



New Hampshire Dept. of Business and Economic Affairs: BEAD Subgrantee Selection Rubric **DRAFT**

Total Category Weight	Primary Criteria	Weight	Determination	Score	Explanation
75%	<b>Minimal BEAD Program Outlay</b> - The total BEAD funding that will be required to complete the project, accounting for both total projected cost and the prospective subgrantee's proposed match (which, absent a waiver, must cover no less than 25 percent of the project cost). The specific points awarded will increase as the BEAD outlay decreases. (25 pts.) In comparing the project's outlay and the prospective subgrantee's match commitments, BEA will consider the cost per location given network design factors which might make a project more expensive, but also more scalable or resilient. (20 pts.)	45	Add answer	Scoring is based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
	<b>Affordability</b> - The prospective subgrantee's demonstrated commitment to provide the most affordable total price to the customer for 100/20 Mbps service in the project area. BEA will also award points based upon a subgrantee's commitment to (1) making a low-cost service option for high-speed broadband available to all eligible customers in the proposed service area and (2) ensuring middle-class affordability by demonstrating that subgrantees offer the same level of services, at rates, terms, and conditions to BSLs covered by BEAD funding that match those offered to non-BEAD BSLs in the same market.	20	Add answer	Scoring is based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
	<b>Fair Labor Practices</b> - Subgrantee's record of compliance with federal labor and employment laws, as well as the records of any other entities that will participate in the project, including contractors and subcontractors, including the certification of past compliance and written disclosure of any instances of non-compliance. Subgrantee's plan for ensuring compliance for this project.	10	Add answer	Scoring is based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
<b>Secondary Criteria</b>					
25%	<b>Speed to Deployment</b> - All BEAD subgrantees must deploy the planned broadband network and begin providing services to each customer that desires broadband services within the project area not later than four years after the date on which the subgrantee receives the subgrant from BEA. Subgrantees that offer a binding commitment to provide service by an earlier date certain with contractual penalties for failure to achieve the earlier date will receive more points in this category than subgrantees that commit only to the four-year deployment requirement.	5	Add answer	Scoring is based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
	<b>Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities</b> - BEA will consider the speeds, latency, and other technical capabilities of the technologies proposed by subgrantees. Applications proposing to use technologies that exhibit greater ease of scalability with lower future investment and whose capital assets have longer useable lives should be afforded additional weight over those proposing technologies with higher costs to upgrade and shorter capital asset cycles.	5	Add answer	Scoring is at the discretion of the state, based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
	<b>Additional Prioritization Factors (Optional)</b>				
	<b>Workforce Development</b> - Applicants should provide a narrative explaining their efforts to recruit and train women and other historically marginalized populations for workforce development opportunities and jobs related to BEAD-funded eligible activities.	5	Add answer	Scoring is at the discretion of the state, based on the answer provided in column D	Each explanation should include <u>how</u> the reviewer arrived at their answer for this criteria
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