



Benefit of the Bargain Round Scoring Rubric for the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

The Delaware Department of Technology and Information (DTI)

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*In compliance with the NTIA BEAD Restructuring Policy
Notice*

Primary Scoring Criteria

The NTIA’s [Bead Restructuring Policy Notice](#) defines the primary scoring criteria as follows: “In deciding among competing applications covering the same general project areas, Eligible Entities must choose the option with the lowest cost based on **minimal BEAD Program outlay**” (Policy Notice, p. 12, *emphasis added*).

In compliance with the Policy Notice, DTI will select the combination of project proposals with the lowest overall cost to the Program. This may involve selecting a proposal that is not the lowest-cost option for a given set of BSLs but is part of the combination of selected projects with the lowest overall cost to the Program.

When comparing competing proposals, DTI will assess the total BEAD funding that will be required to complete the project (i.e., the total project cost minus the applicant’s proposed match) and the cost to the Program per location (i.e., the total BEAD funding that will be required to complete the project divided by the number of BSLs the project will serve).

Secondary Scoring Criteria

In compliance with the Policy Notice (pp. 12–13), “[i]f 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,” DTI will evaluate the competing applications based on the following secondary criteria:

Secondary Scoring Criteria

Points

Preliminary/Provisional Subgrantees

The project is substantially the same project that was awarded in Round 1. Substantially the same means that the only locations removed from the proposed project are those that were required to be removed by the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice.

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Speed of Network

The network can attain speeds of 1 Gbps download over 1 Gbps upload by the time of deployment and 5 Gbps download over 5 Gbps upload by the end of the federal interest period without a major network replacement

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Speed to Deployment

Project complete within 36 months of award

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