Office of Broadband Development | BEAD Office Hours

July 15, 2025

- Prequalification Reopened: 6/24/2025

- [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 Central Time 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**.

Technical Assistance – Completing an Application

- The Restructured BEAD Application Guide was posted (7/11/2025) and prequalified applicants notified via email.

- Due to time constraints, OBD may not have the opportunity to cure missing, incomplete, or non-compliant applicant information. If an applicant is unsure of a requirement, they should reach out to deed.broadband@state.mn.us for clarification ASAP and prior to the application deadline.

- ~~Applicants that previously applied and will have minor changes to their projects, are encouraged to reach out to deed.broadband@state.mn.us to identify those areas they need to adjust in their application so OBD can plan to open the section(s) for revision. If there are major changes to a previous application, the applicant must submit a new application.~~

Technical Assistance – Completing an Application

- ✅ Complete each section of the application and submit

- NEW Applicants – start a new application

- PREVIOUS Applicants

  - **Start a new application**

  - **In Progress Round 2 Applications are round 1 applications that can be revised and submitted in Round 2.**

  - Carried-Forward Round 1 Applications are what was originally submitted.

Posted Applicant Resources

Required Templates for upload are available on the OBD BEAD webpage under the "BEAD Applicant Resources" and can also be downloaded in the portal.

BEAD Applicant Resources

- BEAD Restructured Application Guide
- Section 3: BEAD Network Tech Form Fillable Upload Q 5
- Section 3: BEAD Geospatial Data Upload Guide Q 6
- Section 6: BEAD Minnesota Letter of Credit TEMPLATE Q 18
- Section 11: BEAD Budget Schedule Proforma Pricing Workbook (xlsx) Q 48
- Section 11: BEAD Affidavit Template Upload Q 49
- BEAD Waiver Request Form Guide
- BEAD Call for Applications
- BEAD Pre-Qualification Guidance
- BEAD Grantor Portal Pre-Qualification User Guide
- BEAD Grant Contract Agreement DRAFT (some sections obsolete due to BEAD Restructuring)

- All forms are the same as originally published except the BEAD Network Tech

- Wireless and LEO applicants will see updates to their sections reflecting Exhibit A and B from NTIA's BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice

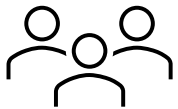- Previous Applicants only need to revise their forms if they have changes that impact the forms.

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Submit BEAD questions through the BEAD FAQ Submission Form: https://forms.office.com/g/jE9EC1Zzpv

Email deed.broaband@state.mn.us

Feedback + Questions