

# The Arkansas BEAD Program

Infrastructure Roundtable – Technical Assistance

JUNE 20, 2025



# Per the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice, ARConnect will hold a Benefit of the Bargain (BB) Round



## Timeline

- The Arkansas BEAD Program's Benefit of the Bargain (BB) round is tentatively scheduled to open for **7 calendar days**, from **Monday, July 7 to Monday, July 14**
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## Pre-registration

- Pre-registration will run concurrently with the BB round window, tentatively scheduled from **Monday, July 7 to Monday, July 14**
  - Pre-registration is required **only** for **new applicants who have not yet successfully pre-registered** for the Arkansas BEAD Program
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## Available BEAD-eligible locations

- As required by the Policy Notice, ARConnect **rescinds all preliminary selections** under its previous subgrantee selection process
  - **All BEAD-eligible** locations are available for bidding in the BB round
  - There will be **no changes** to the list of BEAD-eligible locations prior to the opening of the BB round.
  - Any updates (per Section 4 of the Policy Notice) will occur **after the BB round and prior to Final Proposal submission**. NTIA confirmed no defaulted or newly eligible locations in Arkansas
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## Next steps

- ARConnect will release additional information and guidance for its BB round **next week**