



Office of Broadband Development | BEAD Office Hours

July 22, 2025

BEAD Timeline in Minnesota

- Prequalification Reopened: 6/24/2025, **closed 7/21, at 4:30PM CST**
- [Eligible locations](#) posted 6/30/2025 & [BEAD map](#) with locations available 7/1/2025
- **Application Portal Opened: 7/14/2025**
- **Application Portal Close: 1:30 PM CST 7/24/2025**
- Deconfliction and Revision begins 7/25/2025
- Direct Negotiation Round (if needed) 7/25/2025
- Final Proposal posted for public comment **8/28/2025.**

FAQs, Updates and Clarifications

- Clarification: **Will a new affidavit be required?**
 - **Updated Answer:** No. A new affidavit will not be required.
 - ~~Answer: If your project isn't changing you can carry that over. If you have a new application, you will have to have a new affidavit. If you have more specifics on your situation email deed.broadband@state.mn.us with specifics.~~
- Clarification: **How will Minnesota pay grantees?**
 - **Answer:** Minnesota will utilize its standard reimbursement process with the added BEAD Milestones. Reimbursements are based on actual and eligible paid expenses with documentation and are subject to milestones. More information can be found in the draft contract terms under Resources on the BEAD webpage [BEAD Grant Contract Agreement DRAFT](#) Note that due to restructuring some terms and conditions are obsolete or modified and we are waiting for updated terms and conditions from NTIA.

OBD will email attendees when the final FAQ is posted, ahead of the portal closing on 7/24

- Current FAQs are available here: [Restructured BEAD FAQs, 7/16/2025](#)

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"Bargain" of the day – save yourself a revision request.

- **Question 19 under Workforce Support is required.**
- Provide the estimated number of employment opportunities (full-time equivalent) created by the project.

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Workforce Support

Note: This section is **optional** and the required information was collected in the pre-qualification stage. As required by IJJA, Subgrantees must have a demonstrated record of, and plans to continue compliance with, Federal labor and employment laws and will satisfy this requirement through self-certification of compliance with Federal labor and employment laws

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Clarification: **Priority Broadband Projects**

This definition, which is copied from NTIA's June 6th Policy Notice, is listed below. Priority Broadband Project—The term “Priority Broadband Project” means a project that provides broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 megabits per second for downloads and 20 megabits per second for uploads, has a latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds, and can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services

To ensure compliance with NTIA's June 6th Policy Notice, applicants' Network Tech fillable Upload prompts applicants to provide narrative and technical details of how their planned application meets the updated definition of a Priority Broadband Project.

- The project narrative should be specific to planned project areas and specific to the technology to be deployed in planned project areas.
- Applicants should clearly describe how the planned technology for each specific, planned project area meets all components of the definition of a Priority Broadband Project.
- Applicants should consider foliage and tree canopy coverage, the density of eligible and total BSLs, and topographical and geographical features.

Applicants may be asked for additional information if evidence of meeting NTIA's Priority Broadband Project definition is not clearly provided and the turn-around time will be short