

## **Indiana's BEAD Initial Proposal Volume I Approved by NTIA**

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The Indiana Broadband Office (IBO) is excited to announce its Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program Initial Proposal Volume I has been approved by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

The IBO posted the Initial Proposal Volume I for a 30-day public comment period on October 6, 2023. After incorporating public feedback, the IBO submitted for NTIA approval on November 10, 2023. The IBO received and responded to NTIA comments in early December and Volume I was approved on January 31, 2024. View the approved Volume I document on our [website](#).

With this approval, the IBO is thrilled to begin the Challenge Process of the BEAD program. Indiana's Challenge Process will begin on March 4, 2024, and last for 30 days until April 3, 2024. Following the Challenge Phase, the Rebuttal Phase will begin. This process ensures the IBO has the most accurate picture of what broadband serviceable locations are eligible for BEAD funding and project areas.

Once the Challenge Process is completed, the Subgrantee Selection Process can begin. Broadband service providers will then be able to bid on project areas. This is the final step in connecting as many locations as possible with BEAD funding.

The IBO is committed to administering the BEAD program in the most efficient way possible to maximize the infrastructure deployment and adoption programs in the state of Indiana. The office continues to work to get every eligible Hoosier home and business connected to broadband service. If you have any questions about the BEAD program, please email [IndianaBroadband@iot.IN.gov](mailto:IndianaBroadband@iot.IN.gov).

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