



Idaho Office of Broadband Update: March 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 BEAD Program

BEAD Application Project Areas (APAs)

At the end of 2024, the IOB held an open, public comment period for the State's [BEAD APA Map 1.0](#). Those public comments can be reviewed [here](#) on Link Up Idaho. Based on the feedback the State received, the Team has refined the APAs with an enhanced focus on technology types as well as re-evaluating those BSLs that are likely the hardest to reach and/or the costliest.

Stakeholders can now view [BEAD APA Map 2.0](#), which is accompanied by an additional 14-day public comment period.

Opening Thursday, March 13, 2025, and closing @ 11:59pm MT on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

BEAD Prequalification Application Phase

Due to the overhaul of the State's APAs, the Prequalification Application Phase will reopen for 14-days.

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Resources and guidance documents for the Prequalification Application can be found on Link Up Idaho [here](#).

The Prequalification Application can be accessed via to the Idaho Department of Commerce's [Grant Portal](#). 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 grants@commerce.idaho.gov.

Important Note: Prequalification is only being reopened for new applicants or those that did not previously submit. Existing applicants cannot use this process to modify pending Prequalification Applications.

Prequalification Application Curing

The State's third-party consultant, Michael Baker International, has been hard at work reviewing and analyzing previously submitted Prequalification Applications. In collaboration with the IOB, application curing memos will be sent out soon via email.

Important Note: Each cure must be completed and resubmitted within 7-calendar days of receipt.

Upcoming IOB Open Office Hours

Zoom link can be found [here](#). Please be sure to register.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 @ 1pm MT

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 1pm MT

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

No meeting is currently scheduled.

Message from the Idaho Commission for Libraries

At Risk: \$6.3 million to support digital access for all Idahoans.

See article [here](#).

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