The Arkansas BEAD Program

Infrastructure Roundtable | TA Session





SGS | Overview of key activities and timeline for process to finalize SGS for the Benefit of the Bargain round

Activity		Medium(s)	Target Date
	Demo for accessing BB round SGS results in Grantor Portal demo	• TA session	Wednesday, Aug. 13
	Applicants notified of results of SGS for the BB round	Grantor Portal	Wednesday, Aug. 13 Noon
	Preliminary selectees notified of removed locations from project areas due to optimization of BEAD locations; adjusted subsidy amounts may be offered	 Grantor Portal revision request 	Wednesday, Aug. 13 Noon – 6 p.m.
	Applicants modify impacted applications based on revision request(s)	 Grantor Portal 	Wednesday, Aug. 13 – Thursday, Aug. 14
mis	Deadline to finalize and submit bid modifications based on revision request(s)	Grantor Portal	Thursday, Aug. 14 11:59 p.m. CT

Note | Process ONLY applies to selectees with impacted project areas; if a Selectee is not impacted by location removals, no further action is necessary

Recall | Four processes to optimize BEAD eligible locations per the Policy Notice



Optimization Process and Applicable Reason Codes



Include newly eligible locations

NTIA to send each EE list of defaulted or newly eligible locations that qualify for BEAD



Revise locations serviced by ULFW

Account for locations with access to existing ULFW networks that meet BEAD technical requirements



Remove CAIs that don't meet IIJA statutory definition

Revise list of eligible CAIs to ensure their designations conform with the statutory definition of a CAI as established by the IIJA





Remove locations that are no longer in FCC Location Fabric (reason code 3), are covered by an enforceable commitment (reason code 4), or are already served by qualifying nonsubsidized broadband (reason code 5)



Impact of	Location F	Removal	Across PAFs

0 Locations Removed **87** PAFs

<15% Locations Removed **149** PAFs

16-30% Locations Removed **16** PAFs

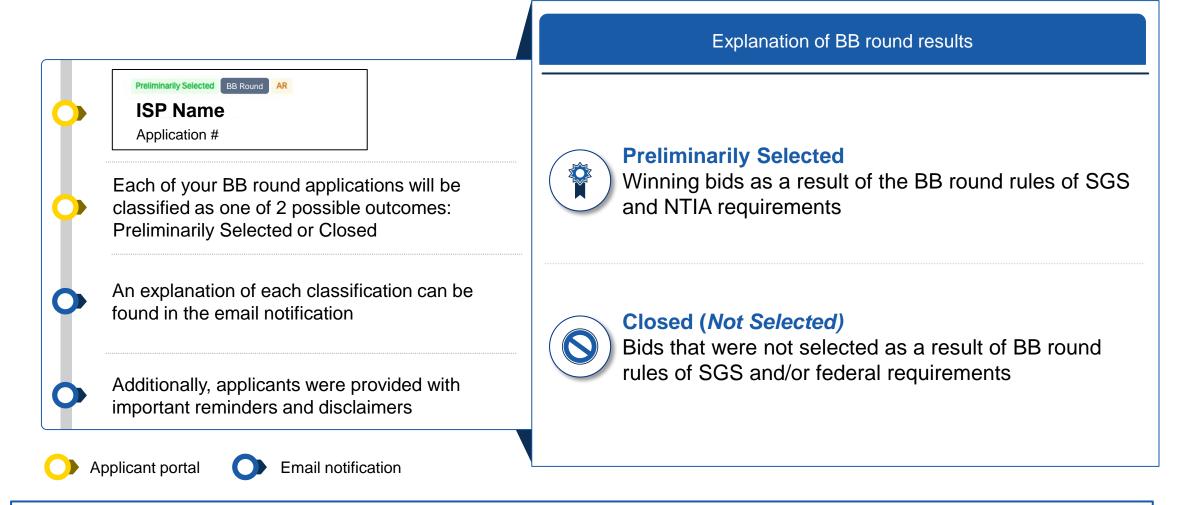
31-45% Locations Removed 2 PAFs

>45% Locations Removed 1 PAF



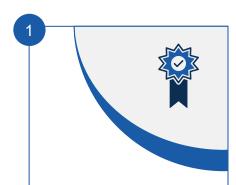


SGS | Applicants should receive an email on Wednesday, August 13 that BB round bid results were published in the Grantor Portal

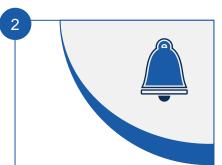


Recall | All BB round results are preliminary and may not be shared publicly or with other applicants

SGS | Process flow for accepting adjusted subsidies if selected project area is impacted by location removals



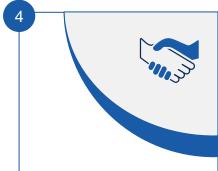
Identify
applications in the
Grantor Portal that
have been
preliminarily
selected for
specific project
areas



For each impacted bid, receive revision request(s) indicating the locations that have been removed from the project area. An adjusted subsidy request may also be provided



Modify impacted applications to exactly match the information provided in the revision request

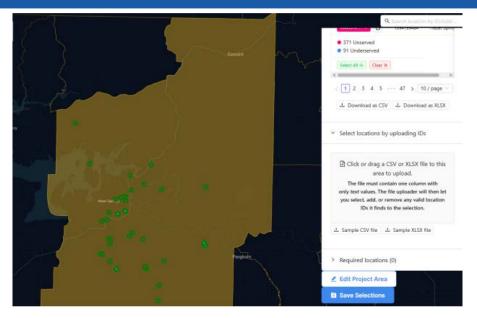


Resubmit
application to
finalize
modifications and
formally accept
revision request

Note | Any impacted bids that are **not** modified according to the revision request and resubmitted in the Grantor Portal by the deadline **will be considered withdrawn** and **will be rescinded**; **no counteroffers** will be accepted

SGS | To accept revision request(s), follow process by 11:59 pm CT on August 14

Revision Request 1: Select Locations



Revision request message

This bid is impacted by the Optimizing BEAD Locations process required by the NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. In this section, **review the BEAD-eligible locations marked for removal** and hit accept. Please note, you may receive an additional revision request in the Commercial Details section with an adjusted subsidy amount to serve the remaining locations in the PAF. If you do not wish to accept this offer, no action is required. If no action is taken by **11:59pm CT on Thursday, August 14**, then the offer is considered declined, and ARConnect may rescind the preliminary selection

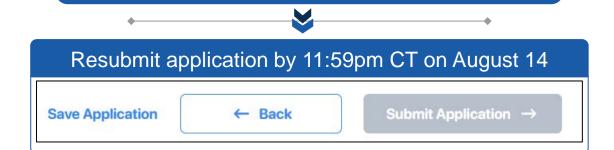
Revision Request 2: Commercial Details (if provided)

Minimization Of BEAD Program Outlay

*6. Please enter your requested BEAD funding amount for this bid's project area. Please note that this amount does not represent the total estimated project budget, but only the amount of funding you are requesting for the project (grant request). This amount should represent, at most, 75% of your estimated project budget, to be supplemented by a minimum of a 25%

Revision request message

This bid is impacted by the Optimizing BEAD Locations process required by the NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. **X** locations in this PAF have been removed from the BEAD eligible list. To account for the removed locations, ARConnect is offering an adjusted subsidy amount of \$x\$ to serve the remaining x BEAD-eligible locations in the PAF. To accept this offer, please complete the following steps. In this section, modify the requested subsidy to the exact amount listed above. After completing Steps 1 and 2, select "Submit" by 11:59pm CT on Thursday, August 14, to formally accept the offer. Please note that applicants will need to reconfirm the final attestations to submit. If you do not wish to accept this offer, no action is required. If no action is taken by 11:59pm CT on Thursday, August 14, then the offer is considered declined, and ARConnect may rescind the preliminary selection.



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