

# SCORING RUBRIC

## BEAD: BENEFIT OF THE BARGAIN



Category	Scoring Description
<u>Primary Scoring Criteria</u> Bead Program Outlay (35%) Max Score = 35 points	Full points will be awarded to the applicant with the lowest BEAD program cost per BSL. BEAD program cost per BSL = (Total BEAD funding/# of BSLs).
Secondary Scoring Criteria (65%) Max Score 65 Points  If an application to serve the same general project area proposes a project cost within 15% of the lowest-cost proposal received for that same general project area on a per BSL basis, the Eligible Entity must evaluate such competing applications based on the following three criteria.	
<u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u> Speed to Deployment (10%) Max Score = 10 points	10 points: 2 years 8 points: 3 years 6 points: 4 years 0 points: Greater than 4 years or lacking detail plans
<u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u> <u>Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities (30%)</u> Max Score = 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed and Latency of Network (10%)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 points if speeds and latency NTIA criteria are met or exceeded. 0 points if not.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Network Resiliency (10%)                Network Resiliency items for each specific project technology type.  <u>Fiber and other last mile Network Resiliency Items (10 Points)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buried Fiber Optic Cable 2.5 points, Aerial 0 points (1 Point for a mixture)</li> <li>Multiple Or Redundant Paths To Head-In Equipment - 2.5 points</li> <li>Redundant Power Sources - 2.5 points</li> <li>Availability Of Crews To Conduct Repairs. - 2.5 points</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Network Resiliency Items (10 Points)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redundant Satellite Constellation - 2 points</li> <li>Ground Station Diversity - 2 points</li> <li>Dynamic Routing and Load Balancing - 2 points</li> <li>Cybersecurity Resilience - 2 points</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u>  Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities (30%)  Max Score = 30 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rapid Satellite Replacement or Augmentation - 2 points</li> </ul> <p><u>Licensed Fixed Wireless (LFW) Network Resiliency Items (10 Points)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Licensed Spectrum Stability - 2 points</li> <li>○ Redundant Link Architecture - 2 points</li> <li>○ Power Backup and Energy Redundancy - 2 points</li> <li>○ Network Monitoring and Predictive Maintenance - 2 points</li> <li>○ Integration with Core and Edge Networks - 2 points</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scalability (10%)</li> </ul> <p><u>Fiber End to End</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fiber deployment using active ethernet, XG-PON, XGS PON, NG-PON, 10G EPON, NG-EPON or better – 5 points (If Fiber deployment using GPON or EPON = 3 points)</li> <li>○ Deployment of high-density fiber with spare capacity – 2.5 point</li> <li>○ Design includes structures to accommodate future growth (handholds, fiber huts, interconnection points) – 2.5 points</li> </ul> <p><u>Licensed Fixed Wireless (LFW)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spectrum Allocation and Licensing - 2 points</li> <li>○ Locations, Equipment Specs, and Power Levels of your base stations - 2 points</li> <li>○ Signal data (e.g. RSSI, SNR) supports claims of reliable service at each proposed location - 2 points</li> <li>○ Sufficient Channel Bandwidth - 2 points</li> <li>○ Deploying additional sectors/frequencies - 2 points</li> </ul> <p><u>Low Earth Orbit (LEO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inter-Satellite Communication - 2.5 points</li> </ul>
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<u>Secondary Scoring Criteria</u> Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities (30%) Max Score = 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Spectrum Allocation and Licensing - 2.5 points</li><li>○ Satellite Platform - 2.5 points</li><li>○ Ground Infrastructure Scalability - 2.5 points</li></ul>
<u>Preliminary/Provisional Subgrantee (25%)</u> Max Score = 25 points	Preliminary Provisional Subgrantee: For locations where Eligible Entities have already identified preliminary or provisionally selected subgrantees, Eligible Entities may give additional weight to those applications in the Benefit of the Bargain Round.

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Category	Policy Notice
Primary Scoring Criteria	<a href="#">BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice</a>
Secondary Scoring Criteria	<a href="#">BEAD Final Proposal Guidance for Eligible Entities Version 2.1 July 2025</a>