

NBEAD Eligibility Requirements

Per Nebraska's *Initial Proposal Volume II (IPV2)*, NBEAD applicants must make the following attestations regarding their current business operations. Failure to make the designated attestations will disqualify them from the application process.

- A. The Applicant, under its legal, trade, or doing business as (DBA) name(s), is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any federal department or agency.
- B. The Applicant has a current registration at SAM.gov and a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).
- C. The Applicant is either:
 1. In good financial standing with the State of Nebraska, which may be evidenced via a Certificate of Good Standing from the Nebraska Secretary of State; or
 2. A federally recognized Native American Tribe with a Nebraska service area.
- D. Neither the Applicant organization nor any of its leadership is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local).
- E. The Applicant is not currently involved in pending litigation in association with and pertaining to previous Nebraska-sponsored broadband infrastructure projects.
- F. Within the last two (2) years, the Applicant has not had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- G. Within the last two (2) years, the Applicant has not been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- H. Applicant certifies they have or are participating in subsidy programs to optimize digital inclusivity (i.e., Lifeline, Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Emergency Connectivity Fund, etc.).
- I. The Applicant has been operating in the State of Nebraska for at least two (2) years.

NBO welcomes participation from a wide variety of potential applicants that provide or will provide broadband services, including the following types of organizations. Applicants must indicate that they represent one or more of the following categories:

- Internet service providers
- Cable service companies
- Telephone service providers
- Tribal governments or other entities
- Women-owned business enterprises
- Minority-owned business enterprises
- Cooperatives
- Nonprofit organizations
- Public-private partnerships
- Private companies
- Public or private utilities
- Public utility districts
- Local governments, including any unit, subdivision, authority, or consortium of local or tribal governments

- Incorporated businesses or partnerships
- Limited liability companies