



State Connections

The broadband working group for state legislators

Third Wednesday of Every Month

4:00 ET / 3:00 CT / 2:00 MT / 1:00 PT

WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY!

September 2025

Agenda



Recording meeting

BEAD UPDATE

- Discussion with Blair Levin, New Street Research
- What have we learned, how did your state fare, and what comes next?

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Template letter
- One on one state assistance

STATE UPDATES

- How can we help?
- Legislative Initiatives



BLAIR LEVIN

Policy Advisor, New Street Research

BEAD Results & What Comes Next

BEAD – Advocacy

Why Your Support Matters

- Your broadband office is making key judgement calls
- But NTIA retains final say
- Broadband offices need stakeholder support

The Letter Says

- Express support for the state's plan
- Call on NTIA to approve plan quickly

The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Support for [State] BEAD Final Proposal

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

We, the undersigned group of [description], write to express our strong support for the [State] Broadband Office's Final Proposal under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, submitted on [date] to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

The proposal reflects a thorough and responsive effort by the state to implement the NTIA's June 6, 2025 Policy Notice. By aligning closely with this guidance, the [State] Broadband Office has crafted a plan that is both technology neutral and cost-effective. At the same time, it sets forth a clear path to ensure that every resident of [State] can access high-speed internet—furthering the goal Congress set forth in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

We commend the NTIA and the Department of Commerce for issuing a policy framework that will ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and with all deliberate speed. The [State] Broadband Office has worked hard to meet the tight deadlines set out by the Policy Notice, while carefully abiding by its core dictates. The Final Proposal embraces these principles, while also adhering to the infrastructure law's statutory mandates.

We respectfully urge the Department to approve [State]'s Final Proposal in a timely manner so that implementation can proceed without delay. [In addition, we look forward to guidance regarding allowable uses of non-deployment funds.] We stand ready to support this effort and ensure its success.

Thank you for your continued leadership in expanding broadband access and opportunity nationwide.

Sincerely

[Signatories]

cc. Governor
Congressional Delegation
Ariel Roth

STATE UPDATES

- What's on your mind
- How can we help you?

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