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BEAD Subrecipient Onboarding Webinar

Georgia Technology Authority

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Meet the Presenter



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Webinar Objectives

01

Identify next steps for post-award, including key actions to be taken prior to grant implementation.

02

Provide an overview of how to locate, interpret, and utilize grant award required documents and available resources to support program implementation.

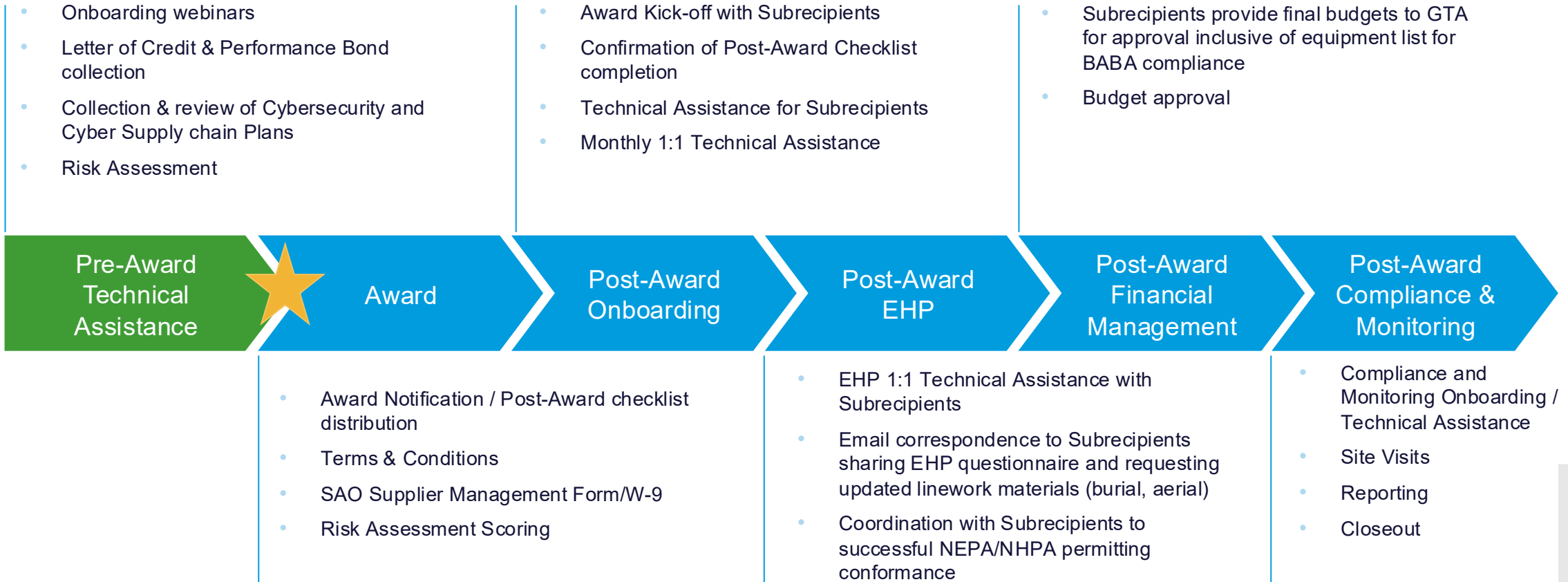
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Highlight Subgrantee responsibilities under Federal and State requirements to maintain compliance throughout grant lifecycle.



GTA BEAD Program Timeline

High-level timeline to reflect varying stages and key activities within each stage





Post-Award Checklist

All subrecipients must complete the following tasks prior to proceeding to “Approved” status.

01 Grant Award Terms and Conditions Execution

02 Letter of Credit/Performance Bond Documentation

03 Cybersecurity & Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management Plans

04 Environmental and Historic Preservation

05 Supplier Management Form & W-9

06 Final Budget & Equipment List

07 GeorgiaGrants Portal Access



Grant Award Terms and Conditions

- An agreement outlining the terms of your award called the Terms and Conditions is forthcoming. This document will need to be signed by an Authorized Official to accept the conditions of your award.
- The agreement will be sent to the contacts list on your application in the weeks following award announcements and will come from adobesign@adobesign.com.
- Please note that this email tends to get caught in spam filters so please search your inbox for the email address and reach out to us at broadband@gta.ga.gov if you have any questions on receiving the terms and conditions agreement.
- **Awardees must certify the entity will not seek any additional federal funding to support BEAD funded projects in the future. ***

Awardees will have 14 days to execute Terms and Conditions.

*Still to be confirmed based upon NIST approval.



Letter of Credit & Performance Bond Documentation

Subrecipients should submit the following documents via email to the below listed email addresses.

broadband@gta.ga.gov
GABEAD@rsmus.com

Letter of Credit

Submit the following:

- Copy of the Letter of Credit, no less than 25% of the award amount, issued by an eligible financial institution or credit union
- An opinion letter from legal counsel asserting that in bankruptcy proceedings the letter of credit or its proceeds will not be treated as the subgrantee's bankruptcy estate property

Performance Bond

Submit the following:

- Copy of the Performance Bond, no less than 100% of the award amount, issued by an eligible financial institution or credit union



Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management

Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management Plan Requirements

The BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity requires subgrantees to develop, operationalize, and submit to the Eligible Entity the following plans: (1) cybersecurity risk management plan and (2) supply chain risk management (SCRM) plan.

Subrecipients should submit the following documents via email to the below listed email addresses.

broadband@gta.ga.gov

GABEAD@rsmus.com

Prior to contract execution, the subgrantee must provide Cyber and SCRM plans that are compliant with the following requirements:

Both plans must be:

- Operational or ready to be operationalized
- Re-evaluated at defined intervals and as events warrant
- Submitted to GTA for review within 30 days of updates

The cybersecurity risk management plan must:

- Align to the latest version of the NIST CSF (currently 2.0)
- Meet standards set forth in Executive Order 14028

The cyber supply chain risk management plan must:

- Be based on key practices discussed in NISTIR 8276 “Key Practices in Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management: Observations from Industry”
- Be based on related SCRM guidance from NIST 800-161 “Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations”
- Specify the controls to be implemented



Kickoff Meeting

After execution of Terms & Conditions, GTA will schedule a kickoff meeting with each subrecipient. During the kickoff meeting, GTA will review with each subrecipient the required post-award tasks, deadlines, and any other outstanding items as necessary. During this call, subrecipients are encouraged to ask questions related to the compliance and monitoring and any requirements for the program.



Final Budget & Equipment List

Georgia Technology Authority/Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

BEAD BUDGET DETAIL WORKSHEET

Grantee Name:	
Grant ID:	
Submitted By (Budget POC):	
Email and Phone:	
Grant Program:	
Project Name:	
Project Type:	
Award Amount:	
Match Amount:	
Match Type:	

This Budget Detail Worksheet is used to verify all Payment Requests (PA) and to determine whether costs are allowable for reimbursement. All required information must be present in the budget narrative, regardless of format. For all categories, indicate in column K the total amount of costs attributed to the grant funding. In column L, indicate the total amount of costs attributed to the entity's match funding.

Applicable rules for Uniform Guidance can be found at the following link: https://broadbandusa.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/BEAD_Policy_Notice_of_Uniform_Guidance_Part_200_Exceptions_Related_Issues.pdf

1. Personnel-- List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Compensation of employees engaged in program activities must be consistent with that for similar program activities.

Title	First and Last name	Salary Rate	% Time to Project	Select Pay Period Frequency	Costs Attributed to Grant	Costs Attributed to Match

Reminders

- All BEAD subrecipients are required to submit a final budget that requires review and approval by GTA.
- Subrecipients should identify all costs associated with the project, including awarded funds and match funds.
- Granular detail should be provided. A detailed budget narrative should be provided to explain how each line item in the worksheet corresponds to the awarded funds and project.
- **More detailed information will be provided on the forthcoming webinar covering budgets!**



Georgia Grants Portal FAQ

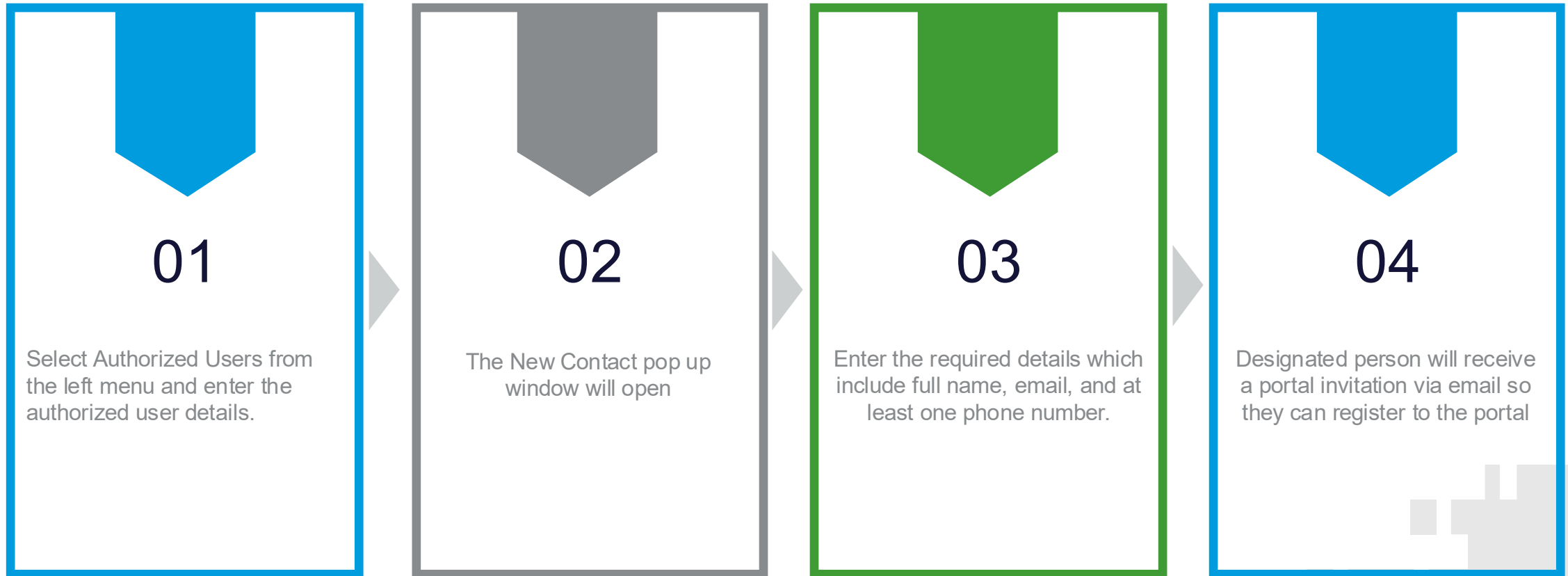
Awardees will obtain access to the Georgia Grants portal upon signing the Terms and Conditions via email. The email will be sent from: grantcare_mgr@opb.georgia.gov. The subject line: Welcome to the Georgia Grants Portal – Action Required.

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| 01 | Upon execution of Terms and Conditions, expect to receive grants portal registration email. | 05 | The Invitation code will automatically be filled out for you | 09 | Once you click on the Register button you can continue to fill out your profile |
| 02 | The email will be sent from: grantcare_mgr@opb.georgia.gov . The subject line: Welcome to the Georgia Grants Portal – Action Required. | 06 | Click on Register | 10 | Begin by filling out the required information full name, email, and at least one phone number and clicking the update button |
| 03 | This email includes a hyperlink labeled Register for Georgia Grants Portal. | 07 | This will open the new account page | 11 | Click on the organization link on the left menu and enter your UEI and EIN Number |
| 04 | Clicking on the hyperlink will direct you to the Redeem invitation page of the Georgia Grants Portal | 08 | Select the Username and Password that you would like to use and click on the Register button | 12 | You may now navigate to the My Grants tab to view your Approved Grants. |



Georgia Grants Portal FAQ (continued)

Additional Authorized Users can be added and managed from the Authorized Users page. Here are the steps needed if you would like to authorize users for your organization.





EHP Recall

Recall

GTA hosted an EHP Initial Overview Webinar on January 6, 2026, providing technical assistance and guidance to preliminary subrecipients. Please see the following key takeaways regarding EHP:

- Defining environmental and permitting key terms.
- Limited permissible activities prior to the completion of the environmental review and permitting process.
- Outlining of the varying types of permits that may be required.
- Learning about the APPEIT Tool and how subgrantees will leverage to identify permits.
- Questionnaire completion and documentation upload for ESAPTT verification and tracking.

Immediate Next Steps

GTA will coordinate with each subrecipient to schedule a EHP 1:1 cadence to support successful NEPA/NHPA project implementation. Key activities for the EHP Next Steps:

- Coordinate scheduling for EHP 1:1 Technical Assistance meetings
- In preparation for EHP 1:1 meetings, subrecipients should be conducting their own clash detection



BEAD Program Requirements Highlight



Limited Permissible Activities

Georgia's BEAD program funds a wide range of broadband activities. Regarding last-mile broadband deployment projects, GTA will allow limited permissible activities under NEPA to proceed using award funds prior to the completion of the EHP review process.

1. Pre-construction planning, including collecting information necessary to complete environmental reviews;
2. Applications for environmental permits;
3. Studies including, but not limited to, Environmental Assessments (EA), wetland delineations, biological assessments, archaeological surveys, and other environmental reviews and analyses;
4. Administrative costs;
5. Pre-award application costs;
6. Activities supporting consultations required under the NHPA, the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act; and/or
7. Limited, preliminary procurement, including the purchase or lease of equipment, or entering into binding contracts to do so; the purchase of applicable or conditional insurance; and/or funds used to secure land or building leases (including right-of-way easements).

****Subrecipients that undertake unauthorized project activities in contravention of this information proceed at their own risk and may face de-obligation of funding.**

****Subrecipients that incur costs prior to execution of final award agreement proceed at their own risk and may face rejection if deemed unallowable.**

REMINDER

Implementation activities (site preparation, demolition, construction, ground disturbance, fixed installation, or any other implementation activities) may not begin prior to the completion of all EHP requirements as outlined in this Section.



Eligible Expenses

Eligible uses of funding in connection with last-mile broadband deployment projects include the following:

1. Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of facilities and telecommunications equipment required to provide qualifying broadband service, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle- and last-mile networks, and multi-tenant buildings.
2. Long-term leases (for terms greater than one year) of facilities required to provide qualifying broadband service, including indefeasible right-of-use (IRU) agreements.
3. Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure within an eligible multi-family residential building.
4. Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical and cultural reviews.
5. Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants providing services directly connected to the implementation of the BEAD Program (such as project managers, program directors, and subject matter experts).
6. Network software upgrades, including, but not limited to, cybersecurity solutions.
7. Training for cybersecurity professionals who will be working on BEAD-funded networks.
8. Workforce development, including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations to support deployment, maintenance, and upgrades.


REMINDER

Federal and non-federal cost share funds may only be used for allowable, reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs under the BEAD Program. Costs must align with Generally Accepted Accounting Principle (GAAP) and occur within the period of performance, except for approved pre-award and closeout expenses.




Unallowable Expenses

As outlined in NTIA's BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the following costs are specifically identified as prohibited under the BEAD Program




Prohibition On Use of Grant Funds for Covered Communications Equipment or Services under the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act



An Eligible Entity or subgrantee (including contractors and subcontractors of subgrantees) may not use grant funds received under the BEAD Program to purchase or support any covered communications equipment or service (as defined in Section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. § 1608)).




Prohibition on Profit and Fees



A profit, fee, or other incremental charge above actual cost incurred by an Eligible Entity or subgrantee is not an allowable cost under this Program.



Prohibition on Use of Grant Funds to Support or Oppose Collective Bargaining



An Eligible Entity or a subgrantee may not use grant funds, whether directly or indirectly, to support or oppose collective bargaining.



Eligible Sources of Match

Funds from other Federal programs generally may not be used as matching funds. However, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expressly provides that matching funds for the BEAD Program may come from a Federal regional commission or authority or from funds, to the extent permitted by law, that were provided to an Eligible Entity or a subgrantee for the purpose of deploying broadband service under:



The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020;



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020;



The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 or;



The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



Loan funding issued through a federal agency, such as through the USDA ReConnect Program, may also be used as match funding.



In-Kind Match

Definition

In-kind match, also known as in-kind contribution, are non-cash donations of property, goods, or services which benefit a federally assisted project, and may count toward satisfying the non-federal matching requirement of a project's total budgeted costs when such contributions meet certain criteria. In-kind contributions must be allowable and allocable project expenses and may come from a third party.

Requirements

- GTA is required to maintain thorough documentation to justify the valuation of any in-kind property and services contributed toward meeting BEAD's matching requirements, so prospective subrecipients will need to provide support.
- This documentation must clearly show how the assigned value was determined. Records should include details on the contribution, the valuation method used, and the donation terms to support the amount claimed as matching funds for the project.
- The contribution should be both relevant and necessary for the project. The valuation methodology and supporting documentation should reflect actual market conditions.

BEAD Program Reporting Overview



GTA BEAD Quarterly Report

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Every quarter throughout the duration of the project. Four reports provided per year.

Content

- Updates on project activities, including status of make-ready work, permitting, and construction milestones, including the following data elements:
 - All BSL statuses
 - BSL served in reporting period
 - BSL type (residential, commercial, or CAI)
 - Types of facilities constructed
 - Peak and off-peak measured speeds
 - Maximum advertised speeds
 - Non-promotional prices and tiers
 - Status of interconnection agreements
- Documentation of material changes to project scope, schedule, or make-ready costs since project application
- Identification of any issues that may impact timely completion of the project

Program Stage

Contract Execution to Closeout

BABA Breakdown

Compliance with Build America, Buy America

GTA is committed to ensuring that its subgrantees comply with all applicable BABA requirements. Please note that the NTIA has posted a BABA waiver. You can find information from NTIA on the waiver [here](#) and view the final waiver [BABA Waiver Signed.pdf](#). The NTIA has also posted a [BABA FAQ](#) and created a self-certification and compliance framework for the BEAD BABA waiver (see Section 4.2 of NTIA's [Compliance and Documentation Requirements and Procedures](#)).

Prior to contract execution, the subgrantee must:

- **Submit a Final Budget that includes a detailed list of vendors, and a comprehensive list of materials and equipment to be purchased for the BEAD project**
- **Certify that the applicant understands and will comply with the following BABA requirements:**
 - Requirement that all iron, steel, manufactured products (including but not limited to fiber-optic communications facilities), and construction materials used in the project or other eligible activities are produced in the United States unless a waiver is granted.
 - In determining whether a product is produced in America, subrecipients must comply with definitions included in Section 70912 of the Build America, Buy America Act, which provides that a manufactured product is considered produced in the United States if the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.
 - In addition to the provisions above, subgrantees may not use BEAD funding to purchase or support any covered communications equipment or service, as defined in Section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. § 1608).
 - The Infrastructure Act expressly prohibits subgrantees from using BEAD funding to purchase or support fiber optic cable and optical transmission equipment manufactured in the People's Republic of China unless a waiver of this requirement is received from the Assistant Secretary.



Resources



[GA BEAD Compliance & Monitoring Plan](#)



[GA BEAD Final Proposal](#)



[GA BEAD FAQs](#)



[NTIA BEAD NOFO](#)



[NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice](#)



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