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NJ BEAD Deployment Timeline

Where New Jersey is today

1 **5-Year Action Plan**:
As part of the BEAD program, New Jersey developed a Five-Year Action Plan, serving as a comprehensive needs assessment and strategic blueprint

2 **Initial Proposal Vol. 1:** Following submittal of its Five-Year Action Plan, the State submitted Initial Proposal Volume 1, which focused on the Challenge Process

3 **Initial Proposal Vol. 2:** In the second volume of it's Initial Proposal, New Jersey provided its approach to the subgrantee selection processes

4 **State Challenge Process**: Excluding NJBIDE-funded locations, there are approximately 12 thousand un/underserved locations and CAIs

5 **BEAD subaward selection process:** The competitive subaward process begins with the pre-qualification and application processes. The State's proposed awards will be included in the Final Proposal to NTIA

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- Prequalification Requirements
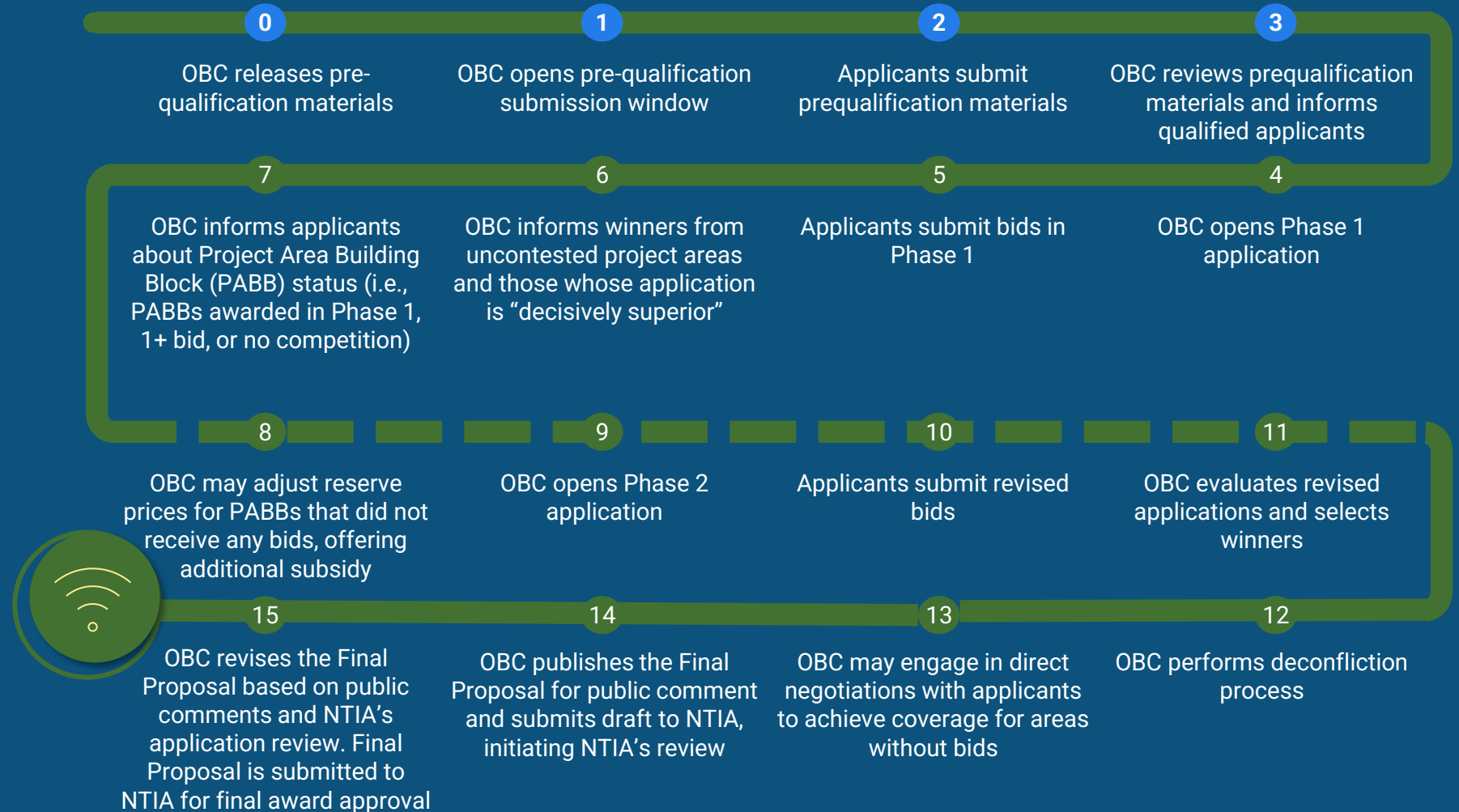
- Resources to support applicants

Prospective NJ BEAD applicants must pre-qualify for NJ BEAD in order to apply for funding

● Prequalification, focus of webinar

╍ ╍ Additional steps, as needed

All eligible applicants in New Jersey are encouraged to apply for NJBEAD prequalification

0 OBC releases pre-qualification materials

1 OBC opens pre-qualification submission window

2 Applicants submit prequalification materials

3 OBC reviews prequalification materials and informs qualified applicants

7 OBC informs applicants about Project Area Building Block (PABB) status (i.e., PABBs awarded in Phase 1, 1+ bid, or no competition)

6 OBC informs winners from uncontested project areas and those whose application is "decisively superior"

5 Applicants submit bids in Phase 1

4 OBC opens Phase 1 application

8 OBC may adjust reserve prices for PABBs that did not receive any bids, offering additional subsidy

9 OBC opens Phase 2 application

10 Applicants submit revised bids

11 OBC evaluates revised applications and selects winners

15 OBC revises the Final Proposal based on public comments and NTIA's application review. Final Proposal is submitted to NTIA for final award approval

14 OBC publishes the Final Proposal for public comment and submits draft to NTIA, initiating NTIA's review

13 OBC may engage in direct negotiations with applicants to achieve coverage for areas without bids

12 OBC performs deconfliction process

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Overview of NJ BEAD prequalification submission process

Step 1   Download and review Prequalification Intake Form (live walk-through to follow)

Step 2   Review NJ BEAD FAQs on OBC's website (ongoing)

Step 3   Submit any questions to broadband@bpu.nj.gov (ongoing)

Step 4   Submit prequalification materials

Live walkthrough of Prequalification Intake Form

New Jersey Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program ("New Jersey's BEAD program")
Prequalification intake form, version 1.0

Introduction
The New Jersey Office of Broadband Connectivity (OBC) is pleased to solicit applications to prequalify for infrastructure funding from the New Jersey Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (NJ BEAD) program.
The NJ BEAD program represents a significant opportunity to expand broadband across New Jersey, with $263.7 million allocated by NTIA. During prequalification, potential subgrantees will provide select NTIA-required financial, operational, managerial and technical qualifications. Only providers approved in the first application phase are eligible to apply in subsequent phases. No new providers will be accepted during the second phase.

Sheet legend
Green sheets provide instructions
Blue sheets provide the prequalification questionnaire

Response instruction
In the Response column of the prequalification questionnaire sheets, applicants will see cells with different colors as described below. Please note that the color of certain cells may change based on the applicants' responses to specific questions.
Yellow cells indicate area to fill in
Blue cells indicate area already filled in
Grey cells indicate areas not for editing

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What comes next for NJ BEAD applicants?

Resources on OBC's website

- **Prequalification Webinar** – this presentation will be available for reference
- **Prequalification Intake Form** – template for applicants to document prequalification materials
- **NJ BEAD FAQs** – document containing weekly, ongoing updates to frequently asked questions received from applicants
- **NJ BEAD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)** – document announcing the availability of BEAD funding in New Jersey

Questions?

- Share questions with the team at broadband@bpu.nj.gov (please include "BEAD" in the subject line of your email). You will receive a personalized email confirmation that your question was received. Answers will be provided in the FAQs.
- FAQs are expected to be updated weekly, or more often depending on timelines. FAQs will be posted on the website. OBC will make best efforts to send an email out to all applicants alerting them to updates.