



# ARConnect

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**Arkansas BEAD Program**

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### **Application Portal Workshop Questions**

1. Who needs to be at the workshop on December 11th?  
The workshop will be an in-person, hands-on ISP training for the application portal. It is highly advised that ISPs send those who will be working on and submitting the application so that they learn how to use the system.
2. Will people be able to join the training remotely?  
ARConnect will work to provide a virtual option.

### **Application Questions**

3. For the scale of geographic coverage points, if your project area is less than 500 locations, do you get one point or zero points?  
Unless the project area covers an entire county, applicants whose project area contains less than 500 locations will receive zero points for scale of geographic coverage.
4. On the topic of scoring, is there any greater or less weight given to state or local elected officials? In other words, does a senator give more credence than a JP?  
No, all letters of support score the same number of points regardless of the type of official who signs them.
5. What will happen if an ISP is awarded a bid in Tranche-1, but after further review determines the bid awarded is not feasible for the company? What are the ISP's options in that instance?  
It is the expectation of the state that the submission of an application represents a commitment by the applicant in the event the application is selected. Applicants should not submit applications that they would not be willing or able to fulfill. The final commitment will take the form of a signed subgrant agreement between the applicant and the state after the state's Final Proposal has been approved by NTIA.

### **Partnerships and Consortia Questions**

6. On consortium bids, if both parties have separately pre-registered, is a new pre-registration required from the consortium?  
Yes. Pre-registration is required for the bidding entity.

### **Pre-registration Questions**

7. For general pre-registration questions, what is the best email address to reach the team?

For general questions on pre-registration, email [ARGrants@MBakerIntl.com](mailto:ARGrants@MBakerIntl.com)

### **FAQ Questions**

8. Is it possible to include all the FAQs into one large FAQ document?

Yes.