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Application Questions

1. Can school board members provide letters of support if the school is not part of the project footprint?
School board members that provide a letter of support should be a member of a school board that has jurisdiction over an area that is included within the proposed project footprint.
2. Is there a template for providing our history of compliance to federal labor and employment laws?
Applicants with 3 or more years of operational experience will need to provide a narrative description of their history of compliance to federal labor and employment laws in the application. Additionally, all applicants will be expected to certify their willingness to provide information specified in IPvII section 2.7.1 at the provisional selectee stage.
3. Are fixed wireless applications allowed during Tranche-1, or is a provider required to apply for fiber in Tranche-1 and submit a new application for fixed wireless on the same CBGs during a later tranche?
An applicant should apply every bid they intend to submit in the process (with their respective technology types) in Tranche-1. So, in this case, the applicant should submit their fixed wireless bid in Tranche-1. In Tranche-2, you will not be able to bid on CBGs which are part of your Carried Forward project areas (if any) from Tranche-1. We strongly encourage you to submit all of your bids (and technology types) in Tranche-1 for your desired project area(s) and business case(s).

Other Questions

4. Can you describe the reimbursement process, i.e., will it be monthly, quarterly, or milestone-based? If the latter, can you estimate the time between expenses incurred and expenses reimbursed?
ARConnect will be releasing supplemental guidance on the fixed award reimbursement policy soon. This will also include guidance on the milestones for reimbursement.
5. Can the status of a BSL's eligibility change?
The current listing of unserved and underserved BSLs that ARConnect has provided is in draft format and is subject to NTIA approval. Once the list has been approved by NTIA, their eligibility will be finalized and therefore cannot be modified for the purposes of the BEAD Program. ARConnect will announce the approval and publication of the final list of eligible BSLs.