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Tranche-3 Questions

1. Is there a published dataset with all available CBGs for Tranche-3?
[Yes. The dataset can be found on the Arkansas BEAD webpage.](#)
2. Can applicants divide CBGs among multiple selectees in Tranche-3?
[No. As in previous rounds, a CBG remains the smallest unit of bidding and cannot be divided.](#)
3. If an applicant intends to submit a hybrid fiber/satellite bid in Tranche-3, does the bid need to be a consortium bid submitted jointly by the fiber and satellite providers?
[A new partnership pre-registration cannot take place at this point in the process. Therefore, some form of agreement, for example, an initial memorandum of understanding between the fiber provider and the satellite provider, would need to be uploaded as part of the bid.](#)
4. If an applicant is submitting a hybrid fiber/satellite bid, does the bid need to include a nominal amount per location for the satellite subsidy?
[These costs should be factored in and included as part of the aggregated subsidy request \(grant request\).](#)
5. If a hybrid fiber/satellite bid is preliminarily selected, will ARConnect sign two subgrant agreements, one with the fiber provider for the locations being served with fiber and one with the satellite provider for the locations being served with satellite?
[No, in the case where a hybrid fiber/satellite bid is preliminarily selected, ARConnect will sign one subgrant agreement with the applicant of record.](#)

Preliminary Selectee Questions

6. If an applicant combines their selected project areas, will the combination remain intact for the duration of the period of performance?
[Yes. The combination of project areas will remain intact for the purposes of reporting, milestone reimbursement, and other program requirements.](#)

[Please note, if permission is granted to combine project areas, applicants must submit all required documentation in the portal for one bid. For the remaining bids in the combined project area, applicants must submit a PDF of the email formally granting approval to combine project areas. Please ensure the name of each bid is](#)

provided. Should you have any questions, please reach out to ARGrants@mbakerintl.com.

7. What are the submission requirements for a selected bid that did not request any subsidy?

If an applicant requested no subsidy amount but is conducting a buildout, all preliminary selectee documents are required except for the commitment letter for the Letter of Credit. In place of the commitment letter, applicants must submit a PDF stating they do not require a subsidy for the buildout.

8. Is there a statewide start date preliminarily selected applicants can use when preparing their implementation plans?

Applicants are required to provide a start date when submitting their implementation plans, and a universal start date will not be provided by ARConnect. However, applicants will not necessarily be held to the start date listed in the initial implementation plan. More exact project details will be required before the subgrant agreement is signed.

Match Commitment Questions

9. Is the letter of credit waiver the same as the waiver for the match commitment?

No. The waiver for the match commitment is a separate process from the letter of credit waiver.

10. For Tranche-3 BEAD applications, will there be a method for applicants to request a waiver for the match commitment within the application?

No, the waiver may be requested after the application period.