Questions/Document Uploads

- **12 16** Provide the following information related to your organization:
 - **12.** Please indicate the type of organization submitting this Letter of Intent
 - Internet Service Provider or Electric Cooperative Broadband affiliate

- **13.** FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- 14. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as associated with the organization on SAM.gov
 - The UEI is the key identifier for an entity across the entire federal award process and in SAM.gov. According to the BEAD NOFO, "each subrecipient must obtain a UEI and provide it to the Eligible Entity." Any entity conducting business with the federal government must have an active registration in SAM.gov. Note that your application will not be accepted without an active SAM.gov registration, and if awarded, no funds can be reimbursed in the future unless the registration remains active. If your company does not currently have a UEI, you can obtain one by registering on sam.gov. (NOTE: The UEI was previously referred to as a DUNS number.) Please upload proof of your active registration in the form of a screenshot or PDF. (*Textbox/Upload*)
- 15. MAGIC Vendor ID
 - If the organization does not have a MAGIC Vendor ID, one must be created prior to the release of any BEAD funds. The link for MAGIC registration information can be found <u>here.</u>
- 16. Provide documentation of your state business registration.
 - If your business is not registered with the state, you must complete and upload the documentation required by the Mississippi Secretary of State found <u>here</u> to obtain a business registration **prior to** submitting your Letter of Intent. (Upload)

Organizational Grant Eligibility

- 17 24 Provide the following information related to your organization:
- 17. Is the applying organization currently delinquent on any federal debt? (Checkbox)
- **18.** Please confirm the applying entity is aware that equipment from prohibited manufacturers under <u>2CFR §200.216</u> is ineligible for grant funding. *(Checkbox)*
- 19. Does the applying entity have broadband operations experience? (Checkbox)
- **20.** Does the applying entity have experience managing federally funded grant programs in the past three years? *(Checkbox)*
- **21.** Has there been any turnover in key personnel who will be responsible for the program or oversight of the program in the last 3 years? *(Checkbox)*
- 22. Has the applicant entered markets lacking access to broadband? (Checkbox)
- 23. Describe the applicant's customer installation and customer service operations. (Textbox)
- 24. Has the applicant ever been disqualified from receiving federal, state, or local broadband grant funds for failure to meet deployment milestones or otherwise failure to satisfy funding obligations? *(Checkbox)*

SECTION 2: Financial Capability

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding are required to provide organizational financial information during the Letter of Intent process. Project specific financial projections will be required as part of the application process's phase. A summary of the Letter of Intent questions and associated documentation are provided below.

Financial Capacity Questions/Document Uploads

25 - 29 - Provide the following information related to your organization:

25. Does the applicant certify that they have read and understood all of the financial requirements of the BEAD Program and are financially qualified to meet the obligations associated with the grant program? *(Checkbox)*

NOTE: Your entity will have the option to obtain a letter of credit amounting to 25% of the subaward amount OR to obtain a performance bond in an amount equivalent to the subaward amount.

- **26.** Has your entity received a commitment letter from a bank meeting the requirements of <u>47 C.F.R. § 54.804(c)(2)</u> to issue a standby letter of credit amounting to no less than 25% of the subawards you intend to apply for? *(Checkbox)*
- **26a**. Please upload commitment letter from bank meeting the requirements of <u>47 C.F.R. §</u> <u>54.804(c)(2)</u>. (Upload)
- **26b.** Has your organization received a letter from a company holding a certificate of authority as an acceptable surety on federal bonds as identified in the Department of Treasury Circular 570 committing to issue a performance bond in an amount equivalent the BEAD award for which your entity is applying? *(Checkbox)*
- **26c.** Please upload letter from an acceptable surety committing to provide a performance bond. (Upload)
 - If your entity intends to apply for multiple project areas, please provide multiple letters demonstrating your entity's ability to obtain performance bonds.
- 27. Please upload the applicant's Historical Audited Financial Statements (Previous 3 Years).
 - If the applicant does not have audited financial statements from the last 3 years, please submit unaudited financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) from three prior fiscal years. (Upload)
- 28. Has the applicant undergone a single audit or program specific audit in the past 3 years?
 - If yes, please upload that documentation. (Upload)

29. Is your entity willing to certify, upon submission of an application for BEAD funding, that it will have the available funds for all project costs exceeding the amount of BEAD funding requested and that it will comply with all BEAD program requirements, including service milestones for the next 4 years? *(Checkbox)*

SECTION 3: Managerial Capacity

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding are required to provide information on organizational key personnel, management structure, prior experience, and current projects.

Managerial Capacity Questions/Document Uploads

30 - 34 - Provide the following information related to your organization:

- **30.** Please submit detailed business plans, standard operating procedures, and related analyses that substantiate the sustainability of your participation in the grant program, beginning on the signing of award and grant agreement and ending no less than 5 years after construction completion. (Upload 5 pages maximum)
 - This can be provided in the form of pro forma statements or analyses and must include cash flow and balance sheet projections. This information should include at least three years of operating cost and cash flow projections post targeted completion of project.
 - The BEAM Office understands that at this stage you may not have detailed business plans as you have not decided how you will apply. Please provide financial summaries profiling the company's current broadband business operations in the state, such as income statements or other certified summaries demonstrating sound financial health, and/or pro forma business projections for your company's overall broadband business operations in the State. More detailed business plans per Sub-Project Area will be required upon application.
- **31.** What is the current size of the applicant's existing construction and operations team? *(Textbox)*
- **32.** What is the expected size of team managing grant requirements and project if grant is awarded? *(Textbox)*
- **33.** Please provide one-page resumes for all key management personnel (financial, technical, and managerial) and any necessary organizational charts detailing all parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates. *(.PDF Uploads)*
 - Each resume must include a minimum of five years of relevant experience.

- The organizational chart should include all relevant personnel. Names and titles should be clearly identified for all positions.
- If relevant, also provide a narrative on upcoming organizational changes including mergers, acquisitions, and organizational policies.
- **34.** Please upload evidence that you have timely filed the Federal Communications Commission's Form 477 and Broadband DATA Act submissions. *(Upload)*
 - This can be verified by uploading email confirmations or screenshotted verifications.

SECTION 4: Technical Capability

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding are required to provide evidence of technical capability in the Letter of Intent process. Project specific technical reports, estimates, etc. will be required as part of the application process's phase. A summary of the Letter of Intent questions and associated documentation are provided below.

Technical Capability Questions/Document Uploads

35 - 38 - Provide the following information related to your organization:

- **35.** Describe the applicant's current service area. *(Textbox)*
- 36. Upload the applicant's existing network diagram. (Upload)
- **37.** Describe the applicant's existing network. *(Textbox)*
- **38.** Does the applicant certify they will use an appropriately skilled and credentialed workforce? (*Checkbox*) *** This question is no longer required by new Federal Guidance. To bypass this required question in the portal, please check the box but note that you are not certifying this statement by doing so as it is no longer required.

Organizational Grant Capability

Summary

Uniform Guidance (UG) 2 CFR 200 sets forth administrative, cost principles, and audit requirements for recipients and subrecipients of federal awards. Since BEAD applicants will be considered subrecipients under federal grant management rules, they will need to provide specific documentation to BEAM to meet these requirements.

Letter of Intent Questions/Document Uploads

Please provide copies of the following documents, as PDF, demonstrating organizational grant

capabilities. If the organization does not have a policy or believes a policy is not applicable, upload a document with an explanation. *(Upload)*

- **39.** Negotiated Federal Indirect Cost (IDC) Rate Agreement (2CFR 200.332)
- 40. Policy & Procedure: Vendor Payments (2CFR 200.302)
- 41. Policy & Procedure: Accounting, Grants & Budgeting (2CFR 200.334; 2CFR 200.302)
- 42. Policy & Procedure: Records Retention (2CFR 200.334)
- 43. Policy & Procedure: Inventory & Property Management (2CFR 200.310-316)
- 44. Description of organization's financial tracking system

SECTION 5: Ownership

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding must submit relevant ownership information as required by 47 C.F.R. 1.2112(a)(1)-(7).

Ownership Questions/Document Uploads

- **45.** Please upload ownership information consistent with the requirements set forth in <u>47 C.F.R. § 1.2112(a)(1)-(7).</u> (Upload)
 - In the case of entities comprising more than a single party, such as a joint or consortium application entities forming to pursue BEAD funds in Mississippi, ownership information must be submitted for each participant in the multiparty entity. In addition, the underlying consortium agreement between the parties must also be provided in order for BEAM to assess whether the underlying obligations amongst the parties provide for sufficient operational, technical, and managerial commitments to meet BEAD program requirements

SECTION 6: Compliance With Laws

Summary

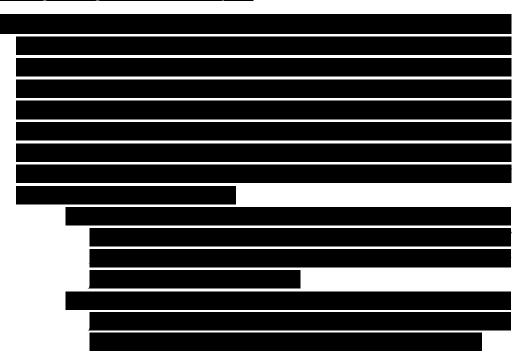
Prospective applicants will be required to describe, certify and/or attest to the requirements below to be considered for BEAD program eligibility. Certifications and Attestations will be captured within the portal and must be completed by an authorized official of the organization.

Compliance Questions/Document Uploads

46. Please describe your plan to comply with all relevant Federal, State, Territorial and local laws including how your organization will ensure compliance with occupational safety and health requirements. *(Upload)*

- Per NOFO language pg. 56-57, "These plans must address, at a minimum, how the prospective subgrantee will ensure compliance in its own labor and employment practices, as well as that of its contractors and subcontractors, including (1) information on 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 and (2) how the subgrantee will ensure the implementation of workplace safety committees that are authorized to raise health and safety concerns in connection with the delivery of deployment projects."
- 47. Do you certify your historical commitment and compliance with fair labor laws for the last three years? (Checkbox).*** This question is no longer required by new Federal Guidance. To bypass this required question in the portal, please check the box but note that you are not certifying this statement by doing so as it is no longer required.

48. Please upload and detail your plans for ensuring compliance with Federal Labor and Employment laws for your organization and contractors. *(Upload)*** This question is no longer required by new Federal Guidance. To bypass this required question in the portal, please upload a blank PDF file.*





- **49.** Do you attest and certify that you will follow the federal child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938? *(Checkbox)*
 - Upload and detail your plans for ensuring compliance with Federal Child Labor provisions for your organization and contractors. The plan should include clear procedures regarding the employment of minors, training on child labor laws for managers and supervisors, record retention considerations, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement activities and communication at a minimum.
- **50.** Will your organization permit workers to create worker-led health and safety committees that management will meet with upon reasonable request? (*Checkbox*)*** *This question is no longer required by new Federal Guidance. To bypass this required question in the portal, please check the box but note that you are not certifying this statement by doing so as it is no longer required.*
- **51.** Does the applying entity certify that it will comply with Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements as outlined in the BEAD NOFO and the BEAD BABA Limited General Applicability Nonavailability Waiver? (*Checkbox/Upload 2 pages maximum*)
 - Please upload your plans to comply with Build America, Buy America Act requirements as outlined in the <u>BEAD NOFO</u>.

SECTION 7: Other Public Funding

Summary

Prospective applicants will be required to list and describe all public funding the applicant has received.

Other Public Funding Questions/Document Uploads

- **52.** Please upload (and complete Appendix A) the award documents for all public funding the applicant has received. If not included in the award documents, please provide separate documentation indicating the following for each program:
 - (1) Speed and latency of the broadband service to be provided

(2) The geographic area to be covered

(3) The number of unserved and underserved locations your organization is committed to serve

- (4) The amount of public funding awarded
- (5) The cost of service to the consumer
- (6) The matching commitment provided by your organization

SECTION 8: Risk Management

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding <u>must</u> provide Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management plans. See <u>IP Volume 2, 2.16.4</u> for guidance on requirements related to Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Plans.

Risk Management Questions/Document Uploads

Cybersecurity

53— **55** - Do you attest that you have the following (see NOFO LANGUAGE pg. 70): (IP Volume 2, 2.16.4(A))

- **53.** "The prospective subgrantee has a cybersecurity risk management plan (the plan) in place that is either: *(Checkbox)*
 - operational, if the prospective subgrantee is providing service prior to the award of the grant; or
 - ready to be operationalized upon providing service, if the prospective subgrantee is not yet providing service prior to the grant award;
- **54.** The plan reflects the latest version of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (currently Version 1.1) and the standards and controls set forth in Executive Order 14028 and specifies the security and privacy controls being implemented; *(Checkbox)*
- **55.** The plan will be reevaluated and updated on a periodic basis and as events warrant; and if the subgrantee makes any substantive changes to the plan, a new version will be submitted to the Eligible Entity within 30 days. The Eligible Entity must provide a subgrantee's plan to NTIA upon NTIA's request. *(Checkbox)*
- 56. Please submit the applying entity's network cybersecurity plan, to include (but not limited to): potential risks, types of security policies and procedures, network security measures, endpoint security, data protection, training, and compliance). (NOFO, pg. 39 & 70-71)

(Upload – 5 pages maximum)

Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)

57— **61** - Do you attest that you have read and understood the following (NOFO LANGUAGE pg. 70): (**IP Volume 2, 2.16.4(B)**)

- 57. "The prospective subgrantee has a SCRM plan in place that is either: *(Checkbox)*
 - operational, if the prospective subgrantee is already providing service at the time of the grant; or
 - ready to be operationalized, if the prospective subgrantee is not yet providing service at the time of grant award.
- **58.** The plan is based upon the key practices discussed in the NIST publication NISTIR 8276, Key Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management: Observations from Industry and related SCRM guidance from NIST, including NIST 800-161, Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations and specifies the supply chain risk management controls being implemented; (Checkbox)
- **59.** The plan will be reevaluated and updated on a periodic basis and as events warrant; and if the subgrantee makes any substantive changes to the plan, a new version will be submitted to the Eligible Entity within 30 days. The Eligible Entity must provide a subgrantee's plan to NTIA upon NTIA's request *(Checkbox)*
- 60. Upload your detailed supply chain risk management plan. (Upload 3 pages maximum)
 - Plan should include strategies to identify, assess, mitigate, and monitor risks within a supply chain

SECTION 9: National Laws

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (<u>42 U.S.C §4321 *et seq.*</u>) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (<u>54 U.S.C. §300101 *et seq.*</u>).

National Law Questions/Document Uploads

- 61. Do you certify that you will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)? (IP Volume 2, Section 2.4.5) (Checkbox)
- **62.** Do you certify that you understand that NEPA Analysis will be required for every project funded through the BEAD Program and agree to provide sufficient information to allow for NEPA Analysis such as a detailed project description, including applicable supporting documentation? (*Checkbox*)

63. Do you certify that that you understand that you are responsible for identifying and obtaining applicable Federal, State and Local Permits (such as easements) required to complete project? *(Checkbox)*

SECTION 10: Letter of Intent

Summary

Companies applying for BEAD funding <u>must</u> complete the BEAD Letter of Intent process. Certifications and Attestations will be captured within the portal and must be completed by an authorized official of the organization.

Letter of Intent Questions/Document Uploads

- 64. Please indicate the type of organization submitting this Letter of Intent.
 - Eligible Broadband Service Provider
 - o Rural Electric Power Association's Broadband Affiliate
 - Other entity with demonstrated financial, technical, and operational capability in building and operating a broadband network.
- 65. Please select the assigned project area number(s) of which the applicant intends to apply. (Dropdown)***This question is no longer required. Please select any single project area to bypass the required question. Note that this is not binding you to apply for this project area.
- 66. If awarded, would the applying entity be willing to undertake an additional project area adjacent to the one they will be applying for? (*Checkbox*)*** This question is no longer required. To bypass this required question in the portal, please check the box but note that you are not certifying this statement by doing so as it is no longer required.
- 67. What type of technology is planned to be deployed in the service area of which the applicant intends to apply? (*Checkbox*) ****This question is no longer required*. *Please select any technology type to bypass the required question. Note that this is not binding you to apply for this project area.*
- **68.** Does the applying entity certify that they will engage in fair equal, and equitable business practices such as grant application safeguards against collusion, bias, conflicts of interest, arbitrary decisions, and other factors that could undermine confidence in the public process? *(Checkbox)*
- 69. Please submit a detailed safeguarding policy. (Upload 2-pages maximum)
- 70. Does the applying entity certify they have read and will abide by the Notice of

Funding Opportunity (NOFO)? (Checkbox)

- **71.** Does the applying entity certify they have read and will abide by Mississippi's Initial Proposal Volume II, including any addendums and changes? *(Checkbox)*
- 72. Does the applying entity attest that all information provided in this Letter of Intent, supporting information, and supporting documentation are true and accurate to the best of its knowledge? *(Checkbox)*

Appendix A: Prior Experience

Please provide evidence detailing your company's scope, amount, length, and funding source for recent broadband projects. This should include past involvement in telecommunications deployments in Mississippi and otherwise. Additionally, provide information about your methods and strategies in handling these projects. Each project example should be no more than five pages.

Project 1

• Scope, Amount, Length, Funding Source

• Past Involvement in Telecommunications Deployments and Similar-Scale Projects

• Methods and Strategies in Handling Projects of a Comparable Size and Scope

Project 2

1. Scope, Amount, Length, Funding Source

2. Past Involvement in Telecommunications Deployments and Similar-Scale Projects

3. Methods and Strategies in Handling Projects of a Comparable Size and Scope

Project 3

1. Scope, Amount, Length, Funding Source

2. Past Involvement in Telecommunications Deployments and Similar-Scale Projects

3. Methods and Strategies in Handling Projects of a Comparable Size and Scope

Please download the spreadsheet in the figure below to report Existing Broadband Projects/all broadband deployment projects that have received or are expected to receive public funding (both state and federal). Include projects for which your company has applied or intends to apply, along with any publicly funded broadband deployment endeavors conducted or planned by your company or its affiliates. These may include (but not limited to) Families First Coronavirus Response Act, CARES Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act, American Rescue Act Plan of 2021, Any federal Universal Service Fund high-cost program (e.g., RDOF, CAF).

The downloadable form is available <u>here</u>.

All columns must be filled in for each project noted.

	Existing Broadband Projects								
Instructions:									
In the space below, please submit a list of all broadband projects that the prospective applicant has received or expects to receive public funding (both state and federal). Include projects for which your company has applied or intends to apply, along with any publicly fundeed broadband deployment endewords conducted or planned by your company or its affiliates. These may include (but not limited to) Families First Coronavirus Response Act, CARES Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act, American Rescue Act Plan of 2021; Any federal Universal Service Fund high-cost program (e.g., RDG). CAP:									
REQUIREMENTS									
	Project Name	Prior, Current, or Upcoming application?	Speed and latency of broadband service to be provided	Geographic area to be covered	Locations committed to serve - unserved	Locations committed to serve - underserved	Amount of public funding to be used	Cost of service to customer	Matching commitment (if any) provided by company or it's
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Version History & Updates

Date	Notes
6.10.2025	Omitted questions highlighted in black to account for the New BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (#38, 47, 48, 50, 65, 66, 67)

The table above maintains a record of version history, including details of any updates made and their corresponding publication dates. Significant changes to the procedures or requirements outlined in this document will prompt the release of a new version number, along with a clearly marked publication date.