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The Arkansas State Broadband Office

Arkansas BEAD Program

Pre-Registration Guidance for Partnerships and Consortia

Supplemental

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Context

As part of the BEAD Program, ISPs may form partnerships or consortia for the bidding process. All partnerships and consortia must complete a pre-registration application to participate.

To streamline the pre-registration process for partnerships composed of ISPs that have separately pre-registered, the Arkansas State Broadband Office is releasing supplemental guidance for how to pre-register as a partnership or consortia.

Please note, the following guidance only applies to partnerships or consortia where all participating ISPs have already completed their own pre-registration application and been qualified. Partnerships containing any entity that has not completed a separate pre-registration must complete the full application.

Pre-registration Guidance

Partnerships containing already qualified ISPs must provide the following information in the pre-registration application. Financial, managerial, and technical details submitted in the individual pre-registration applications will NOT be required.

Determine the Lead Entity

Among the entities in the partnership, determine who will act as the lead. The lead entity shall be responsible for coordinating both the pre-registration and application processes as well as serving as the point of contact for the partnership.

Statement of Intent

Before submitting a pre-registration application, the entities forming the partnership must notify the Arkansas State Broadband Office of their intent to apply as a partnership via email.

Partnership Naming Convention

When registering, please name the partnership using the following naming convention:

Partnership_Entity 1 Name_Entity 2 Name

Question 1: Provide your SAM.gov Unique Entity ID

Please provide the Unique Entity ID of the lead entity within the partnership.

Question 34: Please provide the number of years during which you have been providing uninterrupted internet service in Arkansas as well as the number of years providing uninterrupted service in other U.S. states and territories.

Please provide the number of years that uninterrupted internet service has been provided by the lead entity.

Question 35: Please provide the number of locations currently subscribed to internet services through your networks and plans.

Please provide the number of locations currently subscribed to internet services for the lead entity.

File Uploads

For pre-registration questions requiring a file upload, please provide a document containing:

- Formal partnership declaration
- List of all entities within the partnership
- Point of contact for the partnership
- Roles for each entity within the partnership
- Applicants may specify specific geographic regions or specific capabilities (i.e., operational, financial, etc.) that each entity will contribute
- Signatures from all parties certifying that each entity within the partnership has submitted a separate pre-registration application and been qualified

Applicants may upload the same document for each file upload.

Example:

Arkansas BEAD Partnership Declaration

This letter serves as a commitment between *[List partnership entities]* to form a partnership for the purpose of the Arkansas BEAD Program.

All parties certify that the partnership shall last, at a minimum, for the duration of the BEAD application process and understand that the State of Arkansas reserves the right to keep the partnership intact for the life of the subgrant.

Signature

By signing below, we hereby confirm that all entities within the partnership have separately qualified and certify that the partnership will adhere to all requirements set forth by the State of Arkansas.

(Name)	(Date)
(Name)	(Date)
(Name)	(Date)
(Name)	(Date)

Arkansas BEAD Partnership Information

List of Entities

Please list all entities participating in the partnership below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Point of Contact

Please provide the name and contact information for the main point of contact for the partnership:

Name _____

Email _____

Roles and Responsibilities

Please provide the role(s) that each entity will play within the partnership. Applicants may specify geographic regions or specific capabilities (i.e., operational, financial, etc.) that each entity will contribute to the partnership.

ISP Name	Partnership Role

Certifications:

For pre-registration questions requiring certification, please complete the checkbox certification.

Note, for all partnerships and consortia exercising the streamlined pre-registration application, the Arkansas State Broadband Office will verify the pre-registration status of each ISP listed within the partnership or consortia.