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Highlights from the portal demo on Wednesday



The AR BEAD application portal is the same portal environment where the Challenge Process and pre-registration takes place



Applicants must complete their pre-registration application to receive an invite to the application portal

- Hence, it is highly advised that you complete your pre-registration prior to Tranche-1 opening



Applicants will create a new application in the portal for each bid you want to submit

- You will have to answer every question in each application you create
- However, you may repeat answers to questions if they do not change between applications



We demonstrated the process for selecting your project area – the tool will enable the contiguity rules to be applied and ensure you are selecting a contiguous set of CBGs



Other questions will be answered through manual text entries or as file uploads

- When asked to use a file upload, please download the provided file, fill it out, and re-upload it – if you do not use the provided file, your answer will not be scored



All of the questions in the application are designed to capture information that allows ARConnect to evaluate the quality and competitiveness of your application

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1 Understand what Reference Prices are:

- Numbers published for each CBG with Eligible locations which are used for scoring Applicants' bids. The Reference Prices are based off the build cost data provided by Cost Quest, with a minimum Reference Price of \$50,000 per CBG
- Applicants' requested subsidies are not limited to the Reference Price numbers. They may request any amount of subsidy they deem necessary for their project area



2 How the Reference Prices impact your bids:

- Used to score bids on a scale of 0 to 40 points (details in Scoring Rubric)
- In Tranche-1, a bid's requested subsidy must be lower than the sum of the included CBGs' Reference Prices to be considered for Buy It Now award
- Bids which request subsidy more than two times the Reference Price will not be considered for an award during Tranche-2

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