

The Nebraska Broadband Office (NBO) is amending the Benefit of the Bargain (BoB) Round RFA as described below.

Location	Change	Revised language
Page 3	Strike all language under Types of NBEAD Projects	<p>The Restructuring Policy Notice (RPN) published on June 6, 2025, included an official definition of <i>Priority Projects</i>, as determined by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The RPN set the definition of Priority Project as “those that provide broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads; have a latency less than or equal to 100 ms; can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services.”</p> <p>The BEAD Frequently Asked Questions Version 12 offered additional detail about the standards of the RPN definition, particularly as they relate to scalability. These standards enable NBO to consider the number of people or BSLs in the proposed project area...assess the concentration of BSLs in a project area that would make certain applications nonpriority due to lack of scalability. Additionally, NBO may consider the natural and physical features of a project area, such as tree coverage, to assess whether certain applications should be prioritized over others.</p> <p>NBO has examined the data and the literature and consulted with Professional Engineers to update the definition. Accordingly, NBO has organized NBEAD DPAs into four tiers:</p> <p>Tier 1 (Priority): those that provide broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads; have a latency less than or equal to 100 ms; can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services; and possess a Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) density cluster of six or more per square mile; and include statistically high proportions of locations with obstructions or topography challenges.</p> <p>Tier 2 (Priority): those that provide broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads; have a latency less than or equal to 100 ms; can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services; and possess a Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) density cluster of six or more per square mile.</p> <p>Tier 3 (Priority): those that provide broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads; have a latency less than or equal to 100 ms; can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and support the deployment of 5G,</p>

successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services; and include statistically high proportions of locations with obstructions or topography challenges.

Tier 4 (Non-Priority): those that provide broadband service at speeds of no less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads; have a latency less than or equal to 100 ms; can easily scale speeds over time to meet the evolving connectivity needs of households and businesses; and support the deployment of 5G, successor wireless technologies, and other advanced services; and do not possess a BSL density cluster of greater than six per square mile and that do not include statistically high proportions of locations with obstructions or topography challenges.

Nebraska's 177 DPAs fall into the tiers as follows:

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E10-01	D10-06	P11-02	D10-03	D7-01	N10-03
E6-01	G8-01	P13-01	D6-01	D7-03	N11-01
E7-01	H11-01	P8-01	D6-02	E8-01	N12-02
F9-01	J10-01	P8-03	D6-03	F6-01	N7-01
H10-01	J10-02	Q10-02	D6-04	F8-01	N9-01
J11-03	J11-01	Q11-01	D7-02	I11-01	O12-02
K13-01	J11-02	Q11-02	F10-01	I11-02	O12-03
K13-02	L11-01	Q11-03	F6-02	J11-04	O12-04
M11-04	L11-02	Q11-04	G10-01	J13-01	O7-01
O10-01	L11-03	Q12-01	L7-01	J13-02	O8-01
O10-02	L12-01	Q12-02	M11-06	K13-03	O8-02
O10-06	L12-02	Q13-01	M11-07	L10-01	O9-01
O12-01	L12-05	Q8-01	M12-04	L10-02	O9-02
O9-06	M11-01	Q9-01	M13-02	L11-04	O9-04
P10-04	M11-02	R10-01	N6-01	L11-05	O9-05
P8-04	M11-03	R10-02	O9-03	L12-03	P12-01
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Page 8, Stage 6	Clarify applicability of federal interest period	General information about monitoring during the 10-year federal interest period is included in Attachment 4. Please note that the 10-year federal interest period applies to all NBEAD subgrants, except those that are LEO-based.																																																																														
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