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OSIT ANNOUNCES PROVISIONAL WINNERS OF THE \$550 MILLION HIGH SPEED NEVADA INITIATIVE PHASE III, PUBLISHES BEAD FINAL PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CARSON CITY, NV – The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) announced it has published for public comment its Final Proposal for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, in preparation for submission to the NTIA. The Final Proposal includes the announcement of the provisional winners of the High Speed Nevada Phase III subgrantee selection process. In Phase III, OSIT will build upon projects announced in previous phases to bring affordable, reliable high-speed internet to all of the more than 50,000 unserved and underserved locations in every county of Nevada.

"I am very proud of our BEAD Final Proposal and proud that our subgrantee selection process will result in every single unserved residential location in Nevada being connected to affordable, reliable high-speed internet," said **Brian Mitchell, Director of OSIT**. "While this is an exciting day for Nevada, our work is not done. Upon NTIA approval, I look forward to working with our subgrantees and federal, state and local stakeholders to put BEAD dollars to work and build best-in-class broadband infrastructure for the people of Nevada."

The BEAD Final Proposal is the culmination of years of planning, stakeholder and community engagement, mapping, data and business case analysis, and program development. The Final Proposal is the last of several documents that are necessary elements of Nevada receiving its BEAD funds from NTIA. The documents were prepared by OSIT over the last three years, pursuant to federal rules and with the goal of maximizing the benefit of BEAD funding for broadband in Nevada. Throughout this process, OSIT's North Star has been to ensure that all Nevadans have access to affordable, reliable, scalable high-speed internet.

The pandemic illustrated both the importance of broadband to modern life and the many places in Nevada where such broadband was not available because a business case did not exist to build modern broadband infrastructure with private dollars alone. Recognizing this, Congress created the \$42.5 billion BEAD program as a part of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Each state was given formula funding to deploy broadband service to places where it does not exist. Over multiple steps, states were required to collaborate with stakeholders to create a plan, identify unserved and underserved locations, and implement a fair, open, competitive process to award broadband deployment funding to internet

service providers. Nevada’s BEAD allocation was \$416 million and, given the great need in the state, OSIT has supplemented that amount with additional funding from the Capital Projects Fund and the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to ensure that every Nevadan has high-speed internet.

Nevada’s unique and difficult geography, and the vast distances between unserved locations, meant that no single provider and no single technology could serve everyone. Thus, OSIT’s strategy necessitated the use of all available technologies and casting a wide net to available providers. OSIT is proud of the large participation in the subgrantee selection process by providers of all types. OSIT has provisionally awarded 19 different providers who will use fiber optic, hybrid-fiber-coax, licensed and unlicensed fixed wireless, and satellite technologies to meet the connectivity requirements of the BEAD program. In total, over 80 percent of the unserved locations in Nevada will be served by fiber.

Provisionally Awarded Provider	Locations Served	Total Award
Amazon Kuiper Commercial Services	4,891	\$ 14,489,500.00
Anthem Broadband of Nevada	1,587	\$ 28,696,422.30
AT&T	819	\$ 18,696,569.00
Beehive Broadband	286	\$ 22,025,793.36
Commnet of Nevada, LLC	5,136	\$ 50,622,426.00
Cox Communications	3,273	\$ 22,905,090.00
Digital Technology Solutions INC. Dba DTS Fiber	1,244	\$ 22,196,547.00
E4 Connect	181	\$ 113,336.17
Filer Mutual Telephone Company dba Truleap Technologies	75	\$ 3,015,843.77
ISP INDUSTRIES, LLC dba ISP.NET	16	\$ 383,202.93
Moapa Valley Telephone Company	449	\$ 2,962,450.85
Reno Sparks Indian Colony	162	\$ 4,000,000.00
Rural Telephone Company	865	\$ 13,220,046.80
Satview Broadband Ltd	76	\$ 4,001,127.00
SkyFiber Internet	12,043	\$ 180,619,680.26
Stimulus Technologies of Nevada, LLC	17,073	\$ 142,576,242.23
Valley Electric Association, Inc.	1,461	\$ 11,533,546.00
WeLink Communications, Inc.	1,277	\$ 10,021,508.00
Zito Nevada LLC	693	\$ 1,675,419.09

The Final Proposal is posted for public comment on the BEAD page of the OSIT website:

<https://osit.nv.gov/Broadband/BEAD/> OSIT welcomes public comments at: HighSpeedNV@gov.nv.gov



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