



Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2026 | 10am – 11:00am MT (or upon adjournment)

Zoom - Virtual Only Register [here](#).

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Time	Topic	Presenter	Notes
10:00am	Call to Order Roll Call	Chairman Ricks	
10:05am	Approve Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2026	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
10:10am	State Broadband Update	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB)	
10:20am	BEAD Program Update	Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez (IOB) & Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	Action Item
10:50am	Next IBAB Meeting(s) & Any New Business	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board	
11:00 am or Call of the Chair	Adjournment	Chairman Ricks	

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Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Idaho Capitol Building
Room WW53 and via Zoom

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members		Idaho Commerce Staff	
Chairman Sen. Doug Ricks, Idaho Legislator		Director Tom Kealey, Idaho Department of Commerce (Z)	
Vice-Chair Rep. Vander Woude, Idaho Legislator		Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager	
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator		Jake Reynolds, Idaho Department of Commerce	
Sen. Treg Bernt, Idaho Legislator (A)		Kim Glineski, State Broadband Project Manager	
Rep. Brandon Mitchell, Idaho Legislator		Krista Baker, State Broadband Project Manager	
Rep. James Holtzclaw, Idaho Legislator		Alexis Malcomb, Idaho Department of Commerce	
Andrew Emerson			
Margie Watson (A)			
Rick Belluzzo (Z)			
Charlie Creason (Z)			
(Z) denotes via Zoom			
(A) denotes absent			

Call to order: Chairman Ricks called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 23, 2025.

Motion by: Senator Ruchti

Seconded by: Vice Chair Vander Woude

All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho BEAD Program Update - Director Ramon Hobdey-Sánchez

Director Ramon Hobdey-Sánchez provided an update on the status of the Idaho BEAD Program.

He began by thanking the Chairman and members of the Board for their time and acknowledged both in-person and virtual participants. Director Hobdey-Sánchez noted that the presentation would cover two primary topics: a brief BEAD program update and a discussion of the Latah County CPF project. He also reminded the Board that the meeting was scheduled to conclude at 8:00 a.m., and that any action taken would require a quorum of five voting members.

Director Hobdey-Sánchez reported that the Idaho Office of Broadband received official federal approval for the BEAD program on January 26, 2026. Since that time, the Office has transitioned into full deployment mode.

He highlighted the launch of a new interactive public dashboard, which allows stakeholders to review awarded projects, subgrantees, and key project characteristics and metrics.

The Director also recognized key partners supporting the program:

- Michael Baker International (MBI), which has supported the BEAD program from its inception—including the Five-Year Action Plan, Initial Proposal, and Final Proposal—has now been selected through a competitive procurement process (21 proposals received) to continue as the post-award consultant. MBI will support grant administration and project management moving forward.
- Booth Management Consulting (BMC), engaged in fall 2025, is assisting both CPF and BEAD programs with a focus on grant accounting, financial oversight, and compliance. Their work is strengthening fiscal processes and ensuring accountability as CPF projects approach their required completion by the end of the calendar year.

Director Hobdey-Sánchez emphasized that the Office is currently focused on executing Subgrantee Agreements. He shared that a kickoff meeting was held the previous day with 23 subgrantees representing 94 awarded projects. This effort marks the beginning of detailed data collection at the project level, which will inform the development of individual subgrant agreements.

The Office is on track to finalize and execute all BEAD subgrantee agreements by July 2026.

He also noted a transition in program phase—from planning to implementation—explaining that the Office will now be primarily focused on administration, compliance, and project management. While much of the foundational work for BEAD has been completed, ongoing collaboration with consultants and subgrantees will remain critical.

Director Hobdey-Sánchez concluded the update by encouraging stakeholders to reach out to the Office with any questions.

CPF: Program Update

Director Ramon Hobdey-Sánchez provided an update on the State's CPF program.

Key highlights included:

- Approximately \$120 million in CPF funding across 18 projects and 15 subgrantees
- Continued success of public-private partnerships statewide
- Strong progress in regions including:
 - o Magic Valley
 - o Madison County (FyberCom partnership)
 - o Idaho County project

Latah County CPF Project Review:

Director Ramon Hobdey-Sánchez presented an overview of the Latah County project:

- 1,155 locations to be served
- Primarily rural service areas
- Total award: \$15 million with \$3.75 million required match

The Board was reminded that the original application included higher funding scenarios and that the awarded amount required a reduced scope and redesign.

Financial and Compliance Summary:

- \$185,000 disbursed to date
- \$1.1 million pending reimbursement request

Prior Corrective Actions:

The Board was informed of prior issues, including:

- June 2024 corrective action related to ineligible expenses
- Transition to reimbursement-only payment structure
- Loss of consultant and key subject matter expertise
- Increased monitoring and oversight
- Concerns identified regarding match validation and eligibility

Cure Process and Findings:

The Office issued a cure request requiring:

- Full match documentation
- Validation of in-kind contributions (repeater sites)
- Staff time documentation
- Responsiveness to financial auditors

The response submitted on February 20, 2026 was determined to be:

- Incomplete
- Lacking sufficient documentation

Additional materials were submitted outside of the cure period and were not fully evaluated.

Key Issues Identified

The Office identified the following concerns:

- Ineligible In-Kind Match:
 - o ~\$1.6 million associated with repeater sites
 - o Determined not “reasonable and necessary” under federal guidelines

- Cash Match Shortfall:
 - o Estimated \$325,000–\$350,000 deficit
 - o Combined with ineligible match, total deficiency approaches \$2 million
- Program Risk Factors:
 - o Unverified match
 - o Unconfirmed project details
 - o Loss of leadership and expertise

The Office emphasized its responsibility to ensure:

- Compliance with federal requirements
- Proper validation of match
- Mitigation of program risk

The Office noted that connectivity to the 1,155 locations remains a priority, regardless of project outcome.

Latah County Presentation:

Commissioner Tom Lamar, Chair of the Latah County Commission, introduced the Latah County project team. He noted that the county team includes representatives from multiple departments: the Latah County Sheriff’s Office, the Finance Office, and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

Commissioner Lamar also recognized partners and project collaborators present at the meeting, including representatives from Petrichor Broadband, Zero DB, Hawley Troxell, Digby, and IRON.

He expressed appreciation to Director Ramon Hobdey-Sánchez and Krista for their continued collaboration and communication with Latah County, as well as gratitude to the Board for the original award of funding.

Commissioner Lamar emphasized that the county’s financial match commitment to the project is significant and should be recognized as a key component of the project’s success. He stated that the project will not only benefit Latah County residents but will also contribute to broader connectivity across the state of Idaho.

He further noted that the number of Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) connected through the project is expected to exceed the original commitment outlined in the grant application. Additionally, he acknowledged that some previously presented materials are now outdated and highlighted the county’s ongoing efforts to provide updated information demonstrating continued progress and commitment.

Commissioner Lamar affirmed that Latah County is fully committed to completing the project on time and under budget. He indicated that the project is anticipated to utilize less than the originally awarded \$15 million and will include enhanced infrastructure, such as dual connection points to repeater sites, to strengthen network reliability.

He concluded by expressing confidence in the forthcoming technical presentations from project partners, which would provide further details on project execution and outcomes.

Kara Riebold, Executive Director, Petrichor Broadband provided an overview of Petrichor Broadband's involvement in Idaho broadband projects, including prior work with the Port of Lewiston and regional infrastructure development since 2015.

Key highlights included:

- Project Scope
 - o Originally included middle-mile fiber and last-mile connectivity across multiple rural communities.
 - o Project footprint expanded from 1,155 to 1,529 Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) based on updated design and GIS coordination.
 - o Communities served include Bovill, Deary, Genesee, Princeton, Harvard, Helmer, Viola, and Potlatch.
- Infrastructure Approach
 - o Emphasis on middle-mile fiber to connect geographically dispersed rural communities.
 - o Integration of fiber and wireless (tower-based) service delivery.
 - o Fiber-to-the-home planned within town limits; wireless supports outlying rural areas.
- Construction Status
 - o Phase 1 construction underway (mid-mile and smaller communities).
 - o Phase 2 materials procured: contract pending execution.
 - o Project timeline:
 - Construction completion: December 2026
 - Final report: March 15, 2027

Match Funding Overview

Total required match: \$3.75 million

Presented match components included:

- Fiber strand contributions (Moscow–Bovill, Troy–Moscow)
- County rights-of-way and easements
- Planning and administrative costs
- Repeater tower infrastructure (~\$1.7M)
- Material storage (University of Idaho)
- Proposed IAG partnership (~\$1.7M in-kind)

Riebold stated that all match components were previously submitted and initially accepted by the Idaho Office of Broadband in July 2024.

Key Issues Raised by the Board

Repeater Tower Match Eligibility

- Original application included connection to all towers.
- Current plan connects 1–2 towers, relying on network interconnectivity for system-wide benefit.
- Board concern:
 - Whether reduced scope invalidates the \$1.7M match valuation.
 - Perception of inconsistency between application and implementation.

Necessity & Validity of Match (2 CFR 200.306)

Board questioned whether certain match components meet federal requirements:

- Must be:
 - Necessary
 - Reasonable
 - Directly tied to project objectives
 - Not used for other federal awards

Specific concerns:

- Repeater infrastructure valuation vs. actual implementation
- Timing and documentation of match submissions

IIG Partnership as Match

- Proposed as:
 - Shared trenching
 - Additional middle-mile redundancy
 - Open-access infrastructure benefits

Board Concern:

- Whether IAG contribution is:
 - Core to the project, or
 - An enhancement, and therefore not eligible as match

Project Integrity & Scope Changes

- Board members expressed concern about:
 - Changes from original proposal (e.g., tower connectivity)
 - Alignment between application commitments and current execution
 - Risk of perceived “bait-and-switch”

Network Design & Capacity

- Questions raised regarding:
 - o Reliance on wireless vs. fiber
 - o Bandwidth limitations of tower-based delivery
 - o Impact on long-term scalability and service quality

Construction Timeline & Risk

- Project reported:
 - o 50% complete (including design/permitting)
 - o Construction progressing but weather-delayed

Board concerns:

- Lack of firm guarantees in contractor attestations
- Risk if **December 2026 completion deadline is not met**

Additional Discussion Points

- Emergency Communications
 - o Towers support public safety (fire, sheriff, emergency services)
 - o Redundancy achieved by connecting multiple towers via fiber backhaul
- Operations & Maintenance
 - o County plans to issue RFQ/RFP for network operations
 - o Modeled after Idaho County approach
- Financial Status
 - o \$11.1M committed of \$15M award
 - o \$2.3M expended to date
 - o Remaining budget subject to unit-based construction variability

Board Deliberation

The Board focused primarily on:

- Validity and sufficiency of match funding
- Compliance with federal cost principles
- Whether project modifications materially change eligibility

Motion by: Vice Chair Vander Woude

I move that the Board allow the Latah County CPF project to continue, contingent upon the Idaho Office of Broadband and the Idaho Department of Commerce implementing specified risk remediation actions,

controls, deadlines, and reporting requirements. A \$1,000,000 reduction to the total award, will consider the IIG contribution as a potential match subject to further review, and requires continued oversight and compliance; failure to meet these conditions may result in further Board review and potential project termination.

Seconded by: Senator Ruchti

All in favor: Motion passes.

New Business: None.

Next IBAB Meeting: Call of the Chair.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:49 AM



Idaho Office of Broadband

Executive Summary for the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

Reporting Period: April 2026– September 2026

Over the past year, the Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB) has advanced Idaho’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program through Final Proposal approval, subgrantee contracting, environmental review, and significant post-award changes resulting from provider withdrawals and project restructuring. Throughout these changes, the IOB’s primary objective has remained consistent: expand broadband coverage for Idaho’s eligible unserved and underserved locations while protecting federal funding and maintaining compliance with National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requirements.

Program Overview

Following NTIA approval of Idaho’s BEAD Final Proposal in December 2025, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issued Idaho’s Notice of Award on January 26, 2026, beginning the federal timeline for execution of Subgrantee Agreements (SGAs). Six-months or until July 24, 2026.

Idaho’s NTIA and IBAB approved BEAD Program included:

- **\$426.2 million in BEAD funding**
- **94 projects**
- **23 provisional subgrantees**

During the contracting period, significant changes occurred within the program portfolio. Four provisional subgrantees withdrew from the Program, returning approximately **\$164.4 million in BEAD awards and 25,393 Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs)** for reassignment. Other subgrantees requested project modifications involving budgets, technology, scope, and high-cost locations.

The IOB worked closely with NTIA to secure additional time and extensions into September 2026, as well as develop a structured Post-Award Change (PAC) process and competitive bidding round to reassign relinquished locations while maintaining the integrity of Idaho’s approved BEAD Program.

The result is a restructured set of projects that continue to prioritize statewide coverage while moving contracted projects toward environmental review/approval and ultimately, construction.



2026 Accomplishments

During 2026, the IOB:

- Resolved Final Proposal cure items and transitioned the BEAD Program into implementation.
- Developed and launched subgrantee onboarding and Request for Information (RFI) processes necessary to execute SGAs.
- Advanced the review, curing, packaging, and execution of project-level SGAs.
- Established processes for performance bonds, letters of credit, insurance, Tribal consent, cybersecurity, supply-chain requirements, and other federal compliance obligations.
- Advanced 45 projects into the deployment track, including NEPA/EHP review.
- Secured federal extensions for projects requiring additional time because of withdrawals, restructuring, or other post-award changes.
- Developed and implemented Idaho's PAC framework and competitive rebid process.
- Expanded environmental review capacity through Michael Baker International (MBI) to support NEPA/EHP processes.
- Strengthened coordination with NTIA on contracting, environmental review, match waivers, project changes, and implementation requirements.

How the Program Evolved

Phase 1 — Building the Implementation Framework

January–July 2026

The first half of 2026 focused on converting Idaho's approved BEAD awards into enforceable, project-level agreements and establishing the systems necessary to administer the plan.

The IOB adopted a one-agreement-per-project structure and established requirements for project milestones, letters of credit or performance bonds, insurance, reporting, and other federal and state compliance requirements.

The office also developed the infrastructure needed to onboard subgrantees, including webinars, office hours, project fact sheets, Salesforce intake processes, permitting resources, Tribal-land identification, and standardized RFI materials.

A substantial portion of this phase involved curing project information and aligning individual project records with approved BEAD requirements. This included resolving mapping discrepancies, validating project scope and technology, reconciling budgets, confirming tower and fiber information, and collecting cybersecurity, supply-chain, insurance, and other required certifications.



By the end of this phase, 45 projects had advanced onto executed SGAs and onto permitting stages.

These projects then moved into the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review process. Construction cannot begin until the required environmental review and clearance have been completed.

Phase 2 — Responding to Provider Withdrawals and Project Changes

June–July 2026

As the federal contracting deadline approached, changing market conditions and project economics resulted in significant changes to Idaho’s approved plan.

Four providers withdrew entirely from their awarded projects, returning approximately **\$164.4 million in BEAD funding and 25,393 BSLs**, accounting for nearly 28% of the locations from the NTIA approved projects:

Subrecipient Name/Organization	BEAD Award	Subgrantee Match Value (\$)	Number of BSLs in Project
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 1,167,422.00	\$ 6,615,384.00	590
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 19,120.00	\$ 6,373.00	2
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 687,934.00	\$ 229,311.00	39
FyberCom LLC	\$ 8,625,965.20	\$ 2,875,321.74	885
FyberCom LLC	\$ 799,500.00	\$ 217,482.50	41
FyberCom LLC	\$ 2,804,831.20	\$ 1,068,929.03	587
FyberCom LLC	\$ 127,974.72	\$ 42,658.24	34
FyberCom LLC	\$ 1,708,638.88	\$ 569,546.30	500
FyberCom LLC	\$ 3,614,910.89	\$ 1,204,970.30	635
FyberCom LLC	\$ 721,500.00	\$ 1,336,256.25	37



FyberCom LLC	\$ 8,788,569.55	\$ 2,929,523.18	1158
FyberCom LLC	\$ 3,039,246.00	\$ 1,013,082.00	193
FyberCom LLC	\$ 2,652,114.00	\$ 884,038.00	2442
FyberCom LLC	\$ 18,426,043.72	\$ 6,142,014.57	3663
FyberCom LLC	\$ 644,290.64	\$ 214,763.55	331
FyberCom LLC	\$ 33,077,197.75	\$ 11,025,732.25	4230
FyberCom LLC	\$ 679,234.00	\$ 226,411.00	167
FyberCom LLC	\$ 743,874.00	\$ 247,958.00	262
Newmax LLC	\$ 10,582,938.00	\$ 3,527,646.00	942
Newmax LLC	\$ 1,658,940.00	\$ 552,980.00	214
Newmax LLC	\$ 2,294,978.00	\$ 764,992.00	141
Newmax LLC	\$ 2,838,461.00	\$ 946,153.00	361
Wi-Fiber	\$ 16,030,776.00	\$ 5,343,592.00	1872
Wi-Fiber	\$ 6,118,602.00	\$ 2,039,534.00	701
Wi-Fiber	\$ 7,324,376.00	\$ 2,441,458.00	1288
Wi-Fiber	\$ 13,294,053.00	\$ 4,431,351.00	2075
Wi-Fiber	\$ 15,850,872.00	\$ 5,283,624.00	1996
	\$ 164,352,678.01	\$ 62,191,190.06	25,393

Additionally, other providers requested changes involving technology, project boundaries, budgets, and high-cost locations. This, combined with the withdrawn projects and changes from other providers, amounted to 26,232 relinquished or returned BSLs.



Rather than allowing these changes to create permanent gaps in the statewide deployment plan, the IOB worked with NTIA to obtain additional time for affected projects and established a formal process for evaluating and approving post-award changes (PACs).

Approximately 50 projects received 60-day SGA extensions, allowing the state to restructure projects, evaluate replacement coverage, and preserve BEAD funding while the original 43 contracted projects continued toward deployment.

During this period, the IOB also expanded its environmental review capacity by onboarding a senior NEPA practitioner and specialized EHP support through MBI.

Phase 3 — PAC Bidding Round and Portfolio Stabilization

August–September 2026

To address relinquished locations and other post-award changes, the IOB launched a competitive **PAC Bidding Round from August 14 through August 24, 2026.**

The IOB finalized an inventory of approximately **150 Available Application Project Areas (APAs)**, removed locations no longer eligible for BEAD funding, addressed Tribal-land considerations, and followed established clear eligibility and scoring requirements from previous BEAD bidding rounds.

Participation was limited to previously prequalified applicants and existing BEAD subgrantees, excluding providers that had fully withdrawn from the program. Applications were evaluated using the same scoring framework used during Idaho’s original BEAD application rounds.

The PAC process generated bids covering **26,232 BSLs**, with resulting new and amended project awards now being integrated into Idaho’s BEAD Program.

New projects from the PAC Bidding Round:

Subrecipient Name/Organization	New Project BEAD Award via PAC Bidding Round	New Subgrantee Match Value (\$)	Number of BSLs in project
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$365,840.19	\$121,946.73	221
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$920,462.47	\$306,820.82	717
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$614,623.75	\$204,874.58	449



Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$6,510,614.00	\$2,170,206.00	444
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$7,559,549.00	\$2,918,446.00	684
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$1,298,779.00	\$432,927.00	75
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$6,534,421.00	\$3,022,779.00	363
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$1,690,914.00	\$2,536,372.00	597
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$2,669,917.00	\$889,973.00	153
E.L. Automation, Inc	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	7
ETS Management LLC	\$10,868,337.00	\$3,622,779.00	703
IBT Group USA	\$5,861,415.83	\$1,953,805.28	3,931
* Millenium Networks, LLC (Silver Star Communications)	\$13,768,457.00	\$4,589,486.00	3,663
Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assoc Inc.	\$969,750.00	\$323,250.00	394
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$1,317,094.00	\$439,031.00	324
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$19,953,941.00	\$6,651,314.00	4,174
	\$80,979,115.24	\$30,209,010.41	16,899
* Pending NTIA match waiver approval			

Final PAC totals:

BEAD Request: **\$80,979,115.24**

Applicant Match: **\$30,209,16,8**

BSLs Covered: **16,899**

Current Program Stands

As Idaho enters Q4 of CY2026, the BEAD Program is operating in two parallel tracks:

Track 1 — Deployment

45 projects have executed SGAs and are advancing through NEPA/EHP review and other preconstruction requirements.



The immediate priority for these projects is obtaining environmental clearance, completing applicable Tribal consent and permitting requirements, and preparing projects to move into construction and reimbursement activity.

Track 2 — PAC Processing and SGA Completion

IOB will submit 38 projects for PACs to NTIA (these are a combination of new projects, and existing BEAD projects that are being amended). Following NTIA approval, these projects will move to SGA execution.

The IOB is working with subgrantees, MBI, NTIA, and other partners to complete these remaining agreements and move projects into the same implementation framework established for Track 1.

Next BOB Round — More Locations per NTIA

Following completion of the Post-Award Change (PAC) process, IOB will conduct the next **Benefit of the Bargain (BoB) Round** to address eligible BSLs that remain outside of current BEAD-funded project.

As outlined in the [September 3, 2026, Program Notice](#), the BoB Round will serve as the next coverage-resolution step in Idaho's BEAD process following completion of the PAC Bidding Round and associated project adjustments. The round will focus on remaining eligible locations that were not incorporated into an existing BEAD award.

IOB is currently awaiting the final NTIA-confirmed locations. Because the PAC process includes changes to project areas, provider assignments, relinquished locations, and other location-level adjustments, IOB cannot establish the final number of BSLs or potential project areas for the BoB Round until NTIA completes its review and shares the remaining eligible locations.

Once the final NTIA-confirmed locations are received, the IOB will:

- Validate and reconcile the remaining eligible BSLs against Idaho's existing BEAD awards and approved PAC changes;
- Determine appropriate geographic groupings for the remaining locations;
- Identify available BEAD funding to support those locations;
- Establish the BOB Round bidding structure and requirements consistent with NTIA requirements and Idaho's approved BEAD framework; and
- Conduct a competitive process to identify viable, cost-effective broadband solutions for the remaining eligible locations.



Accordingly, any current estimates of BSLs, project areas, or associated funding should be considered preliminary until the final NTIA-confirmed locations list is received and reconciled by IOB.

The objective of the BoB Round is to continue moving Idaho toward coverage of its remaining BEAD-eligible locations while ensuring proposed solutions are technically viable, cost effective, and compliant with federal requirements and Idaho's approved BEAD framework.

Entering Q4 CY2026

The focus of the BEAD program is now shifting from **program design and contracting to deployment and monitoring/compliance**.

The implementation framework is operational, the first group of projects is advancing through environmental review, and the PAC process has provided a mechanism to address substantial provider withdrawals without abandoning affected locations.

Q4 priorities include:

- Complete remaining PAC approvals and SGAs.
- Conduct the next BoB Round for remaining eligible locations, per NTIA.
- Advancing Track 1 projects through NEPA/EHP clearance.
- Resolve remaining Tribal Consent and permitting requirements.
- Transitioning projects into construction and reimbursement phases.
- Implementing enhanced project monitoring, reporting, and compliance systems.
- Continuing coordination with NTIA as Idaho moves from contracting into active deployment.

Despite changes to the original plan, Idaho has maintained its focus on the central objective of the BEAD Program: connecting eligible unserved and underserved Idahoans while responsibly administering federal funds and positioning projects for successful operations and deployment.

Idaho BEAD NTIA-Approved Projects as of January 26, 2026

Subrecipient Name/Organization	BEAD Award	Subgrantee Match Value (\$)	Number of BSLs in Project
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	\$ 162,966.50	\$ 277,483.50	100
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	\$ 1,305,795.25	\$ 3,468,892.25	551
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	\$ 308,867.00	\$ 2,019,883.00	186
Albion Telephone Company, Inc.	\$ 1,382,850.00	\$ 460,950.00	98
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 808,291.58	\$ 269,430.53	711
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 382,506.59	\$ 127,502.20	166
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 174,490.50	\$ 58,163.50	136
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 645,291.00	\$ 215,097.00	122
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 674,773.39	\$ 224,924.46	230
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 241,104.46	\$ 80,368.00	85
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 823,700.25	\$ 274,567.00	371
Anthem Broadband LLC	\$ 714,773.49	\$ 238,256.00	110
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	\$ 4,019,796.00	\$ 850,318.00	918
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 30,315.46	\$ 10,105.15	7
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 11,501,856.00	\$ 3,833,952.00	772
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 8,179,122.00	\$ 2,726,374.00	514
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 1,868,993.97	\$ 622,997.99	319
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 1,992,519.49	\$ 664,173.16	263
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 9,897,825.48	\$ 3,299,275.16	1,008
Concept Communications, LLC	\$ 3,094,064.05	\$ 1,031,354.68	160
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 1,167,422.00	\$ 6,615,384.00	590
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 19,120.00	\$ 6,373.00	2
Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc	\$ 687,934.00	\$ 229,311.00	39
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 485,667.50	\$ 672,037.50	121
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 4,279,983.50	\$ 3,438,281.50	488
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 2,042,233.00	\$ 1,814,477.00	181
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 5,211,075.00	\$ 5,325,935.00	322
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 370,140.00	\$ 1,132,736.50	23
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 7,137,424.00	\$ 9,640,802.00	373
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 1,589,040.00	\$ 1,116,920.00	83
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 45,538.50	\$ 93,236.50	32
Direct Communications Rockland Inc.	\$ 1,509,370.50	\$ 2,388,634.50	2,269
E.L. Automation, Inc	\$ 1,089,137.00	\$ 316,200.00	1,350
ETS Management LLC	\$ 773,412.14	\$ 257,804.05	136
ETS Management LLC	\$ 27,474,338.71	\$ 9,158,112.90	2,783
ETS Management LLC	\$ 12,724,182.62	\$ 6,529,874.09	1,775

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ETS Management LLC	\$ 1,927,926.00	\$0.00	99
ETS Management LLC	\$ 14,467,678.51	\$ 4,822,599.50	801
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.	\$ 2,720,100.00	\$ 906,700.00	247
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.	\$ 7,854.00	\$ 1,562,946.00	10
Fremont Telcom Co.	\$ 13,816,358.46	\$ 5,000,000.00	3,455
FyberCom LLC	\$ 8,625,965.20	\$ 2,875,321.74	885
FyberCom LLC	\$ 799,500.00	\$ 217,482.50	41
FyberCom LLC	\$ 2,804,831.20	\$ 1,068,929.03	587
FyberCom LLC	\$ 127,974.72	\$ 42,658.24	34
FyberCom LLC	\$ 1,708,638.88	\$ 569,546.30	500
FyberCom LLC	\$ 3,614,910.89	\$ 1,204,970.30	635
FyberCom LLC	\$ 721,500.00	\$ 1,336,256.25	37
FyberCom LLC	\$ 8,788,569.55	\$ 2,929,523.18	1,158
FyberCom LLC	\$ 3,039,246.00	\$ 1,013,082.00	193
FyberCom LLC	\$ 2,652,114.00	\$ 884,038.00	2,442
FyberCom LLC	\$ 18,426,043.72	\$ 6,142,014.57	3,663
FyberCom LLC	\$ 644,290.64	\$ 214,763.55	331
FyberCom LLC	\$ 33,077,197.75	\$ 11,025,732.25	4,230
FyberCom LLC	\$ 679,234.00	\$ 226,411.00	167
FyberCom LLC	\$ 743,874.00	\$ 247,958.00	262
IBT Group USA	\$ 1,298,224.00	\$ 693,450.00	518
IBT Group USA	\$ 7,579,989.00	\$ 2,526,663.00	5,165
Inland Cellular	\$ 1,811,284.58	\$ 452,821.15	211
Midvale Telephone Company LLC	\$ 834,652.56	\$ 277,615.39	508
Midvale Telephone Company LLC	\$ 1,152,480.00	\$ 684,872.00	459
Midvale Telephone Company LLC	\$ 1,504,970.00	\$ 5,062,500.00	125
Mud Lake Telephone Coop. Inc.	\$ 1,351,904.25	\$ 450,634.75	189
Newmax LLC	\$ 10,582,938.00	\$ 3,527,646.00	942
Newmax LLC	\$ 1,658,940.00	\$ 552,980.00	214
Newmax LLC	\$ 2,294,978.00	\$ 764,992.00	141
Newmax LLC	\$ 2,838,461.00	\$ 946,153.00	361
Nez Perce Tribe	\$ 10,163,050.00	\$ 3,400,000.00	2,054
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 2,283,286.01	\$ 761,095.33	251
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 1,583,029.14	\$ 527,676.38	230
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 79,074.03	\$ 26,358.01	60
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 6,689,603.68	\$ 2,229,867.89	1,148
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 1,340,116.12	\$ 446,705.37	277
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 14,394,651.00	\$ 4,798,205.00	1,668
Northwest Fiber LLC	\$ 436,154.36	\$ 145,384.78	71
Rally Networks	\$ 10,641,940.00	\$ 3,547,312.00	951

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Rural Telecom, Inc.	\$ 5,560,009.00	\$ 2,194,689.00	1,013
Rural Telecom, Inc.	\$ 200,210.00	\$ 66,737.00	42
Space X	\$ 35,730,000.00	\$ 32,724,833.00	23,819
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 107,623.48	\$ 35,874.49	62
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 1,146,532.59	\$ 382,177.54	587
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 662,648.88	\$ 220,882.97	84
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 110,208.18	\$ 36,736.06	18
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 756,418.76	\$ 252,139.59	211
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 6,040,423.84	\$ 2,013,474.62	4,475
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 480,141.68	\$ 160,047.23	130
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 1,447,330.00	\$ 482,477.00	102
White Cloud Communications, Inc	\$ 276,306.98	\$ 92,102.33	39
White Cloud Communications, Inc	372576.75	\$ 124,192.25	53
Wi-Fiber	\$ 16,030,776.00	\$ 5,343,592.00	1,872
Wi-Fiber	\$ 6,118,602.00	\$ 2,039,534.00	701
Wi-Fiber	\$ 7,324,376.00	\$ 2,441,458.00	1,288
Wi-Fiber	\$ 13,294,053.00	\$ 4,431,351.00	2,075
Wi-Fiber	\$ 15,850,872.00	\$ 5,283,624.00	1,996
	\$ 426,238,563.32	\$ 201,929,973.66	91,281