Funding Application for: GMS Test

Application ID APP-006730

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1. Overview

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Overview

Please provide the following general information regarding your Funding Application:

Amount Requested

Title of Proposed Project

Guidelines

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For full subgrantee prequalification guidelines please **click here**.

Idaho BEAD Program Description
The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program is a federal program that provides $42 billion nationwide to expand high-speed broadband access. BEAD was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is administered by the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA).

The BEAD Program's principal focus is to award funding for deployment of broadband infrastructure to provide access to all unserved locations (those without any broadband service at all or with broadband service offering speeds below 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download/3 Mbps upload) and underserved locations (those without broadband service offering speeds of 100 Mbps download/20 Mbps upload) in Idaho. Idaho was awarded $583

million in BEAD funds to extend affordable, high-speed internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSL) in the state. If there are remaining funds, the program will fund broadband deployment to Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) lacking access to 1 Gbps symmetrical.

The Idaho BEAD Subgrantee Selection process is based on the NTIA-approved Idaho BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II and will comprise two main phases in a single round: a pre-qualification phase and a funding application phase. The Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB) reserves the right to add additional funding rounds if deemed necessary. The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) will select subgrantees for award via this competitive grant application process in furtherance of the main objectives outlined in the Five-Year Action Plan, Initial Proposal Volume II, and the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board's Broadband Strategic Plan. The Board's priority will be to select entities committed to improving and deploying broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved locations in Idaho and who meet the pre-qualification requirements.

Full BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process
The Idaho Office of Broadband IOB has initiated a multi-step process for selecting subgrantees and making BEAD funding awards after completion of the Challenge Process.
1. Publish Application Project Areas (APAs) map (published November 21, 2024).
2. **[*Current*] Pre-Qualification Application phase for potential subgrantee applicants (mandatory for the Potential Applicant's participation of the BEAD Program). Applications will open January 16, 2025, and close February 14, 2025, 11:59 pm MST.**
3. BEAD Funding Application phase.
4. Funding applications will be reviewed, scored and ranked; application deconfliction and discussions with applicants as needed.
5. Selection of provisional grant awards.

Idaho BEAD Pre-Qualification Application Guidelines
This Pre-Qualification Application will be used to determine which entities are qualified and eligible to compete for BEAD subgrants. The Pre-Qualification will allow the IOB to evaluate an applicant's technical, financial, operational and managerial capacity and will inform the IOB about the capability of prospective participants to comply with BEAD Program requirements and meet necessary standards, including subgrantee qualifications (see Notice of Funding Opportunity Section IV.D).

This pre-qualification application is open for a period of 30 days. No information in the pre-qualification submissions will be publicly posted on the Link Up Idaho website. Applicants must appropriately label confidential information to ensure this information will not be subject to public disclosure.

Prospective subgrantees must meet the federal and state standards and qualifications to be eligible to apply for funding. Following the pre-qualification phase, the Funding Application will seek detailed information from eligible entities regarding specific application project areas (APAs).

Application Project Areas (APAs) comprise clusters of non-tribal census blocks using the unserved and underserved locations in the BEAD eligibility list of NTIA-approved BSLs after completion of the BEAD Challenge Process. Census blocks with unserved and underserved locations are clustered together to create APAs. Tribal APAs will be completely within a tribe's boundaries. Some Tribal reservations may contain more than one APA.

Please be aware, information in this guidance may change due to ongoing discussions and/or new information/guidance that may be forthcoming from NTIA and/or other federal agencies; however, any such changes will be clearly communicated.

The IOB reserves the right to request more information from applicants as necessary to ensure all participants have the capacity to participate in the program and meet all BEAD Program requirements and goals. Further, the IOB reserves the right to request updated or additional information at any time, including after the subgrantee selection process, to re-assess the qualifications of subgrantees.

Important Dates
Prequalification Application opens - January 16, 2025
Prequalification Open Office Hours 1 – January 21, 2025, 2:00 pm MST
Prequalification Open Office Hours 2 – January 28, 2025, 2:00 pm MST
Prequalification Open Office Hours 3 – February 4, 2025, 2:00 pm MST
Prequalification Open Office Hours 4 – February 11, 2025, 2:00 pm MST
Prequalification Application closes - February 14, 2025, at 11:59 pm MST

Application Determinations (60 Days) – April 15th, 2025
Application Determination Notices Sent to Applicants – Week of April 21, 2025, or Sooner

Eligible Applicants
Eligible applicants include eligible broadband providers as defined by § 40-517, Idaho Code, incorporated businesses or partnerships, non-profit organizations, limited liability companies, corporations, cooperative entities that provide broadband services, Idaho local or Tribal governments, or non-traditional providers (e.g., telecommunications provider, electric cooperative). <u>An officer or legal representative with binding authority must complete this application.</u>

Pre-Qualification Application Submission
As outlined in the Idaho Vol II Guidelines, this application process serves as the pre-qualification prior to the full BEAD Funding Application Phase.

The following information is required in a pre-qualification submission, based on the current BEAD requirements:
- Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) and Build America Buy America (BABA) compliance (2.4.5)
- Financial capability (2.4.11)
- Managerial capability (2.4.12)
- Technical capability (2.4.13)
- Compliance with applicable laws (2.4.14)
- Operational capability (2.4.15)
- Information on ownership (2.4.16)
- Information on other public funding (2.4.17)
- Labor standards and protection (2.7.1 and 2.7.2)
- Certification of Nondiscrimination and Civil Rights (2.16.3)
- Certification of compliance with BEAD requirements – cybersecurity and supply chain risk management (2.16.4)
- Letter of intent for number of project areas the applicant is planning to apply for on company letterhead
- Additional qualification requirements as directed by the NTIA

Applications must include information demonstrating an applicant's financial, managerial, operational, and technical capabilities, as well as their compliance with the required standards and laws. The results of the application evaluations will determine eligibility for submitting an Idaho BEAD Funding Application.

Applicants that do not submit complete or required documents <u>will be given seven calendar days from notification</u> to resubmit, after which they may be disqualified from applying for funding.

Documents being requested in this application:
- Audited financial statements from the previous two fiscal years OR unaudited financial statements from the prior fiscal year
- Confirmation of engagement letter from an independent accountant
- Resumes for key management personnel
- Organizational Chart
- Idaho Managerial Capability spreadsheet
- Applicant's Business Entity Registration from Idaho's Secretary of State
- Idaho Past Performance & Experience spreadsheet
- Idaho Operational Capability spreadsheet (if applicant has conducted voice and broadband service operations in Idaho and other states)
- Qualified operating or financial reports, that it has filed with the relevant financial institution for the relevant time period (If the applicant has not provided broadband service and has operated only an electric transmission or distribution service)
- A detailed disclosure of ownership and related companies, which includs a detailed ownership chart showcasing direct and indirect stakeholders, a list of associated FCC regulated entities, and clear explanations of relationships between entities
- Idaho Public Funding spreadsheet
- A list of all federally or State-funded broadband deployment projects your company is or has been engaged in, along with their funding sources and completion or noncompletion timelines.
- Notarized Final Attestation Document

*The IOB reserves the right to ask for additional information to verify the eligibility of the applicant.

Review and Approval

The IOB will evaluate pre-qualification submissions on a pass/fail basis. Pre-qualification applications will be reviewed by a third-party vendor for a period of 60 days after the pre-qualification application closes. Shortly thereafter, all applicants will be notified via email of their pass/fail status. Applicants who "pass" will be eligible to apply for Idaho BEAD funding based on the defined criteria.

The IOB will publish a list of approved applicants on Link Up Idaho and announce the results via a press release once all applicants have been notified.

*The IOB reserves the right to disqualify any approved applicant who was deemed qualified in the pre-qualification phase at any time during the evaluation process.

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16. Review & Status

DRAFT_(BEAD) Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Prequalification

Applicant	GMS Test
Applicant ID	APP-006730
Company Name	GMS Test
Recipient Address	GMS Test
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Status	Draft
Funded	☐

Applicant Information

Question: Applicant organization's SAM.gov Unique Entity ID.

Not Answered

Question: Business name of applicant.

Not Answered

Question: Federal EIN Number.

Not Answered

Question: Contact name and title of person to contact regarding the application.

Not Answered

Question: Contact email address.

Not Answered

Question: Does the applicant certify its commitment to adhere to all applicable BEAD program requirements, described in the Idaho Office of Broadband Initial Proposal and Pre-Qualification Application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant commit to completing all planned work that will be outlined in the proposed application project(s)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant acknowledge that failure to fulfill these plans or violate any certifications or commitments in this application may result in penalties and/or disqualification?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Provide information related to any conflicts of interest, perceived or otherwise.

Not Answered

Financial Capability

Pre-qualification applicants are expected to demonstrate financial expertise, capabilities, and available resources to meet program requirements and successfully complete a BEAD funded project.

Documents Requested:

- Financial statements from the previous two fiscal years OR unaudited financial statements from the prior fiscal year
- Confirmation of engagement letter from an independent accountant

Question: Does the applicant certify access to sufficient funds to cover project and match costs for the intended bid area(s)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Upload financial statements from the previous two fiscal years audited by an independent certified public accountant.

No Attachments

Question: If audited financial statements are unavailable, provide unaudited statements here. NOTE: By uploading, the applicant certifies that a financial audit by an independent accountant will be provided by the IOB's deadline.

Question: If audited financial statements are unavailable, upload a confirmation of engagement letter by an independent accountant.

Question: Does the applicant confirm that as part of the Funding Application, it will submit business plans and analyses to substantiate the sustainability of the proposed project(s)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Letter of Credit (LOC)

Prior to the final Idaho BEAD funding agreement, prospective subgrantees will be required to submit a letter from an eligible bank or credit union committing to issue an irrevocable standby letter of credit or a certified surety on federal bonds committing to issue the prospective subgantee a performance bond. Submissions must meet the eligibility requirements consistent with those set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.804(c) and NITA LOC Waiver Program Notice.

Question: Does the applicant certify it is aware of and understands the letter of credit obligations and processes for the BEAD Program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Managerial Capability

Applicants are expected to show comprehensive and robust managerial capabilities and a commitment to the long-term success of the project through stable leadership, continued process improvements, and ongoing commitment of resources. Applicants who are deemed to fail any of the requirements mentioned in this section may be asked to re-submit required documentation within seven calendar days of notification. If applicants ultimately fail to provide documentation that meets the standards outlined below, the applicant will be ineligible to receive any funding from the Idaho BEAD program. Be aware that at the project level, IOB may ask for additional project resumes.

Documents Requested:

- Resumes for key management personnel
- Organizational Chart
- Idaho Managerial Capability spreadsheet

Question: Upload current resumes for key management personnel and a narrative description of who may be involved in the proposed BEAD-funded project(s) in Idaho.

No Attachments

Question: Upload an organizational chart and narrative detailing the applicant's processes and structure to manage large projects.

No Attachments

Question: Complete and upload the Managerial Capability spreadsheet.

No Attachments

Technical Capability

Subgrantee applicants must certify that they are technically qualified to complete and operate the proposed project and that applicants can implement the funded activities in a competent manner, including that they will use an appropriately skilled and credentialed workforce.

Documents Requested:

- Applicant's Business Entity Registration from Idaho's Secretary of State
- Idaho Past Performance & Experience spreadsheet

Question: Please provide a preliminary list of Application Project Areas contemplated for Funding Application submission. NOTE: This list can be modified in the Funding Application submission.

Not Answered

Question: Does the applicant certify that it is technically qualified to complete, implement, and operate proposed project(s) including the use of appropriate skilled and credentialed workforce?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it has processes and resources in place to employ an appropriately skilled and credentialed workforce and key members are current on credential renewals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that if using contracted services, each contracted resource will have the relevant and necessary skills?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Upload proof that the applicant is currently licensed to do business in the State of Idaho.

No Attachments

Question: Provide a list of business and technical certifications and licenses relevant to BEAD funding participation that the applicant holds nationally and in Idaho.

Not Answered

Question: Complete and upload the Past Performance spreadsheet.

No Attachments

Operational Capability

Documents Requested:

- Idaho Operational Capability spreadsheet (if applicant has conducted voice and broadband service operations in Idaho and other states)
- Qualified operating or financial reports, filed with the relevant financial institution for the relevant time period (If the applicant has not provided broadband service and has operated only an electric transmission or distribution service)

Question: Does the applicant certify it has provided voice, broadband, or electric transmission/distribution services for at least two consecutive years, or is a wholly owned subsidiary of such an entity?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: If certified yes in the previous question, provide the number of years of operation.

Not Answered

Question: If applicant has conducted voice and broadband service operations in Idaho and other states, complete and upload the Operational Capability spreadsheet.

No Attachments

Question: If applicable, does the applicant certify filing FCC Form 477 and Broadband DATA Act submissions as required during the current reporting period and that it has complied with FCC requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: If applicant has only provided electric transmission/distribution and not broadband service, upload qualified operating and financial reports filed with the relevant institution.

No Attachments

Question: Does the applicant certify that the submission of the qualified operating and financial reports in the previous question is a true and accurate copy of the reports?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Provide a written narrative of any penalties the applicant or a subsidiary, affiliate or holding company has occurred in the past five (5) years related to deployment projects funded by State or federal grants.

Not Answered

Question: Provide the name and details of any instances in the last five (5) years in which the applicant has been found liable in federal or state criminal proceedings or civil ligation related to federally or state funded broadband programs.

Not Answered

Information on Ownership

Documents Requested:

- A detailed disclosure of ownership and related companies.
  - The disclosure shall include a detailed ownership chart showcasing direct and indirect stakeholders, a list of associated FCC-regulated entities, and clear explanations of relationships between entities.

Question: Provide a detailed ownership disclosure as per CFR Title 47 § 1.2112(a)(1)-(7), including an ownership chart of direct/indirect stakeholders, a list of FCC-regulated entities, and explanations of entity relationships.

No Attachments

Information on Other Public Funding

Prospective applicants are required to fully disclose all applications submitted or plans to submit, and every broadband deployment project funded by public sources. This includes details such as sources of public funding, service speed, coverage area, commitment to serve unserved/underserved areas, the amount of public funding used, consumer service costs, and any matching commitments.

Documents Requested:

- The Public Funding spreadsheet
- A list of all federally or State-funded broadband deployment projects your company is or has been engaged in, along with their funding sources and completion or non-completion timelines.

Question: Complete and upload the Idaho Public Funding spreadsheet.

No Attachments

EHP and BABA

Environmental and Historical Preservation and Build America, Buy America

Question: Does the applicant certify its understanding and intention to comply with all applicable state and federal environmental and historical preservation laws and requirements and that the applicant does not have a history of failure to comply?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant commit to abide by any agreed-upon resolutions to mitigate the effects of proposed projects on Idaho Historical and Heritage sites, should the applicant's project plan trigger NHPA Section 106 review?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that project designs and deployment will minimize potential and adverse environmental impacts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify its understanding and intention to comply with all BEAD Build America, Buy America Act requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Labor Standards and Protection

Question: Does the applicant certify compliance with relevant Idaho and federal labor and employment laws for the past 3 years including that of contractors or subcontractors?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: If applicable, provide information disclosing any violations to Idaho or federal labor and employment laws.

Not Answered

Question: Does the applicant certify that it has existing labor and employment practices in place, including wage scales for each class of employee, and will recertify annually and ensure that contractors and subcontractors will meet these requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it will ensure the implementation of workplace safety policies and/or committees and that it will recertify annually?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it will provide project employment and local impact reports if it does not certify using Davis-Bacon Wages?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Provide a narrative of the applicant's current and planned approach to project labor agreements.

Not Answered

Question: Does the applicant certify it will take all NTIA-required affirmative action steps to ensure minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, as outlined in the BEAD NOFO?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Certification of Nondiscrimination/Civil Rights

Question: Does the applicant certify that it complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the ADA of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it complies with all other applicable non-discrimination laws?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management

Question: Does the applicant certify that it has a cybersecurity risk management plan in line with the requirements outlined in the BEAD NOFO (page 70) and will provide a plan if selected for a subgrant award?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that its cybersecurity plan will be reevaluated and updated on an annual basis?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it will submit its cybersecurity plan to the IOB prior to allocation of funds if awarded and will submit updated versions to the IOB within 30 days of any changes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question: Does the applicant certify that it has a supply chain risk management plan in line with the requirements outlined in the BEAD NOFO (page 70) and will provide a plan if selected for a subgrant award?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Final Attestation

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Documents Requested:

- Notarized Final Attestation Document

Question: Complete, notarize, and upload the Final Attestation document.

No Attachments

Signature

Your identity has been authenticated through the login process with a unique email address and password available only to you. You agree that by typing your name, title and date below, you are electronically signing the application. By electronically signing the application, you acknowledge and represent that you understand and accept all the terms and conditions stated within the application and declare that the information provided is true and that the documents you are submitting in support of your application are genuine and have not been altered in any way.

Question: Type Full Name

Not Answered

Question: Type Title

Not Answered

Question: Type Date

Not Answered