



# ARConnect

The Arkansas State Broadband Office

**Arkansas BEAD Program**

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1. Will residual CBGs from a bid that was closed by a Buy It Now bid be considered Zero Bid CBGs?  
**Yes. If a bid overlaps with a Tranche-1 Buy It Now bid and is closed, then the residual CBGs that were not selected as part of the Buy It Now bid will be classified as Zero Bid.**
2. Can a Tranche-1 Carried Forward bid be modified to include a CBG that is part of a separate Tranche-1 Carried Forward bid?  
**No. Applicants may not include a CBG that is included in any of their Carried Forward bids' project areas in either a separate Carried Forward bid or a new bid in Tranche-2.**
3. How much time will applicants have between the publication of Tranche-1 results and the opening of Tranche-2?  
**Applicants will have at least one week between the publication of Tranche-1 results and the opening of Tranche-2.**
4. How are the bids that are not carried forward to Tranche-2 classified?  
**Bids that were not carried forward to Tranche-2 were either preliminarily selected or closed.**
5. Will reference prices be updated for Tranche-2?  
**Yes. The reference prices for Zero Bid CBGs will be increased for Tranche-2.**
6. When are network designs required?  
**Supplemental documents such as network designs (with a P.E. stamp), project budgets, etc., will be required of preliminary selectees within specific timelines as outlined by ARConnect, on a rolling basis. ARConnect will release more information on these timelines at a later date.**
7. Can the network designs be submitted in phases as the project goes on?  
**No. The full network designs with a PE stamp must be submitted by the deadline.**
8. Will there be a communication blackout period during Tranche-2?  
**Yes. During the Tranche-2 application window, ARConnect will not answer questions related to the BEAD application process.**