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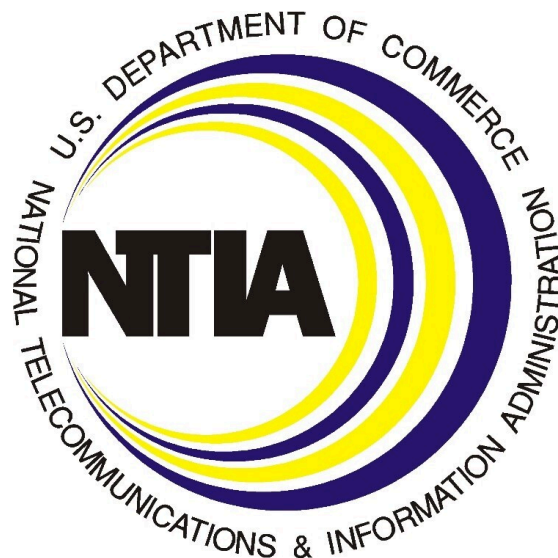
The [Indiana Broadband Office](#) (IBO) has had an exciting August. The next stage of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant program began. Pre-Qualification for the Subgrantee Selection Process began August 26, 2024. Click [here](#) to register.

Prospective applicants interested in participating in the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process have until September 27, 2024 to submit their pre-qualification materials. Please note that, as described in Indiana's Initial Proposal Volume II, participating in the pre-qualification process **does not** bind any internet service provider to submit a project area proposal. You can find the pre-qualification guidance [here](#) and if you missed the webinars, they are posted [here](#).

DE Competitive Grant Program

The NTIA recently announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the first allocation of the \$1.25 billion Digital Equity Competitive Grant program. Applicants will apply directly to the NTIA to fund digital equity activities that complement Indiana's Digital Equity Capacity grant activities.

The [application portal](#) through NTIA opened August 14, 2024. Applications are due on September 23, 2024. The NTIA is hosting a series of webinars each Wednesday and Thursday to assist applicants. A link to all webinars can be found [here](#). NTIA has also provided a series of forms needed to complete the application that can be downloaded [here](#).



Next Level Connections (NLC) and Indiana Connectivity Program (ICP)



The current round of bidding on the [Indiana Connectivity Program](#) (ICP) will end on September 1, 2024. We will be evaluating newly submitted addresses for eligibility on the next round launching in October. [Next Level Connections](#) (NLC) continues finalize our agreements with awarded providers, and we will continue to work with both round 3 and round 4 projects as they continue towards completion.

Where is the IBO?

On August 27, 2024, the Digital Equity team traveled to South Bend's Technology Resource Center to participate in a round table discussion with members of the city's Connectivity Coalition. We shared information about the IBO's programs and learned about innovative community resources like South Bend's city-operated open Wi-Fi network.



We are energized by South Bend's commitment to bridging the digital divide and look forward to a future where digital resources are expanded across the state.



We are Hiring!



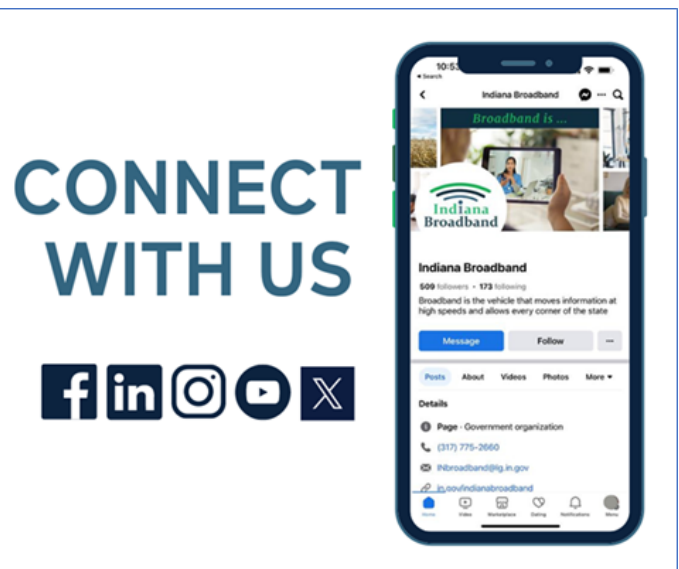
Come work with our amazing team!

The IBO is hiring a **Broadband Permitting Liaison**. The State of Indiana offers a comprehensive benefit package for full time employees. Learn more about the position and apply [here](#).

Let's Connect!

We want to hear from you. If you have general questions or concerns, email IndianaBroadband@iot.IN.gov. To stay updated on our latest work, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (X), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and check out our [website](#).

We encourage you to forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested and urge them to sign up for our newsletter [here](#). See you in July!



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