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Benefit of the Bargain (BB) Round Questions

1. Can the same PE be used for both certifications in the application?
   Yes. Applicants may use the same PE for the two certifications within the application.

   Keep in mind that there are two separate certifications: one required for all applications attesting that the proposed network detailed in the engineering design packet can deliver broadband service that meets the requisite performance requirements to all locations and one attesting to the accuracy of claims related to scalability in the application which is only required for applications requesting to be considered for Priority Broadband Project status.

2. What start date should applicants use in the implementation plan?
   Applicants should input an estimated start date. The main purpose of the implementation plan is to evaluate the timeline.

3. Do applications requesting Priority Broadband Project status need to include 100% of BEAD-eligible locations in the PAF?
   No.

4. Were any updates made to the application templates from previous tranches?
   No. ARConnect released new templates for the LEO engineering design packet and the PE certification for scalability claims. Existing templates from previous tranches are the same.

5. Can applicants edit and re-submit bids from previous tranches?
   No. Applicants may only submit new bids for the BB Round.

   Please note that bids from previous tranches will be visible in the portal. However, applicants will not be able to edit or submit them.

6. Can applicants access documents uploaded in applications from previous tranches?
   Applicants will be able to download documents from previously submitted applications.