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Final Proposal Information Questions

- 1. Can preliminary selectees input the percentage of underground fiber, or must it be number of miles?
 - NTIA requires the number of miles for the Final Proposal submission. Selectees are asked to input a good-faith, best estimate.
- 2. How should a selectee input the number of locations which are fed by fixed wireless?
 - NTIA only requires the anticipated number of buried and aerial miles of fiber for each project. If a selectee does not anticipate deploying buried fiber to provide service to the locations within a project area, they must input 0. Selectees must input a good-faith, best estimate.
- 3. What should be included in the estimated number of employment opportunities created by the project?
 - Each selectee should input a good-faith, best estimate. As a general guideline, selectees should focus on direct jobs created by the project (e.g., personnel hired or contracted to work on deployment, PM tasks, design, office admin, etc.).

Preliminary Selectee Questions

4. Will preliminary selectees be able to submit locations for the No BEAD list? Yes. Following the conclusion of the Benefit of the Bargain Round, ARConnect conducted the Optimizing BEAD Locations process as mandated in the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. In accordance with the Final Proposal Guidance, ARConnect will continue to utilize reason codes 1, 2, and 3 for the entire period of performance. Should selectees identify additional locations that should be removed from the BEAD-eligible list during the project lifecycle, ARConnect will have a process in place to evaluate such locations.