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Subgrant Agreement Questions

1. What is the deadline for executing Subgrant Agreements?

All subgrant agreements must be executed by June 2nd, six months from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) final approval on January 2nd. Subgrantees who have successfully submitted all pre-SGA documentation can already execute their subgrant agreement in the portal.

Infrastructure Design Questions

2. What are the requirements for conduit access points?

With the release of the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (RPN) in June 2025, the conduit access point requirements were simplified. The original NOFO required regularly spaced access points for projects involving underground or roadway fiber installation. The RPN eliminated this section of the NOFO to the extent it imposed obligations beyond what is required by federal statute.

Interim Disbursement Questions

3. Does the six-month mark trigger interim disbursement, or does it trigger the review process that precedes payment?

The six-month mark does not trigger an automatic interim disbursement. If a subgrantee has not reached a milestone within that timeframe but meets the criteria outlined in the BEAD Notice of Programmatic Waiver, an interim disbursement may be requested.

ASBO will require documentation demonstrating progress and construction activity, and all requests will undergo a full review to ensure costs are allocable, allowable, and reasonable before any payment is issued