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## IBO December Newsletter

Season's greetings and happy holidays to all! December's newsletter is arriving a bit early to accommodate the holiday season and keep you up to date on our latest developments. It's been a busy and exciting time for the Indiana Broadband Office, filled with updates and accomplishments we're eager to share.

Read on to learn more about what we've been up to this month!





## BEAD Program Update

The [Broadband, Equity, Accessibility, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](#) has several key updates to share. The IBO is awaiting final NTIA approval of the BEAD-eligible address list, which will be made public once approved. Additionally, [Subgrantee Selection](#) Round 1 is scheduled to open at the end of December and will remain open for 45 calendar days.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks!

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## Where is the IBO?

This month, the IBO's Broadband Director, Amanda O'Daniel, and Communications Manager, Seth Stegall, traveled to Howard County for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating BerryComm's newest broadband project commencement. This project area, awarded during the Next Level Connections Round 4, marks an important step in improving connectivity for local residents.

Congratulations to everyone involved in Howard County's broadband expansion efforts!



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## Digital Opportunity

Want to learn more about Indiana's Digital Opportunity Plan? The Benton Institute for Broadband and Society wrote a comprehensive summary of the Plan and its goals for Indiana.

Read the full analysis [here](#).

## Indiana Connectivity Program/Next Level Connections

Here is a December updates from the [Next Level Connections](#) and [Indiana Connectivity Programs](#):

### ICP:

Round 12 awards are being finalized.  
Round 13 Challenge Phase underway

Round 13 Bid Period Begins 1/13/25.

### NLC:

Round 3 project completion date is 12/31/24.  
Round 3 final reports and claims due 1/31/25.  
Round 4 quarterly reporting begins 1/31/25.

The logo for NextLevel Connections features a stylized 'N' with an upward-pointing arrow integrated into its top right corner. To the right of this symbol, the words 'NextLevel' and 'Connections' are stacked vertically in a bold, sans-serif font.

### Did you know?

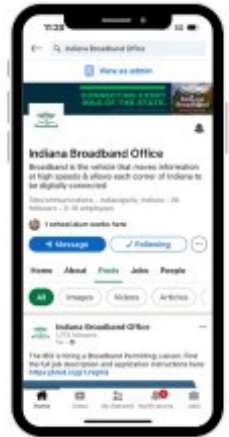
A 2024 study by the Pew Research Center indicated that around 22 million employed adults in America work from home. This made up roughly 14% of employed adults.

With the increase in work from home options, a reliable broadband connection is essential to ensure people can stay connected.

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