New Jersey Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (NJ BEAD)

Prequalification Process Overview and Updates

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Current as of 04/29/2025

Recent news from NTIA[1]

- NTIA is currently undertaking a detailed review of the BEAD program and will soon issue a Policy Notice detailing programmatic changes

- NTIA has granted a 90-day extension to the original Final Proposal deadline for all BEAD eligible entities in advance of this Policy Notice

- New Jersey's Final Proposal is now due to NTIA on Nov 21, 2025

- NTIA is continuing to review results of New Jersey's Challenge Process, and OBC is awaiting approval of its submission

1. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) administers the BEAD Program, a $42.45 billion program designed to bring broadband to all locations in the United States. Each state has received an allocation from NTIA and manages its own program to make broadband awards.

Implication for NJ BEAD

- The NJ BEAD prequalification application will close May 23rd, 2025

- OBC expects to publish the NJ BEAD Phase 1 Application after NTIA releases its Policy Notice detailing programmatic changes

- NJ BEAD Phase 1 Applications will be due approximately 4 weeks after publication of the application

- The programmatic changes in the Policy Notice may affect the application process

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How to submit your prequalification documents

The process for submitting your prequalification documents is similar to NJBIDE

1

Complete the prequalification application intake form (Version 1.1)

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Complete all other required documents (Listed on the Resources for NJ BEAD Applicants page and in the intake form)

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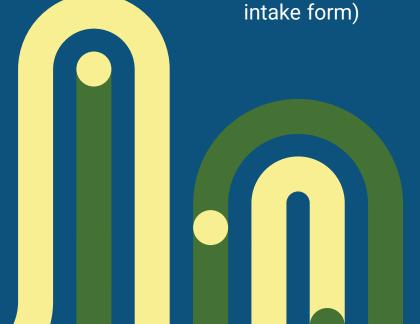Submit all required documents to the BPU e-Filing System (Infoshare) referencing Docket No. **TO25020078**

- Please follow the naming convention described in the intake form. If updating a document, please add a version suffix (_v2) to the name of the new document

- A walkthrough for how to submit files through the BPU e-Filing System has been posted on the Resources for NJ BEAD Applicants page

Helpful Links

🔗 **Resources for NJ BEAD Applicants**

🔗 **BPU e-Filing System (Infoshare)**

🔗 **BPU e-Filing System Walkthrough**

What to submit for NJ BEAD Prequalification - Required

Item	Naming convention
Prequalification Intake Form (template provided)	[ApplicantName]_NJBEAD_prequal.xlsx
Resumes (or equivalent[1]) for Key Management Personnel	[ApplicantName]_KeyManagementResumes.pdf
Project Organizational Chart(s) and Corporate Relationships	[ApplicantName]_OrganizationalChart.pdf
Certification of Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws	[ApplicantName]_ComplianceCertification.pdf
Record of Federally, State, or Locally Funded Broadband Deployment Projects	[ApplicantName]_DeploymentProjects.pdf
Audited Financial Statements	[ApplicantName]_FinancialStatements.pdf (If same as your NJBIDE submissions, please indicate)

> **List of required documents based on the NJ BEAD Prequalification Application Intake Form (version 1.1)**
>
> **Refer to the latest version for the most up-to-date requirements**

1. LinkedIn profiles or corporate bios may be submitted, provided they include current and prior employers, roles held with corresponding dates, and brief descriptions of key responsibilities.
Source: New Jersey's NTIA-approved Initial Proposal Volume 2; NJ BEAD Prequalification Intake Form

What to submit for NJ BEAD Prequalification – Conditionally applicable

Item	Condition	Naming convention
Formalized Agreement with Provider Partner	If applicant is partnering with a provider	[ApplicantName]_ProviderAgreement.pdf
Documentation of Past Meetings with Worker-Led Health and Safety Committees	If applicant currently has worker-led health and safety committees in place	[ApplicantName]_HealthSafetyMeetings.pdf
Penalties Disclosure	If applicant incurred penalties within the last 3 years[1]	[ApplicantName]_PenaltiesDisclosure.pdf
Defaulted Projects Disclosure	If applicant has defaulted on a previous state or federal broadband project	[ApplicantName]_DefaultedProjects.pdf
Qualified Operating or Financial Reports	If applicant has exclusively operated an electric transmission or distribution service	[ApplicantName]_FinancialReports.pdf
Certification of Accuracy of Financial Reports	If applicant has exclusively operated an electric transmission or distribution service	[ApplicantName]_FinancialReportsCertification.pdf
Proposed Organizational Structure	If applicant has exclusively operated an electric transmission or distribution service	[ApplicantName]_OrganizationalStructure.pdf
Notice to Employees About Worker-Led Health and Safety Committees	If applicant has issued such a notice to employees	[ApplicantName]_HealthSafetyNotice.pdf
BABA Compliance Plans	If applicant has submitted BABA compliance plans as part of other state BEAD programs	[ApplicantName]_BABA_Compliance.pdf
NEPA/NHPA Compliance Plans	If applicant has submitted NEPA/NHPA compliance plans as part of other state BEAD programs	[ApplicantName]_NEPA_NHPA_Compliance.pdf

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1. If the applicant or any of its subsidiaries, affiliates, or holding companies incurred penalties within the last 3 years related to deployment projects

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To obtain the coordinates of unserved and underserved BSLs, applicants should access the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric

OBC is not allowed to disclose coordinates for each location ID, but prospective applicants can obtain this information using the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric, which can be accessed by obtaining a no-cost Tier D license from CostQuest

Due to processing time, applicants should request an NTIA license as soon as possible.

Instructions for requesting a Tier D license:

The Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (Fabric) is a dataset of all locations in the United States and its Territories where fixed broadband internet access service is or could be installed

The Fabric file is a .csv file that includes the unique location_id for each location, the latitude/longitude for each location record as well as other attribute information

The Fabric is available to recipients, sub-recipients, and prospective recipients of federal broadband funds from Federal Broadband Granting Agencies through a Tier D license

Link: https://ntia-public.s3.amazonaws.com/licensing/Requesting_a_TIER_D_License_V3_10-4.pdf

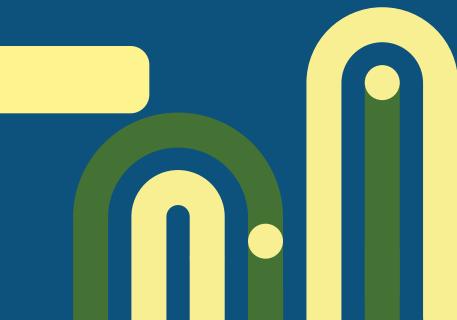# Agenda

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Stage in NJ BEAD	Resource	Status
Prequalification	Prequalification Intake Form	Available online (Version 1.1)
	Prequalification Webinar *Recording*/*Presentation*	Held on April 15th, 2025
Application	Reference prices and PABBs	*Coming soon*
	Application Intake Form	*Coming soon*
General	NJ BEAD FAQs	Available online (updated April 22, 2025)
	NJ BEAD NOFA	*Coming soon*
	e-Filing Walkthrough	Available online (updated April 24, 2025)

Questions?

For more information,
please email us at broadband@bpu.nj.gov.

Please include **"BEAD"** in the subject line of your email.