

High Speed Nevada Phase III (BEAD) Program Procedures for Solicitation of Applicants for Regional Project Areas without Applications

The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) oversees the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program in Nevada. The following is OSIT's procedure for solicitation of additional applications for Regional Project Areas (RPA) for which no applications were received by the grant deadline of October 10. This procedure is based on Section 2.4.7 of Nevada's Initial Proposal Volume II. Interested potential applicants are encouraged to review Section 2.4.7.

Step 1: Notification regarding available RPAs

During the week of October 21, OSIT will publish a list of RPAs that did not receive an application, together with mapping data to illustrate where those RPAs are located. See below for the list and map. OSIT will publicize the list to its website and via an email to its full list of stakeholders, which includes all entities that filed in the prequalification phase of the BEAD program or otherwise expressed interest in the program and those that did not. Both BEAD applicants and non-applicants may express interest in serving an RPA without an application. OSIT will make every effort to contact potential applicants, including those that submitted nearby applications, those that expressed interest but did not apply, and service providers that provide existing nearby service.

Step 2: Invitation to meet

As part of this communication, potential applicants interested in serving RPAs without applications will be invited to contact OSIT about RPAs for which they may be interested in applying. Potential applicants will be encouraged to contact OSIT within three days from the date of publication of RPAs without bids. Potential applicants should email HighSpeedNV@gov.nv.gov to inform OSIT of interest in a meeting. Potential applicants should include the RPA ID(s) of the RPA(s) they are interested in potentially applying for in their email. Potential applicants that contact OSIT at the email address above will have opportunity to schedule meetings with OSIT for the week of October 28.

This opportunity will be available to all eligible applicants, including Alternative Technology providers. All potential applicants that contact OSIT will be offered the opportunity to meet regarding the specific RPAs in which they have interest, regardless of whether they have already applied to the BEAD program.

Step 3: Negotiations

During the week of October 28, OSIT will conduct meetings with potential subgrantees that have expressed interest in the RPAs that did not originally receive applications.

The negotiations will primarily concern how much funding the potential applicant will require to serve the identified RPA(s) and the technology to be used to do so. OSIT will welcome any proposal and will maintain the same technology prioritization (all fiber, then other reliable technology, then

Alternative Technology) required by NTIA and the BEAD program. OSIT will endeavor to be equipped to provide feedback on whether proposed subgrant amounts are viable given the total budget.

For those discussions that result in potential agreement regarding proposed subgrant amounts, OSIT will provide written confirmation of the elements of the negotiation and invite the applicant to submit an application through the OSIT Application Portal. All required information must be submitted, including pre-qualification for any potential applicant that did not do so earlier.

While OSIT will make every effort to be respectful of the potential applicants' time and the items discussed during the negotiation, these negotiations are not themselves the basis for an award; any terms discussed will be subject to submission by the potential applicant of a responsive, compliant, adequate BEAD grant application.

Step 4: Submission and Award

Applicants will be afforded 10 business days to submit a full application through the Portal. Additional time may be given if requested by the applicant and if the request is reasonable. All applications received for an RPA without an initial application will be evaluated in the same manner as applications received previously and must meet BEAD program requirements prior to acceptance and funding

Remaining RPAs

For all RPAs for which this process does not yield a potential application, two other alternatives remain: (1) OSIT will endeavor to negotiate coverage for some of those RPAs during negotiations with applicants that submitted applications by the deadline of October 10, and (2) any remaining RPAs will go into the Alternative Technology category to be addressed through that process.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Why are some RPAs on the map greyed out or are missing from the list?
 - a. These RPAs received applications during the application window.
- 2) May I submit an application for an RPA that is not on the list of RPAs without applications?
 - a. No. This process will only solicit applications for RPAs that did not receive an application during the application window that closed on October 10, 2024.
- 3) How will OSIT determine whether and how to award during this negotiation phase.
 - a. See Nevada Initial Proposal Volume II Section 2.4.7 for more information. OSIT will engage in back-and-forth negotiations to secure applications for RPAs that did not receive an application during the application window. Any interested applicant must submit a compliant application. Any application received during this negotiation phase must meet all the BEAD program requirements, including the Extremely High Cost per Location Threshold.

Attachments: List of RPAs and Map

Please find the list of RPAs here: [available_rpas_10112024.csv](#)

Please find a link to the map here: [Nevada RPA Map \(10/11/2024\)](#)