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OSIT ANNOUNCES THE APPROVAL OF ITS BEAD INITIAL PROPOSAL VOLUME II

CARSON CITY, NV (April 18, 2024) – The Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) is pleased to announce the approval of its BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II.

“This approval was the culmination of many, many hours of hard work by many people. I want to thank my team, Nevada's FPO Jack Conroy, and our reviewing FPO and team for all their help and support through the process,” **said Brian Mitchell, Director of OSIT.** “I also want to thank the thousands of Nevadans that contributed their voice to the creation of the Initial Proposal. Approval of Initial Proposal allows OSIT to move to the next step of the BEAD program, subgrantee selection.”

Created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program provides federal funding to all fifty states for broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption activities. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is the federal agency responsible for administering the BEAD Program. The IIJA allocated \$42.5 billion to the BEAD Program and Nevada was allocated \$416 million. To read the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity, which establishes the rules for the BEAD Program, [click here](#).

The Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) is responsible for realizing Nevada's broadband vision: every Nevadan has access to high-speed internet that is affordable, reliable, and scalable. Part of OSIT's work to realize that vision is administering the BEAD Program in Nevada. The BEAD Program is an important part of the [High Speed Nevada Initiative](#).

The BEAD Program NOFO required OSIT to submit an Initial Proposal in two volumes that describes in detail how OSIT will administer the BEAD Program in Nevada. Nevada's Initial Proposal Volume II describes, among other things, how OSIT will administer the subgrantee selection process. OSIT has created this document to meet the requirements as directed by NTIA. To view Nevada's approved Volume II, please visit the [following link](#).

