Arkansas BEAD Program

Frequently Asked Questions Document 11

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Application Questions

1. How many users may an applicant have in the system at one time, working on an application? Additionally, how many users or admins will be able to officially submit the application?
   There is no limit to the number of users an applicant may have in the system. Additionally, all users have the same permissions, so anyone in the system can officially submit an application.

2. What is the expected time between Tranche-1 and Tranche-2?
   It depends on the volume of bids we receive and must adjudicate. Applicants will have a minimum of three weeks between Tranche-1 and Tranche-2.

3. What is the difference in a non-priority bid and alternative technology bid?
   Non-priority bids do not propose to deploy end-to-end fiber-optic facilities to each end-user premises, but instead propose to deploy, in whole or in part, a non-fiber Reliable Broadband Service technology. Non-priority bids are eligible for selection in Tranche-2. Alternative technology bids propose to utilize low earth orbit (LEO) satellite and/or unlicensed fixed wireless and are not eligible for selection until the direct negotiation stage.

4. To meet the Buy It Now requirement in Tranche 1, how much below the Reference Price does the request for BEAD funding need to be?
   There is no set amount below the reference price to meet the Buy It Now criteria in Tranche-1. The requested subsidy simply needs to be below the Reference Price.