Idaho Broadband Advisory Board
Meeting Packet: Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | 10:00am – 11:00am MST (or upon adjournment)
Idaho Capitol Building
Room WW53
This meeting will also be held virtually via Zoom
Register in advance [here](#).

Time	Topic	Presenter	Notes
10:00 am	Call to Order Roll Call	Chairman Vander Woude	
10:05 am	Approve Meeting Minutes March 15, 2023 March 22, 2023 March 31, 2023	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
10:10 am	Idaho Broadband Fund Contracts & Legal Counsel: K&L Gates	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Dept. of Commerce & Jeff Cohen and Rob Dodson, K&L Gates	Action Item
10:25 am	Idaho Office of Broadband Update • Idaho CPF Program • Idaho Broadband Map • Idaho BEAD Program • Public Outreach	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Dept. of Commerce	
10:45 am	Any New Business & Next IBAB Meetings	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	
11:00 am	Adjournment	Chairman Vander Woude	

For additional information, please contact the State's Broadband Program Manager, Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez at 208.287.3153 or ramon.hobdey-sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov.

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Room WW53 and via Zoom

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Vice-Chair Sen. Doug Ricks, Idaho Legislator	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contracts Manager
Sen. Trent Berg, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Idaho Legislator	
Rep. Barbara Ehardt, Idaho Legislator	
Andrew Emerson, MH Solutions	
Mitch Watkins, Watkins Distribution (Z)	
Margie Watson, JC Watson & Company (Z)	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	

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Call to order:
Chairman Rep. John Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes 2-15-2023 meeting.
Motion by: Margie Watson to approve meeting minutes.
Seconded by: Andy Emerson
All in favor: motion passes

Idaho Broadband Fund: Public Comments on Awarded Projects:

The following addressed the Board with submitting proposals and support:

Commentors:
- Patrick Caron from Cable One/Sparklight
- Stafford Strong, Charter Commission
- Jessica Eply, Ziply Fiber

Port of Lewiston Project ($6.3M)
- Scott Corbitt, GM

IRON/IIG Project ($20M)

- Andy Binder, IRON President/CEO

Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines:

Draft 1 was presented in February.

New Business: N/A

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Adjournment: 10:45 AM

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Idaho Office of Broadband Update:

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Program Manager of Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines:

Board discussion on guideline verbiage and language.

The Board advised document to be revised before voting on it. Time frame for clean copy with changes by next meeting.

Staff will make revisions.

New Business: NA

Next IBAB Meetings: Monday, March 27, 2023, at 8:00 am. *(Meeting date and time was revised to Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9:00 am.)*

Adjournment: 10:00 am

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Idaho Office of Broadband Update:
Ramon on BEAD program and 5-year Action Plan and supplemental funds have been signed.

Capital Projects Fund: Executive Summary Public Comments & Grant Guidelines

Final consideration with change of verbiage from original draft regarding edits to clarify when writing the agreement related to grant guidelines.

Discussed CPF Grant Program and Guidelines. Plans for public comment period.

Motion made by: Andy Emerson made motion to approve Idaho CPF grant guidelines and to open up the grant portal within 3-business days of Treasury approval of the program, along with the addition of lobbying reference per earlier discussion.
Seconded by: Sen. Ruchti
All in favor: motion passes

All approved

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New Business: N/A

- **Tentative Next IBAB Meetings (subject to change):**
    - No April Meeting Scheduled.
    - Wednesday, May 17, 2023
    - Wednesday, June 14, 2023
    - Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Adjournment: 9:25 AM

K&L GATES

K&L Gates LLP Materials Prepared for

**State of Idaho/Department of Commerce-
Broadband Infrastructure Project**

Submitted by:
Jeff Cohen
Rob Dodson
Eric Freedman

April 22, 2023

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- Bankruptcy and insolvency
- Boundary matters
- Construction agreements
- Data protection
- Eminent domain
- Environmental due diligence, permitting, and litigation
- Financing
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- Leases, licenses, and easement agreements
- Loan facility counseling
- Lobbying
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Project development and finance
- Real estate development and construction
- Securitization and structured finance
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- Taxation

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Project Description

The Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON) and Intermountain Infrastructure Group (IIG) have submitted a proposal to construct, own, and manage a broadband network extending from Grangeville in northern Idaho to Star in southern Idaho at Star. The IRON/IIG proposal specifically acknowledges the three broadband priorities set forth in the State's December 22, 2022 call for proposals:

1. <u>Middle-Mile Broadband Infrastructure</u>: IRON/IIG have proposed construction of a 198-mile, 288-strand fiber connection linking the core network to last mile service providers. IRON/IIG proposes that approximately 99% of the network will be underground, thereby providing scaled capacity and reliability for three decades. As open access infrastructure, the network will create a free-market environment providing expanded opportunity for existing Idaho "last mile" service providers and encouraging new Idaho "last mile" service providers to enter communities. The project is dependent on the Port of Lewiston being able to complete its Moscow to Lewiston to Grangeville middle mile network—which would in combination with the IRON/IIG network create a new 314-mile north to south middle mile network.

2. <u>Shovel Ready</u>: IRON/IIG represents that the project is shovel ready, being mapped, fielded, and priced using current vendor input. Once a definitive contract with the State of Idaho is fully executed, the project will, according to IRON/IIG, be ready to enter the permit process. IRON/IIG estimates that it will take 36 months to complete the project and bring it online.

3. <u>Financial Match</u>: IRON and IIG commit to providing $60 million of the $80 million project cost. The project would provide expanded broadband access in five counties and nine communities that are underserved today.

K&L Gates Primary Project Team Roles/Links to Biographies

<u>Jeff Cohen</u> - Project management and supervision. Contract drafting and negotiation.

https://www.klgates.com/Jeff-M-Cohen1

<u>Rob Dodson</u> - Contract drafting and negotiation.

https://www.klgates.com/Jack-R-Dodson-III

Eric Freedman - Structuring and contract drafting.

https://www.klgates.com/Eric-E-Freedman

Alyssa Moir - Land Use/Environmental

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Elizabeth Crouse - Taxation

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Edmundo de la Fuente - Real Estate

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Rhys Hefta – Structuring and finance

Rhys W. Hefta | People | K&L Gates (klgates.com)

Scope of Work and Proposed Budget

We have listed below the tasks on which we would anticipate to assist the State in connection with the project. We strive to utlilize an appropriate balance of associates and partners in order to staff matters efficiently. Subject matter experts are utilized as appropriate. For each of the tasks listed below, we estimated the number of hours required, based on past experience, and then multiplied that number by an average hourly billing rate of $750 for the attorneys staffing the project. Without the ability to predict the pace and difficulty of negotiating with IRON/IIG, we request that there be an opportunity to revisit our budget estimates in the event the transaction becomes protracted or changes in any material way from the assumptions and qualifications noted below.

1.   Investigation of Idaho Regional Optical Network (IRON) and Intermountain Infrastructure Group (IIG) to help assess their creditworthiness and experience with telecommunications infrastrucure projects: $6,000

2.   Assessment of IRON/IIG reports/studies for the project, including those relating to (i) site selection/real estate, (ii) engineering, (iii) permits and approvals, and (iv) environmental matters: $22,550

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3.   Drafting and negotiating a comprehensive Project Joint Development Agreement (JDA), based upon the following assumptions: $150,000

     a.   IRON/IIG will develop, construct, own, and operate the network.

     b.   Idaho Dept. of Commerce's investment of $20,000,000 will be made at the back-end of the project's development.

     c.   Development and construction of the project will be made according to pre-determined critical milestones, with remedies for failure to perform.

     d.   The JDA will be drafted to ensure the key requirements of (i) open access, (ii) non-discrimination, and (iii) redundancy.

     e.   Potential funding sources, such as BEAD funding, will be considered in structuring the project.

     f.   We will provide tax and structuring advice in connection with preparing and negotiating the JDA.

     g.   The JDA will include provision for an Advisory Committee to monitor the progress of the project.

     h.   The JDA will provide remedies for delay and non-performance.

     i.   The JDA will require that IRON/IIG provide periodic reporting and access to appropriate project information.

     J.   The JDA will address bankruptcy and insolvency events.

     k.   The JDA will ensure that risk of loss in connection with the project remains with IRON/IIG.

4.   We will provide advice and counsel to the State throughout course of preparation and negotiation of the JDA: $18,750

5.   Ancillary documentation for the JDA and related matters: $26,250

Total Estimated Budget: **$223,500**

The budget excludes pre-approved travel and out-of-pocket costs, which would be billed at cost.

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ADDITIONAL FIRM INFORMATION

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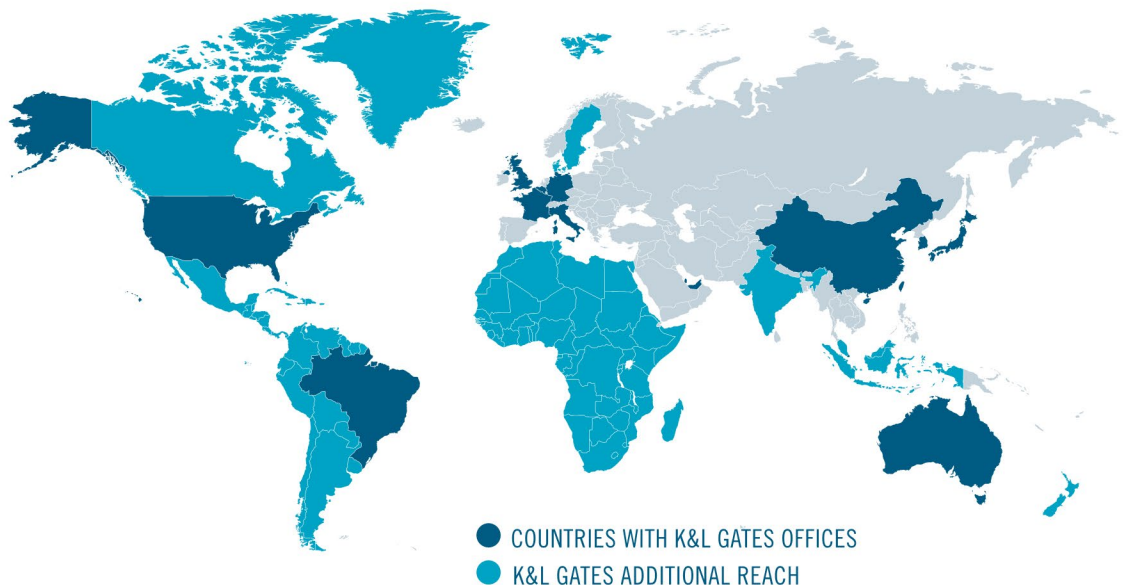
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GLOBAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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Idaho Capital Projects Fund
Broadband Infrastructure Grant 2023

Grant Schedule/Timeline

Application Period Opens: Monday, May 22, 2023 @ 5pm MST
Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 5pm MST

Public Comment and Challenge Period Opens: Monday, June 26, 2023 @ 5pm MST
Public Comment and Challenge Period Closes: Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 5pm MST

Applicant rebuttal period will run for 3 business days from online posting of challenges (Approximately July 17-20).

Grant Application Review Period: July 20 – August 10, 2023

Presentation of Shortlist to Idaho Broadband Advisory Board: August 2023
Grant Awards Announced: August/September 2023

Period of Performance for Projects ends December 31, 2026.

Grant Scoring Breakdown

Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria [Total Points Available without Bonus Points = 210 (190 points for indisputable last-mile projects)].

Completed applications will initially be reviewed by the Idaho Department of Commerce to determine eligibility. Applications for eligible projects will then be reviewed, scored and prioritized by the grant review committee consisting of the Idaho Department of Commerce, State Board of Education, Idaho Department of Transportation, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Idaho Office of Emergency Management, and/or others as deemed appropriate by the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board. Thereafter, review committee recommendations will be evaluated and acted upon by the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board. Applicants may also be required to present project(s) directly to the Board.

All projects scoring 80% or higher (including bonus points) will be prioritized for award of CPF grant monies. The final selection of proposals/projects with a score of 80% or above is at the discretion of the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board. The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board reserves the right to award projects in unserved, high-cost locations.

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Section	Short Description	Point Value
i.	a.-j. = Mandatory Requirements (Eligibility): Yes or No	Y/N
ii.	Project Purpose and benefits: address un/underserved area and improve affordability in those markets.	20
iii.	Project address critical needs: telehealth, remote work and tele-education	15
iv.	Project address critical community needs.	10
v.	How middle-mile segment will be managed as open access.	20*
vi.	Comprehensive proposed technical solution that addresses needs; consider last-mile users, businesses and CAIs.	10
vii.	Broadband Experience and Competency.	20
viii.	Technology type: Technology Type / Points: Other — 3 Fixed Wireless/Cable — 7 Fiber — 15	15
ix.	Number of unserved and underserved locations impacted by proposed project. Locations* / Points – 100/100Mbps: 0-100 — 4 101-200 — 8 201-400 — 12 401-600 — 16 601+ — 20	20
x.	Idaho Broadband Strategic Plan	25
xi.	Demonstrate financial capability to complete proposed project.	20
xii.	Project Match: Match / Points: 0%-10% — 3 11% - 30% — 6 31% - 54% — 9 55% - 79% — 12 80%-99% — 15	15
xiii.	Community support.	20
	Total	/210
xiv.	**Bonus Point Section**	**5-10**
a.	Student/educator connected locations.	7
b.	Projects that connect a greater number of locations at the most economical cost.	3
c.	Applicant is Idaho based/headquartered in Idaho and/or using Idaho labor for construction.	7

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d.	Project enhances public safety and/or cybersecurity.		5
e.	Price and speeds of cheapest available monthly service plan: 	Price	Points
		$70 or less	1
		$50 or less	3
		$35 or less	5
f.	Project connects unserved CAIs/governmental facilities.		7
g.	Board discretion.		10
h.	Project is serving 80% or more of unserved locations.		5
i.	Dark fiber and/or broadband infrastructure is provided for governmental use.		5
		Total	/54

*Special note: this section and points <u>will not be applied</u> to indisputable last-mile only projects.

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Idaho Broadband

The Idaho Commerce Office of Broadband and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board's mission is to improve broadband access across the state. Stable, reliable broadband infrastructure positions Idaho communities to attract business and enhance the quality of life for their citizens.

To help in this mission, current and future broadband funds are available to expand broadband access throughout the state.

CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADBAND FUNDS

Idaho Broadband Fund

$8.7M In January 2023, IBAB obligated $26.3 million to fund two middle-mile projects covering 300 miles.

Capital Projects Fund (CPF)

$124.1M The FY23 Commerce supplemental includes $124.1 million via the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

Broadband Equity, Access and Development (BEAD) Program

$150M The FY24 Commerce budget includes $100 million, plus a $50 million roll over from FY23 via the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

IDAHO BROADBAND ADVISORY BOARD

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) was created by the Idaho Legislature in 2021 through House Bill 127. The board consists of three members from the Idaho House of Representatives, three from the Idaho Senate and three private sector Governor appointees.

The board created the broadband strategic plan for structuring, prioritizing and distributing grants from state and federal funding. This plan supports the board's vision that Idahoans have access to affordable and reliable broadband infrastructure.

MEMBERS

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"Our historic broadband investments mean students and families across Idaho will have the tools they need to succeed. First responders will have the connection and communication they need to do their jobs, and healthcare providers can expand their utilization of telemedicine. The benefits of these completed projects are just the beginning of many more in Idaho." — Governor Brad Little

SINCE 2020...

$74M
Awarded

98
Projects

170
Communities Impacted

To continue its mission of expanding broadband access across the state, the Idaho Office of Broadband and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board have awarded broadband projects throughout Idaho totaling $74 million across 98 projects, impacting over 170 communities.

The most recent award was $26.3 million to fund two middle-mile infrastructure projects covering a 300 mile north-south route.

LINK UP IDAHO

Link Up Idaho, led by the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board and Idaho Department of Commerce, in coordination with the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services, aims to gather information about connectivity challenges in Idaho communities, to improve the state's map of Idaho broadband coverage.

The Link Up Idaho initiative encourages Idahoans to submit information about their internet to provide insight into broadband availability across the state. Idahoans can submit information on their broadband coverage at **linkup.idaho.gov.**

IDAHO COMMERCE

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For additional information, visit **commerce.idaho.gov/broadband** or contact the State's Broadband Program Manager, Ramón S. Hobdey-Sanchez at 208.287.3153 and ramon.hobdey-sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov.

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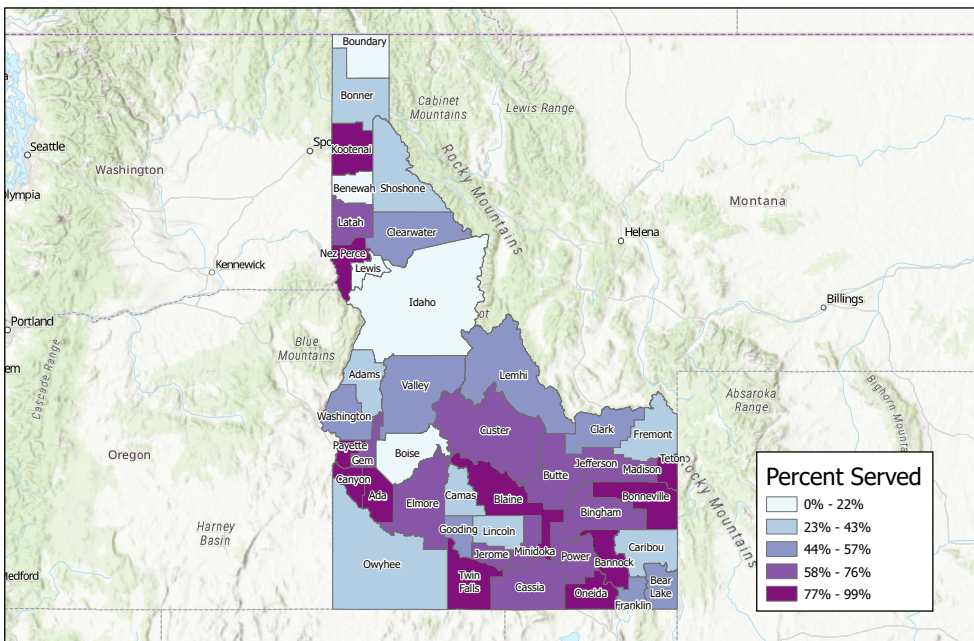## Five-Year Action Plan in Progress

IDAHO COMMERCE

The Link Up Idaho initiative, led by Idaho Commerce and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB), in coordination with the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services, recognizes that providing affordable, accessible, and reliable broadband for all residents is one of the most critical challenges of our time. Many Idaho communities lack adequate internet service or simply don't have access, creating a digital divide among communities. **All Idahoans deserve an equal opportunity to thrive in a digital world.**

IDAHO BROADBAND AVAILABILITY

EXPANDING BROADBAND IN IDAHO IS CRITICAL

» **Advancing access to government services**

» **Supporting economic development (business growth and telework)**

» **Creating educational opportunities**

» **Increasing access to health care and telemedicine**

» **Improving public safety and services**

» **Increasing accessibility**

Percent Served
- 0% - 22%
- 23% - 43%
- 44% - 57%
- 58% - 76%
- 77% - 99%

Michael Baker INTERNATIONAL | BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PLATFORM
4/17/2023

As Idaho Commerce seeks to expand its broadband connectivity to all areas in need, stakeholder feedback is vital to the state's Five-Year Action Plan aimed at closing the digital divide. The plan is the first step to qualify for all available Federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding.

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FACTS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently defines:

UNSERVED as access to **25 Mbps download/3 Mbps upload speeds**

UNDERSERVED as areas where at least **80%** of the population has access to speeds up to **100 Mbps download/20 Mbps upload speeds**

100,000
ESTIMATED NUMBER,
BY THE US CENSUS, OF UNSERVED IDAHO HOUSEHOLDS. **YOUR INPUT WILL HELP INFORM A MORE ACCURATE COUNT.**

15,249
AND COUNTING
CHALLENGES TO THE FCC MAP

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We want to hear from you. In order to qualify for the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act's (IIJA) historic BEAD funding, Idaho is working in coordination and collaboration with local, regional and Tribal entities, and diverse stakeholder groups to develop an inventory of all broadband improvement programs in progress and identify locations where the greatest needs are.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES
SURVEYS
We are collecting feedback from all of our stakeholders on current and future planning efforts, infrastructure and assets, and obstacles and barriers. These will be hosted on our website and available to everyone in Idaho.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
We are collecting feedback from targeted stakeholders at appropriate conferences, meetings, and other events throughout the state. Specific planned sessions include workforce development focus group, regional stakeholder meetings, Tribal workshops, and ISP roundtables.

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute information about your experiences with broadband connectivity in Idaho, contact broadband@commerce.idaho.gov.

COMING SOON! Visit Link Up Idaho online for announcements on engagement opportunities, FAQ, project announcements and more.

LINKUP.IDAHO.GOV

FUTURE

By 2027, the state will strive to serve 100% of Idaho's businesses and homes with access to affordable high-speed broadband internet with a 100/20 Mbps down/up minimum.[1] **Help us create the roadmap to get there by having your broadband issues heard!**

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[1] Horras, D. & Strong, C. (2021). Idaho Broadband Strategic Plan. Idaho Advisory Board.
https://commerce.idaho.gov/content/uploads/2022/06/Idaho-Broadband-Advisory-Board-Idaho-Broadband-Plan-Final-Version.pdf

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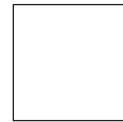## REVERSE-COLOR USAGE

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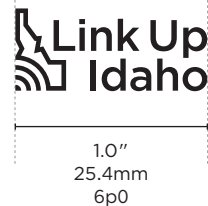76/3/100/18
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CORRECT USAGE

• When placed on a dark background, the logo should be white.

• Only/always use brand colors.

INCORRECT USAGE

• **DO NOT** change the size of, placement, relationship of any of the logo elements.

• **DO NOT** rearrange any of the logo elements.

• **DO NOT** place the logo on similarly-colored or overly complex backgrounds or photographs.

• **DO NOT** mix or alter the logo colors or use them independently.

• **DO NOT** add effects to the logo.

• **DO NOT** stretch, squeeze, skew or distort the logo in any way.

• **DO NOT** outline the logo in any color.

• **DO NOT** change or use different fonts in the logo.

• **DO NOT** use a low-resolution file of the logo.

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