



Idaho Office of Broadband Update: January 2025

The Idaho Office of Broadband and Idaho Broadband Advisory Board are excited to share the following update with the State's partners and stakeholders.

Idaho's BEAD Prequalification Phase will open on Thursday, January 16, 2025, and will close @ 11:59pm MT on Friday, February 14, 2025.

Resources and guidance documents for the Prequalification Phase can be found online here.

The Prequalification Application can be accessed via the Idaho Department of Commerce's <u>Grant</u> <u>Portal</u>. If you do not already have portal access, please make sure to select "New User?" on the login page. New portal users will be sent PDF directions regarding how to navigate the portal. Please note, that organizations are only able to have one active portal user at a time. For grant portal questions, please contact <u>grants@commerce.idaho.gov</u>.

Open Office Hours during the Prequalification Phase can be found here. Please be sure to register.

Idaho's BEAD Challenge Process data was formally approved by NTIA on December 31, 2024. The final BSL eligibility lists are posted on Link Up Idaho.

Idaho's BEAD Application Project Areas (APAs)

The IOB is currently processing and evaluating submitted APA comments. Comments will be posted on Link Up Idaho when ready. The draft BEAD APAs can be viewed <u>here</u>.

The next IBAB meeting is not currently scheduled.

Idaho Department of Commerce FY2024 Annual Report.

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