

Virginia Office of Broadband (OOB)

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Policy Notice on OOB's Notification of Provisionally Selected Awardees and Public Announcement of Awards

General Statement: This policy notice is provided to meet the Virginia Office of Broadband's commitment to and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) requirement for a fair, open, equitable, and competitive subgrantee selection process. This policy reinforces the safeguards identified in Virginia's approved BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2 to protect the integrity of the competition, including measures against collusion, bias, conflicts of interest, arbitrary decisions, and other factors that could undermine confidence in the subgrantee selection process for last-mile broadband deployments. These commitments are provided throughout Virginia's approved BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2.

The following sections relate to [NTIA's Guidance on the Notification of Provisional Selections](#). This guidance document is intended to communicate NTIA's requirements directly to Recipient states and territories implementing BEAD. The language below is tailored to convey these requirements to Virginia's provisional subgrantees.

Disclosure of Provisional Award to Provisionally Selected Applicants

Upon the conclusion of the 90-day application window, the OOB will review the submitted applications and identify a provisional awardee for each Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) based on the results of our application scoring process defined in section 2.4.2 of the Commonwealth's NTIA approved Initial Proposal Volume 2. Once this process is complete, the Office of Broadband will notify the provisional awardee subgrantees via email from broadband@dhcd.virginia.gov. This email will include a list of Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) ID numbers (i.e. ID: 23947-Lunenburg) for which the applicant is being provisionally awarded. **This list and communication shall be considered confidential and embargoed from disclosure until Virginia's Draft BEAD Final Proposal is published for Public Comment, or the Commonwealth of Virginia announces provisional awards via press release, whichever occurs first.** The Office of Broadband will not notify unsuccessful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the award results through public disclosure as required by NTIA.

Upon the conclusion of the 30-day negotiation window to identify solutions for broadband access to locations not included in the first round of awards, the OOB will review the submitted proposals and identify a provisionally awarded subgrantee for each location. Once the negotiation process is complete, the Office of Broadband will notify the provisional awardee via email from broadband@dhcd.virginia.gov. This email will include a list of the BSL ID numbers for which the applicant is being provisionally awarded. **This list and communication shall be considered confidential and embargoed from disclosure until Virginia's Draft BEAD Final Proposal is published for Public Comment, or the Commonwealth of Virginia announces provisional awards via press release, whichever occurs first.** The Office of Broadband will not notify unsuccessful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the award results through public disclosure as required by NTIA.