

The Arkansas BEAD Program

Infrastructure Roundtable - Technical Assistance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025




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Applicants should have received an email notification directly from ARConnect that Tranche-1 results have been posted in the applicant portal

 **Carried Forward** **Tranche 1** **AR**

ISP Name
Application #

 Each of your Tranche-1 applications will be classified as one of 3 possible outcomes: Preliminarily Selected, Carried Forward, or Closed

 An explanation of each classification can be found in the email notification

 Additionally, applicants will be informed of Tranche-2 implications for each result

 Applicant portal  Email notification

Email notification that Tranche-1 results are posted

Dear Applicant,

The Arkansas State Broadband Office (ARConnect) would like to inform you that the adjudication of the Arkansas BEAD Program's Tranche-1 applications has concluded, and your preliminary results can be found in the applicant portal.

Before you review your preliminary results, I would like to provide some important reminders to clarify each classification and its implications for Tranche-2.

Tranche-1 applications can have one of three possible outcomes:

- 1. Preliminarily Selected** – These applications were preliminarily selected for their bid's entire project area at the requested subsidy amount.
- 2. Carried Forward** – These applications were not preliminarily selected and will be automatically carried forward to Tranche-2. You may not abandon any CBGs in a carried forward bid's project area. You are permitted to modify carried forward bids in accordance with the Arkansas BEAD Program's rules. If you take no action on a carried forward bid, it will automatically be resubmitted in Tranche-2, as is.
- 3. Closed** – These applications were not preliminarily selected in Tranche-1 and were closed.



Please note, all bid results reflect the application of the Arkansas BEAD Program's Tranche-1 rules of adjudication, as well as federal requirements. These results are pending the conclusion of the subgrantee selection process and NTIA approval of results. Additionally, all results are confidential and may not be shared publicly or with other applicants.

All applicants that submitted a bid in Tranche-1 may submit new bids in Tranche-2 in accordance with the Arkansas BEAD Program's rules. Please note, new bids entered in Tranche-2 may not include any CBGs that are included in your carried forward bid's project area(s).

Thank you for your participation in Tranche-1, and I look forward to your continued engagement in Tranche-2.

Kindest regards,

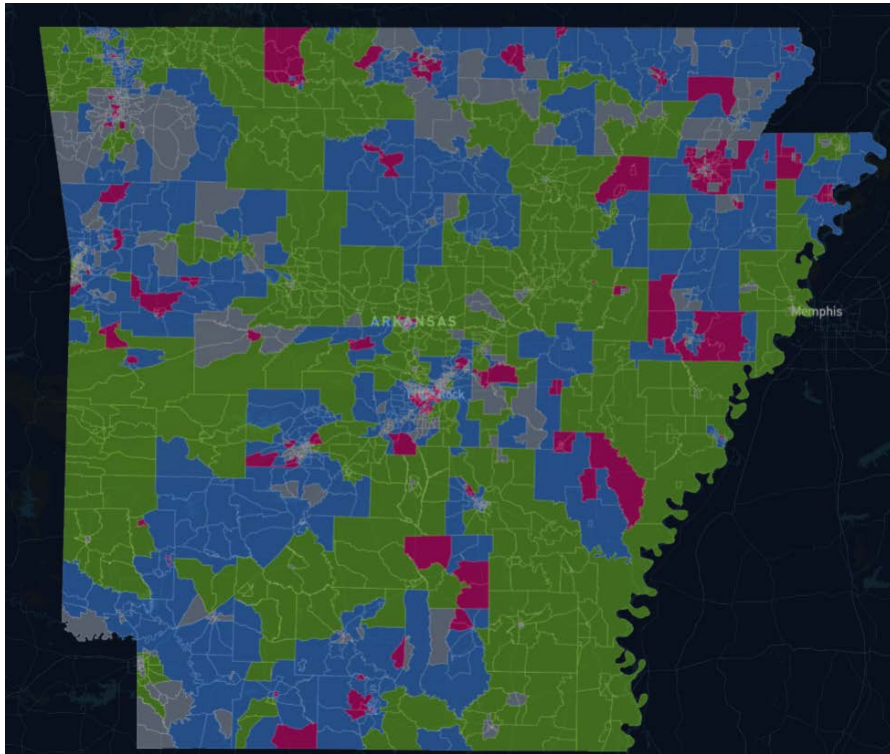
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Recall | All Tranche-1 results are **preliminary** and may **not** be shared publicly or with other applicants

Once in the applicant portal, applicants will be able to see a map displaying each CBG's availability as a result of Tranche-1 adjudication

Map of Tranche-1 Results



CBG statuses after Tranche-1

- **Preliminarily Selected (unavailable)**
 - CBGs that were preliminarily selected in Tranche-1 and are no longer available for bidding
- **Available Zero Bid**
 - Applicants will be allowed to add these areas to Carried Forward or new bids for additional points. These CBGs do not need to follow contiguity rules
- **Available**
 - CBGs that received bids in Tranche-1, but no winner was determined. These CBGs must follow contiguity rules
- **Ineligible**
 - CBGs that contain 100% served locations and are unavailable for bidding

■ Preliminarily Selected ■ Available Zero-bid ■ Available ■ Ineligible

Available Zero-Bid |

A CBG can be classified as a Zero-Bid CBG in three different ways

1

True zero bid

These CBGs were not included in any Tranche-1 applications

2

Competitive closed bids

These CBGs belong to competitive bids that partially overlapped with a Buy It Now bid, and therefore were closed

3

Non-competitive carried forward bids

These CBGs belong to carried forward bids that did not overlap with any other applications, but did not meet Buy It Now criteria

Note | This means it is possible for a CBG included in your applications(s) to be classified as an "Available Zero Bid"

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Key differences in Tranche-2 include the bid outcomes, thresholds, Requested Subsidy considerations, and points available

Key difference	Tranche-1	Tranche-2
Bid outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminarily Selected (Tranche-1) • Carried Forward • Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminarily Selected (Tranche-2) • Partial Award Eligible • Not Selected
Point thresholds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Buy It Now" (BIN) threshold • Minimum Point Threshold (MPT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Requested Subsidy considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request below the Reference Price to be considered for selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request below twice the Reference Price to be considered for selection
Technology considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only priority bids are considered for selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority bids and nonpriority bids are considered for selection; alternative technology bids are not
Points available in Scoring Rubric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 points available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 points available <i>95 pts from Tranche-1 rubric, +5 pts available for Zero-Bid CBGs included in project area</i>

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There are two types of bids in Tranche-2, which have unique criteria and rules

Carried Forward bids from Tranche-1

Bids which are "Carried Forward" from Tranche-1

Carried Forward bids may ONLY be modified during Tranche-2 in two ways:

1. Decrease the Requested Subsidy for the project area; and/or
2. Increase the project area size by adding CBGs

Requested Subsidy may be increased only if CBGs are added.

Note: **Unsubmitted** Carried Forward bids will automatically be submitted at the end of Tranche-2, even if applicant takes no action

New bids

All applicants who submitted a bid in Tranche-1 are allowed to submit new bids in Tranche-2



Description



**CBG
restrictions**

- An applicant may include a given CBG in a maximum of 3 bids
- A **new** bid cannot contain any CBGs that are a part of any of your carried forward bid(s)
- A **modified carried forward bid** cannot add any CBGs that are part of any of your other carried forward bid(s)

Note | Project area rules from Tranche-1 still apply: CBGs must be contiguous (unless zero bid), bidders must serve all eligible locations within a CBG included in the project area, and bidders must bid for outer and inner CBGs together if one sits inside the other

Based on permissible modifications, there are two primary methods to earn additional points for a Carried Forward bid in Tranche-2

Method > **1** Decrease requested subsidy for project area

Impacted criteria > Minimization of BEAD program outlay: **40** points available

Description > For the "Minimization of BEAD program outlay" criteria, applicants are scored based on how much higher or lower their requested subsidy is from the reference price

Decreasing the requested subsidy for a Carried Forward project area will result in an applicant earning more points for this criteria, as long as the new subsidy request is less than twice the reference price

2 Increase project area size with zero-bid CBGs

Inclusion of zero-bid CBGs: **5** points available

For the "Inclusion of zero-bid CBG" criteria, applicants will receive points based on the number of zero-bid CBGs they include in their Tranche-2 bid. Each zero-bid CBG is worth one-half point, for up to five points

Recall that zero-bid CBGs do not need to be contiguous to your Carried Forward project area

Note | These methods are **not** mutually exclusive. An applicant may increase their project area size **and** lower their requested subsidy

Project area actions | Map and scenarios overview

Map overview

- The map below represents an illustrative CBG map
- Each numbered rectangle represents a CBG
- The colors of the rectangles use the same color code as the portal's CBG claims map: **Preliminarily Selected**, **Available Zero-bid**, **Available**, and **Ineligible**
- The bordered areas represent carried forward bids

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36

Applicant A

Applicant B

Applicant C

■ Preliminarily Selected
 ■ Available Zero-bid
 ■ Available
 ■ Ineligible

Scenario overview

- The objective of the following scenarios is to provide clear examples of what applicants can and cannot bid on in terms of their Tranche-2 project area(s) based on their Tranche-1 results:

✓ Allowable action
 ✗ Unallowable action

- We will look at 3 different scenarios:
 - Applicant A:** No bids carried forward to Tranche-2
 - Applicant B:** One bid carried forward to Tranche-2
 - Applicant C:** Multiple bids carried forward to Tranche-2
- Point of emphasis:** *If you have carried forward bids, you may not include the CBGs from your any of your carried forward bid(s) in any of your new bids or in your project area modifications*

1. Available CBGs must be contiguous within a project area; Available zero bid CBGs do not need to be contiguous

Note: Applicants may reduce the requested subsidy of their carried forward project area(s); applicants may increase the requested subsidy of their carried forward project areas if and only if they also increase the size of the project area; applicants that request more than 2x the reference price in Tranche-2 are not eligible for Preliminary Selection

Project area actions | Applicant A allowable actions

Scenario

- Applicant A does not have any carried forward bids**
- Applicant B has one carried forward bid, which consists of Available CBGs (8, 9, 14, 15)
- Applicant C has two carried forward bids, which consist of Available Zero-bid CBGs (28, 29) and Available CBGs (6)

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Applicant A

Project Area Actions

- ✔ Submit **new** bids that include Available or Available Zero-bid CBGs¹
- ✔ Use Ineligible CBGs for contiguity purposes
- ✘ Submit **new** bids that include any Preliminarily Selected CBGs

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✔ Allowable action
 ✘ Unallowable action

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Project area actions | Applicant B allowable actions

Scenario

- Applicant A does not have any carried forward bids
- Applicant B has one carried forward bid, which consists of Available CBGs (8, 9, 14, 15)**
- Applicant C has two carried forward bids, which consist of Available Zero-bid CBGs (28, 29) and Available CBGs (6)

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Applicant B

Project Area Actions

- ✓ Submit **new** bids that include Available or Available Zero-bid CBGs¹ except for those in their **carried forward** project area (8, 9, 14, 15)
- ✓ Submit their **carried forward** bid as is
- ✓ Increase their **carried forward** project area by adding *contiguous* Available CBGs (e.g., 7, 13, 16, 18 if it also added 16 and 17)
- ✓ Increase their **carried forward** project area by adding Available Zero-bid CBGs (e.g., 2, 19, 5, 28, 31)
- ✓ Use Ineligible CBGs for contiguity purposes in **new** or **carried forward** bids
- ✗ Submit **new** bids that include any Preliminarily Selected CBGs
- ✗ Submit **new** bids that include any CBGs within their **carried forward** project area (8, 9, 14, 15)
- ✗ Increase their **carried forward** project area by adding Preliminarily Selected CBGs

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Project area actions | Applicant C allowable actions

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Applicant C

Project Area Actions

- ✓ Submit **new** bids that include **Available** or **Available Zero-bid** CBGs¹ *except* for those in their **carried forward** project areas (28, 29, 6)

- ✓ Submit their **carried forward** bid(s) as is

- ✓ Increase their **carried forward** project area(s) by adding contiguous **Available** CBGs (e.g., 22, 23, 30, 35, 36, 15 if it also adds 22 and 16) *except* for those included in its other **carried forward** project areas (6)

- ✓ Increase their **carried forward** project area(s) by adding **Available Zero-bid** CBGs (e.g., 2, 19, 5, 31, 12) *except* for those in its other **carried forward** project areas (28, 29)

- ✓ Use **Ineligible** CBGs for contiguity purposes in **new** or **carried forward** bids

- ✗ Submit **new** bids that include any **Preliminarily Selected** CBGs

- ✗ Submit **new** bids that include any CBGs within any of their **carried forward** project areas (28, 29, 6)

- ✗ Increase their **carried forward** project area(s) by adding **Preliminarily Selected** CBGs

- ✗ Increase their **carried forward** project area(s) by adding any CBGs included in any of its other **carried forward** project areas (28, 29, 6)

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Tranche-2 applications are scored and adjudicated after applicants have submitted them

Start here: Tranche-1 ends, and applicants review the results



Applicants may choose to modify (or not) their Carried Forward bids and/or submit new bids in Tranche-2



ARConnect scores bids according to the Scoring Rubric (Applicant Primer Section 4)



ARConnect completes adjudication according to the Tranche-2 rules specified in the Applicant Primer (Section 2)



ARConnect notifies applicants of adjudication results through Grantor Portal



Applicant action



ARConnect action

Sample screenshot of Scoring Rubric from Applicant Primer Section 4

Scoring Rubric

Figure 4a: Scoring Rubric (Primary, Secondary, and Additional Criteria)

Primary criteria	Points available	Determination process
1.1. Minimization of BEAD program outlay	40	The score will be assessed based on how high or low an applicant's requested subsidy is relative to ARConnect's reference subsidy for the CBGs within the applicant's project area. Reference subsidies will be calculated on a per-location basis for each CBG and will rely on the per-BSL cost data provided by NTIA in the Eligible Entity Toolkit and the State's experience with recent prior broadband funding programs. Scores will be based on a linear scale, with zero points being granted for bids that are 100% higher than the reference subsidy and forty points being granted for bids that request no BEAD subsidy. For example, an applicant who applies for a project with a per-location BEAD subsidy match that is exactly the same amount as the reference subsidy would receive twenty points, while an applicant who applies for a subsidy worth 120% of the per-location reference subsidy would receive sixteen points.
1.2. Affordability	25	Applicants will commit to a baseline price for the highest tier of service that they support, as disclosed in their deployment bid. The score will be assessed based on how high or low their commitments are relative to the below reference prices for the relevant tier of service: Priority bids (1/1 Gbps service): \$85 per month Non-priority bids (100/20 Mbps): \$37 per month Scores will be based on a linear scale, with applicants committing to plans that are, on average, 50% higher than the reference price receiving zero points and applicants committing to plans 50% lower than the reference price receiving twenty-five points. For example, an applicant that commits to plans exactly at the recommended reference price would receive 12.5 points, while an applicant who commits to plans priced at 120% of the reference price would receive ten points.

Total Tranche-1 points: 95

Total Tranche-2 points: 100
(5 additional points available for adding zero-bid CBGs to project area)

Note | Carried forward applications will be *rescored*

Scoring updates for Tranche-2

Additional criteria

Points available

Determination process



1.1.
**Minimization
of BEAD
program
outlay**

40

Assessed based on how high or low an applicant's requested subsidy is relative to ARConnect's reference subsidy for the CBGs within the applicant's project area

Scores will be based on a linear scale, with zero points being granted for bids that are 100% higher than the reference subsidy and forty points being granted for bids that request no BEAD subsidy

Update: Tranche-2 bids will be scored against the updated Reference Prices.



3.3.
**Inclusion of
zero-bid
CBGs**

5

Additional criteria: Applicants will receive points based on the number of zero-bid CBGs they include in their Tranche-2 bid. Each Zero-Bid CBG will be worth one-half point, for up to 5 points. Applicants with existing Zero-Bid CBGs in their carried forward bids will automatically receive points for them

Note | All other scoring criteria from Tranche-1 remain the same

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For Tranche-2, Reference Prices of Zero Bid CBGs were increased relative to the level of interest and competition they received in Tranche-1

Zero Bid CBG Category	Description	Ref Price Multiple	Impacted CBGs
0 bids	CBGs that received no bids in Tranche-1	2x	266
1 bid (Closed)	CBGs that received 1 bid in Tranche-1 which was closed	1.5x	161
2+ bids (Closed)	CBGs that received multiple bids in Tranche-1 which were closed		
OR	OR	1.2x	203
1 bid (Carried Forward)	CBGs that received 1 bid in Tranche-1 which was carried forward		

Note | Adjusted Reference Prices for Zero Bid CBGs not to exceed \$50k per location

The updated Reference Price document lists all 1,291 CBGs available in Tranche-2, including their status, Reference Price, and increase indicator

Tranche-2 Reference Prices

IMPORTANT NOTE (please read):

CBGs classified as 'Available Zero Bid' include CBGs that:

1. Did not receive any bids in Tranche-1,
2. Received at least 1 bid in Tranche-1 that was Closed, or
3. Received 1 Non-Competitive bid in Tranche-1 that was Carried Forward

Adjusted Reference Prices for 'Available Zero Bid' CBGs do not exceed \$50,000 per location

CBGs that were 'Selected' in Tranche-1 are not included in the list below

CBG ID	County ID	County Name	Total BEAD eligible locations (non-CAI BSLs + CAIs)	Eligible Location IDs (non-CAI BSLs)	Eligible unique CAIs	CBG Status	Reference Price	Increased from Tranche-1? (Y/N)
051011802003	05101	Newton County	811	809	2	Available	\$ 9,312,652.00	N
050419501001	05041	Desha County	184	173	11	Available	\$ 8,360,970.00	N
051011802002	05101	Newton County	1065	1065	0	Available	\$ 7,728,468.00	N
051011802001	05101	Newton County	1085	1084	1	Available	\$ 7,456,196.00	N
051011801003	05101	Newton County	850	849	1	Available	\$ 6,357,159.00	N
051011801002	05101	Newton County	965	965	0	Available	\$ 5,675,455.00	N
050659604001	05065	Izard County	646	646	0	Available	\$ 4,656,093.00	N
050070214091	05007	Benton County	811	811	0	Available	\$ 4,590,325.00	N
050170801001	05017	Chicot County	265	264	1	Available	\$ 4,497,291.00	N
050899603011	05089	Marion County	616	616	0	Available	\$ 3,900,817.00	N
050899602011	05089	Marion County	379	378	1	Available	\$ 3,853,713.00	N
051299701003	05129	Searcy County	408	406	2	Available	\$ 3,612,066.00	N
051330801002	05133	Sevier County	477	474	3	Available	\$ 3,595,887.00	N
050634901011	05063	Independence County	645	641	4	Available	\$ 3,522,000.00	N
051279503002	05127	Scott County	266	264	2	Available	\$ 3,501,276.00	N
050510120013	05051	Garland County	614	612	2	Available Zero Bid	\$ 4,163,611.00	Y
050434901002	05043	Drew County	125	123	2	Available	\$ 3,321,079.00	N

List of CBGs available in Tranche-2

CBGs status as either "Available" or "Available Zero Bid"

Indicator of an increased Reference Price

Note | Adjusted Reference Prices for Zero Bid CBGs do not exceed \$50k per location; therefore, it is possible for an Available Zero Bid to not receive a reference price increase

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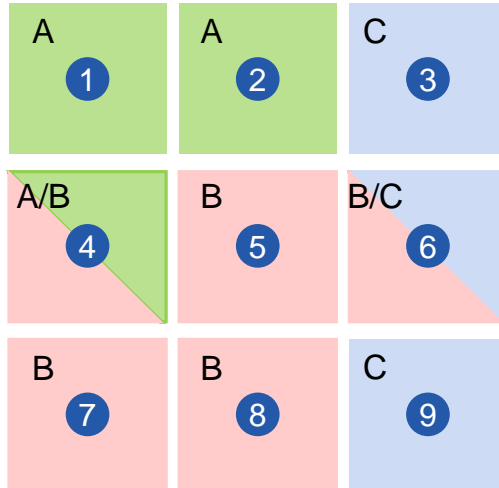
Tranche-2 |

Summary rules of adjudication

- **Rule #1:** Preliminary selections have the highest score of the highest technology type across their project area or are the sole bidder on their project area
- **Rule #2:** To be considered for a preliminary selection in Tranche-2, an applicant's Requested Subsidy must be less than twice the Reference Price, and the application may not include alternative technology
- **Rule #3:** Bids whose project area partially overlaps with a preliminarily selected bid may still be eligible to negotiate for partial awards
- **Rule #4:** All CBGs which are not covered at the end of Tranche-2 will continue to negotiations.

Example of Tranche-2 rules during adjudication

Example of Tranche-2 Adjudication



Bid details

Bid	Project Area	Score
A	CBG 1, 2, 4	65
B	CBG 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	55
C	CBG 3, 6, 9	50

All three bids are Priority and request subsidy below 2x their Reference Price

Competitive Overview

- Bid A scores highest in the cluster of overlapping bids
- Bid B overlaps with Bid A and in CBG 4
- Bid C overlaps with Bid B in CBG 6

Adjudication process

- Step 1: Bid A wins CBG 1, 2, and 4
 - *Because Bid B's project area is impacted by Bid A winning, it can no longer win its entire project area*
- Step 2: Bid C wins CBG 3, 6, and 9
- Step 3: State offers a partial award of CBGs 5, 7, and 8 during negotiations to bidder B

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ARConnect will only provide technical support during the Tranche-2 application window

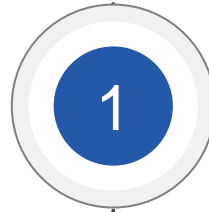
- If you are experiencing a technical issue with the portal, please reach out to argrants@mbakerintl.com

- If you have questions regarding the application and/or the Arkansas BEAD process, we encourage you to reference the following resources housed on the [Arkansas BEAD Webpage](#):
 - [IPvII](#)
 - [Applicant Primer](#)
 - [Applicant Portal User Guide](#)
 - [TA Session materials and FAQ documents](#)
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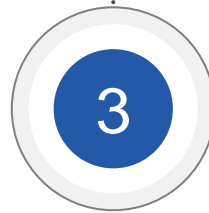
Key reminders for Tranche-2



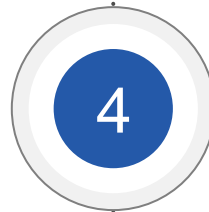
You should submit your strongest applications, but keep in mind your service commitment if selected



You must complete any revisions and **submit** within the 2-week application period. No exceptions



Carried Forward applications will automatically be resubmitted at the close of the application window, but you are encouraged to manually submit. Any unsubmitted modifications will not be captured



The applicant portal opens on Tuesday, February 25th at 12:00 p.m. and closes on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Only 3 possible revisions for new Tranch-2 applications



CBG ID upload (.xlsx)



Weather Mitigation Plan (.pdf)



Letters of Support (.pdf)



Allowable revisions (technical errors):

Invalid data entries, encrypted, locked or improper files, etc. to ensure they can be scored



Unallowable revisions (response modifications):

Insufficient, incomplete, or inaccurate responses, incorrect templates, etc. to change or enhance scores

Note | Revisions only apply to **new** bids in Tranche-2