



VOLUME II UPDATES

The National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) approved Idaho's Initial Proposal Volume II for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program in September 2024.

In coordination with NTIA and in compliance with the BEAD NOFO, several updates have been made to Idaho's Vol. II since it was published in draft form to LinkUp.Idaho.gov at the end of 2023.

▶ **Please consult the list below for revised areas of interest and be sure to refer to the updated Vol. II document for full details.**

2.4 Local Coordination (Requirement 8)

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The IOB will execute a Request for Application process using a web-based application intake portal developed by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

2.4.02 Scoring Rubric and Prioritization

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Priority and non-priority categories remain the same, but the scoring rubric can be found in the appendix, and details about competing proposal selection among the same APA, single proposal for APA, and competing APA proposals with the same ranking level have been updated.

2.4.10 Extremely High-Cost Per Location Threshold

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Considerations have been made to advance the goal of EHCPLT, which is to "[maximize] the use of best available technology" and deployment of end-to-end fiber projects wherever possible.

2.5 Non-Deployment Subgrantee Selection (Requirements 9)

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The IOB has determined that Idaho will need all funds for subgrants and will absorb additional costs using planning funds.

2.6 Eligible Entity Implementation Activities (Requirement 10)

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The IOB does not plan to ask for any implementation activity funding as Idaho is anticipating fund usage to be fully subgranted.

2.7.2 Labor Standards and Protection (Requirement 11)

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The IOB requests that applicants elaborate on plans for using a directly employed workforce, compliance with Davis-Bacon, use of local Idaho workforce, and use of appropriately skilled workforce.

2.8 Workforce Readiness

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The IOB lays out how it intends to ensure job quality for new and incumbent workers and promote equitable on-ramps.

2.12 Low-Cost Broadband Service Options (Requirement 16)

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The IOB has allowed some flexibility in what satisfies the NTIA's low-cost service requirement.

2.14.2 Percentage of Funds Usage (Requirement 17)

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After analyzing anticipated costs to deploy service to all under and unserved locations, the IOB will not have enough BEAD funds for non-deployment activities.

2.16 Certification of Compliance with BEAD Requirements (Requirement 19)

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Prospective subgrantees must demonstrate a supply chain risk management (SCRM) plan is currently operational or ready to be operationalized.