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Semi-annual Report – Jobs reporting Questions

1. Is jobs reporting tracked at the subgrant level or by project?

Jobs created and retained are reported at the ISP level as part of each semi-annual reporting cycle.

2. If a BEAD recipient hires a vendor (such as an engineering firm) and that vendor brings on additional subcontractors of their own to support BEAD work, does the subgrantee need to track and report those vendor-hired employees as jobs?

Jobs are only reportable if they are directly related to the subgrantee's BEAD program projects **and** paid with BEAD funds. Jobs funded by matching funds or other sources do not count.

If a vendor or their subcontractors are performing BEAD-related work and being compensated from BEAD funds, those jobs would generally need to be included in the subgrantee's reported jobs created figure. The SAR guidance instructs subgrantees to report jobs for the subgrantee "including their contractors," indicating the intent is to capture jobs across the full contractor chain, not just direct employees. To ensure reporting accuracy, subgrantees should establish clear data collection protocols with their primary vendors.

Semi-annual Report – Reporting Values Questions

3. What is the difference between the Active Subscribers reporting values of -1 and -99?

Enter -99 when the field is not applicable, meaning there is no last-mile deployment to that location. Enter -1 when a buildout is planned for that specific location, but service is not yet available. Enter 0 when service is available but there are currently no active subscribers.