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## **True-up Process Questions**

 How will ARConnect handle locations that are identified as non-serviceable during the design phase of the project? ARConnect will provide guidance on this at a later date.

# **EHCPLT Questions**

 Will applicants be able to bid on locations that were carved out as part of the EHCPLT process?
No, ARConnect will conduct direct negotiations to serve those locations.

## **Preliminary Selectee Questions**

 Can providers request permission to combine preliminarily selected bids in Tranche-3?
Yes. Applicants are encouraged to combine preliminarily selected bids within

Tranche-3 following the same process as Tranches 1 and 2.

To submit a request, please email <u>ARGrants@Mbakerintl.com</u> with the list of applications and CBGs you would like to combine. Please copy <u>Broadband@Arkansas.gov</u> on the email as well.

#### **Holistic Review Questions**

4. Is the Community or Partner Reference Letter for the Holistic Review the same as the Letter of Support from the application process? No. The Reference Letter is not the same as the Letter of Support. Applicants asked to provide a Reference Letter under the Holistic Review process must send a letter from an entity who can speak to their organization's track record, reliability, and/or community presence.

Entities may include local governments, community anchor institutions, and/or community partners.