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Benefit of the Bargain Round Questions

2. Will the BEAD-eligible location list be updated before the Benefit of the Bargain Round?

No. Arkansas did not have any defaults or changes in service area for Federal enforceable commitments.

ARConnect will review Version 6 of the FCC Fabric data, ULFW claims, true-up process submissions, and the list of eligible CAIs for any changes per the new NTIA Policy Notice. If any locations are deemed ineligible for BEAD funds, they will be removed after the Benefit of the Bargain Round.

3. How long will the Benefit of the Bargain Round be open?

The Benefit of the Bargain Round will be open for seven calendar days.

4. Will engineering designs and budgets be required for the new application?

ARConnect will release more information on this next week.

5. Will applicants be allowed to carry forward bids for the Benefit of the Bargain Round?

ARConnect will release more information on this next week.

6. Do existing revision request notes for preliminary selectee documents still need to be addressed?

No.

7. Will CBGs be the unit of bidding for the Benefit of the Bargain Round?

ARConnect will design Project Area Footprints (PAFs) consisting of one or more CBGs for competitive bidding. ARConnect will release more information on this next week.

8. Are Holistic Review and Preliminary Selectee documents still required to be submitted by June 26?

No. These submission requirements are suspended and will not be required by June 26.

True Up Process Questions

9. Which version of the FCC Fabric Data will ARConnect use to assess whether BEAD-eligible locations have been removed?
ARConnect will use Version 6 of the FCC Fabric Data.
10. Do locations need to be proposed for the No BEAD list if the BDC map is correct?
ARConnect will review Version 6 of the FCC Fabric Data to determine if any BEAD-eligible locations have been removed. However, if an applicant is submitting a location for the No BEAD list under Reason Code 5, that location must have qualifying broadband service on the BDC map. The true up process will be restarted following the conclusion of the BB round. Additional information will be released at that time.

Match Requirement Questions

11. Will waiver requests for the 25% match commitment still be accepted?
ARConnect will not consider requests for a match waiver. Therefore, applicants must meet the NTIA requirement of a 25% match commitment for BEAD projects. This is a federal program requirement.