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Arkansas BEAD Program – Preliminary Selectee Requirements

Each preliminary selectee must provide the following items within 30 days of receipt of the "Preliminary Selectee Notification Letter." A single Commitment Letter is needed accounting for all preliminary selections within the Tranche; however, the components of the "Project Plan" must be provided *per project*¹. Submission will take place online within the Arkansas Broadband Grantor Portal, and include the following:

- 1. A **Commitment Letter** from a qualified financial institution or performance bond issuer (template available, if needed).
- 2. A **Project Plan**. The components of the **Project Plan** include:
 - a. Engineering Design Package (see Attachment A) Upload PDF
 - b. Total Project Cost Document (including the minimum 25 percent match) Break out costs related to, at a minimum, the following categories: Engineering and Design, Labor, and Materials and Equipment (template available, if needed).
 - c. Project Implementation Plan (Gantt chart optional) Build-out timeline with milestones for key project activities (template available, if needed).
 - d. Capital Investment Schedule A high-level financial plan outlining the allocation of funds for network deployment, demonstrating that the full build-out and initiation of service will be completed within four years from the date the grant agreement is executed. The schedule should provide a clear timeline of investments, ensuring project milestones are met in accordance with the proposed Project Implementation Plan (template available, if needed).

The requirements listed above are taken from the Arkansas BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II and the BEAD NOFO, Page 74.

¹ Preliminary selections within the same Tranche may be combined into a larger grouping with the approval of ARConnect.

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