Idaho Office of Broadband
Important BEAD Application Update

<mark>July 24, 2025</mark>

The Idaho Office of Broadband wants to share an important update with you regarding the Project Area and BSL Template.

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The formula used in **Column D (Percent Exclusions)** of **Tab 3 (APA Worksheet)** of the *Project Area and BSL Template* **shared yesterday (07/23/25)** has an identified miscalculation. Column D, which auto calculates the percentage of BSL exclusions (outside of NTIA Reason Codes 1-5), is intended to provide a courtesy calculation for applicant reference and **does *not* impact your actual data or application.**

However, applicants may find it helpful to be able to double check their own calculations of the percentage of exclusions against this column. The calculation/formula has been corrected, and the updated Project Area and BSL Template **(dated 07.24.25)** is attached.

Please note, all submitted data in the BSL Exclusion List will be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated by the MBI Team, and the percentage of BSL exclusions will be verified during the review process.

Additionally, in recognition of the high-stress, exacerbated time crunch applicants are currently operating in, the MBI Team will be offering an opportunity for one-one one time, tomorrow (Friday, 7.25.25) from 8am-2pm MT, to cover and work through any questions or assistance needed as it relates to the Project Area and BSL Template. For those interested in scheduling 15mins with an MBI template expert, please email IdahoBEAD@mbakerintl.com to make your appointment request.

Further the IOB/MBI Teams have scheduled a third Open Office Hour.

Idaho BEAD Application Open Office Hour #3
Monday, July 28, 2025
9am – 10am MT
Register via Zoom here.

<mark>July 23, 2025</mark>

The Idaho Office of Broadband wants to share an important update with you regarding two (2) BEAD Application Templates found here.

The *Project Area and BSL Template* and the *Project Pro Forma Template* have each been updated in the following way:

Updates to the Project Area and BSL Template
- Revised the formula in column C of the APA Worksheet tab to exclude BSLs labeled "Prefer Not to Serve" from the count.
- Revised the instructions and examples for Project Name (column M) on the BSL Worksheet.
- Updated the examples in columns C and D of the BSL Worksheet to better align with the Eligible Locations Reference data.
- Added filters to columns A and B on the BSL Worksheet to improve navigability.
- Updated the instructions in column F of the BSL Worksheet to include the sentence: "Leave cell BLANK if you intend to Serve," for added clarity.

For those who have completed or started work on this Template, the Team recommends selecting all data from **columns A through N**, excluding the column headers, and **pasting it into the new BSL Worksheet tab**. Since there are no new columns, the data should paste exactly as it appears.

Updates to the Project Pro Forma Template
- Modified the data validation rules to allow negative numbers throughout the template.