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Link Up Idaho

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1. Executive Summary

Broadband impacts nearly every aspect of modern life, transforming how we communicate, learn, work, access services, and engage with society. It is a critical infrastructure that drives economic development, social progress, and technological innovation. Idaho, experiencing remarkable growth, entices individuals and commerce alike with its desirable lifestyle, thriving job market, and business community. It is essential to establish affordable and equitable broadband connectivity to meet the needs of all current and future Idahoans, regardless of their location. With the lack of digital connectivity continually and disproportionately impacting urban and rural areas of the state, Idaho is endeavoring to close the gaps through its Five-Year Action Plan, Link Up Idaho. To spearhead this vital undertaking, the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board (IBAB) and the Idaho Department of Commerce Office of Broadband have collaborated with the Idaho Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) to launch Link Up Idaho.

Driven by the hope for a better connected, digitally resilient future, Link Up Idaho aims to comprehensively assess and address the diverse needs of Idahoans regarding broadband affordability, adoption, and access. This includes evaluating infrastructure requirements, promoting device access, and fostering digital equity and literacy. By identifying these needs, the plan seeks to empower individuals and communities with the necessary information technology capacity to actively engage in all aspects of society. Link Up Idaho will outline clear goals, practical strategies, and initial steps to meet the evolving needs of Idahoans, leveraging resources such as the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program funds and other available funding sources. This plan will highlight the following five key priority areas for Idaho:

Infrastructure and Technology | Economic Development | Educational Access

Operation and Data | Public Safety and Communications

According to the Idaho Office of Broadband (IOB), based on the analysis outlined in Section 3.4, Needs and Gaps Assessment, there are 113,987 unserved and underserved locations in the state, as follows:

- 83,723 unserved locations, totaling 109,223 miles of fiber construction
- 30,264 underserved locations, totaling 10,443 miles of fiber construction

By the end of 2027, Idaho aspires to serve 100% of its businesses and homes with high-speed broadband that provides a minimum of 100 Mbps download, 20 Mbps upload, or 100/20 Mbps. This investment aims to improve the ability of all residents and businesses to compete in the job market for years to come. Idaho will continue to grow economically, retain businesses, create jobs, and attract entrepreneurs; its broadband capacity should concurrently meet the needs of that growth.

Over the next five years, Idaho will invest unprecedented funding through the BEAD program. The impact of this funding will be tremendous. As IBAB determines the best ways to distribute funds, decisions must be made with transparency and accountability. This applies to both the government agencies issuing the funds and the awardees receiving the funds. IBAB leadership and IOB staff are committed to the utmost transparency and accountability of its programs. Moreover, the awardees must fully commit to meeting all programmatic and compliance requirements.

2. Overview of the Five-Year Action Plan

2.1 Vision

All Idahoans will have access to affordable and reliable broadband infrastructure by 2027.

This Five-Year Action Plan aims to deliver a roadmap to close the digital divide in Idaho. We are committed to providing equal access to economic development, public safety, telehealth, and education opportunities through investments in broadband infrastructure. We will prioritize funding for our households, businesses, and communities in unserved and underserved areas.

IBAB Guiding Principles:

Access: Barriers to access for all Idahoans are removed, ensuring that underserved and unserved locations receive broadband services.

Affordable: Affordable broadband options for all Idahoans will be available.

Alignment: Stakeholders are committed to achieving the vision in this plan; critical decisions support the outlined long-term goals.

Competition: Support middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure investments that support and build off existing infrastructure and provider networks, increase competition and efficiency, and improve community redundancy.

Data-Driven: Plan is delivered with close attention to metrics with continuously gathered and acted upon data.

Responsive: Strategic agility is deployed in the execution of this plan, and regular adaptation to the rapidly changing environment occurs.

2.2 Objectives and Goals

The Five-Year Action Plan aims to achieve five primary objectives and goals.

Infrastructure & Technology: Prioritizing infrastructure investments to connect residents, businesses, Tribal Nations, and community anchor institutions (CAI) that are unserved and underserved in Idaho.

- Implement grant programs that focus on unserved and underserved communities.
- Approve grant programs focused on delivery to locations or the last-mile, middle-mile, CAIs, public safety, telehealth, or other priorities deemed lacking sufficient broadband infrastructure by the IBAB.
- Engage in partnerships with internet service providers (ISPs), local governments, state agencies, Tribal Nations, and experts.
- Promote Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies in building out broadband infrastructure.

Economic Development: Prioritizing broadband investments that support the economic ecosystem for businesses in our state and ensure access to broadband infrastructure that is reliable and affordable.

- Provide broadband infrastructure opportunities to previously unserved areas.
- Increase the potential economic diversification through enhanced connectivity.
- Identify Idaho's remote work and learning, telehealth, and public safety opportunities.

- Expand broadband utilization to low-income users through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)/Lifeline subsidy.
- Partner with state agencies to avoid duplication of service and support the varying needs of rural community infrastructure.

Educational Access: Prioritizing students' and educators' access to affordable and reliable broadband services in their homes and across Idaho in schools, libraries, and communities in unserved and underserved locations.

- Engage with the Idaho State Board of Education (ISBE), independent school districts, libraries, and institutions of higher learning to identify broadband infrastructure gaps.
- Prioritize broadband infrastructure investments to project areas where students, their families, and teachers reside in unserved and underserved locations; this is in partnership with state agencies, business and industry, and non-profit education organizations to improve digital access, literacy, and usage.

Operations & Data: Manage the deployment of funding for capital projects, grant programs, and other established projects to support data-driven broadband infrastructure investments in Idaho.

- Collaborate with other state agencies on broadband infrastructure projects.
- Propose and implement standard operating procedures for grant programs, capital projects, and community engagement.
- Facilitate collaboration between state agencies, stakeholder groups, and overlapping service providers.
- The Idaho Department of Commerce will provide the IBAB with relevant data and information as necessary.

Public Safety & Communications: Prioritizing broadband investments to strengthen access to reliable, resilient, scalable, and redundant broadband services to Idaho's Emergency Communications Centers (ECC) locations.

- Encourage the identification of ECC locations in Idaho that are unserved and underserved by current standard of 100/20 Mbps broadband service and prioritize connecting those facilities in grant applications.
- Encourage the identification of broadband service single points of failure in ECC locations.
- Encourage the development of map layers that identify ECC locations that are unserved and underserved and share them with other state agencies so the state can incorporate those into grant applications.
- Identify and include primary and redundant connectivity to ECCs via middle- and last-mile projects.

To achieve these goals, IBAB plans to leverage the state's full range of tools, including policy, programs, funding, partnerships, and collaborations with federal, municipal, and tribal governments.

3. Current State of Broadband and Digital Inclusion

3.1 Existing Programs

The IOB and the IBAB are actively involved in various programs and initiatives to expand broadband access and adoption across Idaho. These efforts include implementing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Broadband Program, administering the Idaho Broadband Grant Program, managing the Idaho Capital Projects Fund (CPF), developing Serviceable Location Fabric Data, and conducting stakeholder outreach activities. Through these initiatives, Idaho seeks to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all Idahoans can access high-speed internet services for education, healthcare, business, and personal communication.

Table 1: Current Activities that the IOB Administers

Activity Name	Description	Intended Outcome(s)
CARES Act Broadband Program Round 1: FY2020 Round 2: FY2021	Funded broadband projects (FY20 – $38 million and FY21 – $10 million) across the state that create and retain local jobs and result in purposeful outcomes, including distance learning, telehealth, public safety, commerce, and overall well-being.	Connects unserved households to high-speed internet. Improves broadband services to businesses, libraries, healthcare clinics, hospital facilities, public safety organizations, and local governments.
Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Program	The Idaho Broadband Fund consists of $8.2 million for financial assistance for broadband infrastructure in Idaho. In January 2023, $26.3 million was awarded for two middle-mile projects over 300 miles north and south.	Promotes economic development, public safety, telehealth, and education access.
Idaho CPF via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	The US Treasury allocated $125 million to the State of Idaho. IBAB will award grants via a competitive grant application process by aligning the priorities listed in IBAB's Broadband Strategic Plan, included as Appendix F. Awardees will be committed to improving broadband infrastructure in underserved and unserved Idaho locations.	Provides service to unserved and underserved areas in Idaho. Increases engagement with the impacted community. Prioritizes projects that will provide open access to the network. Allocates for projects that: • Connect to more numerous locations at the most economical cost. • Promote and implement Dig Once principles in building out broadband infrastructure. • Enable remote work, distance learning, and

Activity Name	Description	Intended Outcome(s)
		telehealth adoption and access. • Demonstrate increased potential economic diversification through enhanced connectivity.
Develop Serviceable Location Fabric Data	Serviceable location fabric data supports broadband mapping efforts to expand the capabilities of the current Idaho map to deploy broadband infrastructure more effectively by supporting planning activities and funding programs.	Provides a dataset of all structures in Idaho where fixed broadband internet access service can be installed. Challenges the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Location Fabric.
Outreach Activities	Hosting a series of discussions across the state to identify broadband needs and challenges and solicit input from local stakeholders.	Collects observations and feedback from community outreach to inform the development of the State's broadband plan, objectives, and implementation approach.

Table 2: Current and Planned Full-time and Part-time Employees

Current/ Planned	Full-time/ Part-time	Position	Description of Role
Current	Full-time	State Broadband Program Manager	Oversees the IOB. As the lead economic development agency for the State of Idaho, the mission of the Idaho Department of Commerce is to foster a business-friendly environment and to aid in quality job creation, support existing companies, strengthen communities, promote innovation, and market Idaho domestically and internationally.
Planned	Full-time	Broadband Project Manager	Manages various responsibilities, including broadband infrastructure projects, stakeholder communications, and educating communities on available tools. This role helps encourage job creation and inform capital investment statewide. The Broadband Project Manager strongly focuses on building relationships with city, county, legislative, and other government r economic development organizations throughout Idaho.

Current/ Planned	Full-time/ Part-time	Position	Description of Role
Planned	Full-time	BEAD Program Specialist	Coordinates and monitors BEAD Program Activities.
Current	Part-time	Business Development and Operations Administrator	Serves as a resource for information regarding international trade, business attraction, community development, and business retention and expansion.
Current	Part-time	Director	Oversees all agency operations and is the State of Idaho's Chief Economic Development and Marketing Officer.
Current	Part-time	Grants/Contract Manager	Manages department grants, contracts, procurement, sub-recipient monitoring, compliance monitoring, and administrative rules inquiries.
Planned	Full-time	CPF Program Specialist	Coordinates and monitors CPF program activities.
Current	Part-time	Grant and Contract Analyst	Supports Grants/Contract Manager for inquiries in department grants, contracts, procurement, or administrative rules.
Current	Part-time	Financial Specialist	A Financial Analyst with experience in grant accounting, government finance, or similar work to sufficiently support the State's broadband efforts.
Current	Part-time	State GIS Officer	The State GIS Officer will oversee and manages the Idaho Broadband Map.

Table 3: Current and Planned Contractor Support

Current/ Planned	Full-time/ Part-time	Position	Description of Role
Current	Full-time	GIS Analyst	Provides support to build Idaho broadband availability maps and support FCC Mapping and Challenge Process.
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Current/ Planned	Full-time/ Part-time	Position	Description of Role
Current	Part-time (through May 31, 2023)	Timmons	Processes batches with potential missing locations to be submitted to the FCC. Provides GIS shapefiles for apartment buildings, mobile home parks, buildings where people live in group quarters, and non-residential and multi-use structures.
Current	Full-time	Michael Baker International (MBI)	Develop and deliver a Five-Year Action Plan to inform BEAD funding distribution.
Current	Part-time	Service Contractor (Red Sky Public Relations)	Provides public relations support.
Current	Part-time	Service Contractor (Madden Marketing)	Provides marketing and website support.
Current	Full-time	MBI	Develops Idaho's initial plan and provides technical assistance, internal spot audits, and grantee audits.

Table 4: Broadband Funding

Source	Purpose	Total	Expended	Available
US Treasury CPF	IBAB will award grants via a competitive grant application process in furtherance of priorities outlined in its Broadband Strategic Plan to entities that commit to improving broadband infrastructure in underserved and unserved locations in Idaho.	$125,000,000.00	$0.00	$125,000,000.00
State General IBAB - Idaho Broadband Fund	The Idaho Broadband Fund consists of funds the legislature appropriates to assist broadband infrastructure in Idaho financially.	$35,000,000.00	$26,510,313.00	$8,489,687.00

Source	Purpose	Total	Expended	Available
FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)	The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) disbursed $57.9 million to Idaho over 10 years to bring fixed broadband and voice service to Idahoans of unserved homes and small businesses throughout the state.	$57,946,359.00	TBD	TBD
US Department of Commerce (DOC)	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes received a Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and US DOC to install middle-mile and last-mile fiber and last-mile fixed wireless to directly connect 408 unserved Native American households with fiber-to-the-home 100/100 Mbps service.	$22,485,260.71	TBD	$22,485,260.71
US DOC	Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation received a TBCP grant from the NTIA and US DOC to connect 90% of the Reservation to newly established Wi-Fi towers, to purchase 75 computers and 169 Chromebooks for Tribal households/students with the greatest needs and to subsidize broadband service costs for 150 homes for one year. Additionally, the award includes the development of an engineering plan.	$1,599,399.82	TBD	$1,599,399.82
US DOC	Syringa Networks, LLC proposes a 76-mile fiber backbone middle-mile route in rural Southwestern Idaho. The route crosses three Idaho counties and connects eight cities to their existing network.	$6,209,732.74	$0.00	$6,209,732.74

Source	Purpose	Total	Expended	Available
US Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Midvale Telephone Company will use this Rural Development ReConnect Program Loan from the USDA to connect socially vulnerable communities in Elmore, Blaine, Custer, and Boise Counties in Idaho (and Gila, Graham, Pinal, Cochise, and Pima Counties in Arizona). The new fiber-to-the-home network will connect 455 people, 39 businesses, and 69 farms to high-speed internet in these regions.	$10,583,267.00	$5,092,151.00	$5,491,116.00
USDA	This Rural Development investment from the US Department of Agriculture will deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 469 people, 32 businesses, and four farms to high-speed internet in Madison County, Idaho. Columbine Telephone Company will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the FCC's ACP.	$2,103,857.00	TBD	TBD
USDA	Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. will use this 50/50 Loan Grant Combo for Rural Development investment to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Idaho. The funded service areas include 690 households and 2 essential community facilities spread over 378.67 square miles.	$19,645,246.00	TBD	TBD

Source	Purpose	Total	Expended	Available
USDA	Midvale Telephone Company to use this 50/50 Loan Grant Combo for Rural Development investment to deploy fiber-to-the-home broadband service in rural Idaho. The funded service areas include 119 households, and 1 essential community facility spread over 22.34 square miles.	$10,982,232.00	TBD	TBD
USDA	Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. FY2020 to use 100% Grant for rural development investment to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband services in rural Idaho, Nevada, and Oregon. The funded service areas include 255 households spread over 1,284.48 miles.	$12,867,781.00	TBD	TBD
USDA	All West Communications, Inc. FY2020 100% Grant will use this Rural Development investment to deploy fiber-to-the-premises broadband service in rural Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The funded service areas include 74 households spread over 82.6 square miles.	$5,666,692.00	TBD	TBD

3.2 Partnerships

Building strong partnerships for broadband planning ensures that deploying broadband infrastructure and services meets the state's diverse population's needs and promotes digital inclusion. Partnerships with various stakeholders, including local governments, Idaho's five Tribal Nations, ISPs, and community organizations, are crucial for effective broadband planning.

Including partners in broadband planning ensures we can accomplish the following:

- **Collaboration**: A diverse group of stakeholders with different perspectives and expertise results in more comprehensive and effective plans that consider the unique needs and challenges of the community.
- **Resources**: Partners contribute resources, including funding, equipment, and technical expertise, which help expand the reach of broadband infrastructure and services.

- **Local Knowledge**: Partners familiar with local communities provide valuable insights into residents' specific needs and preferences and the unique geographic and economic factors that may affect broadband access and adoption.
- **Implementation**: Key partners help educate about and implement broadband plans by working with local governments, planning regions, and statewide associations to streamline permitting and regulatory processes; assisting with community outreach and education; and providing ongoing support for broadband infrastructure and services.

Involving key stakeholders in broadband planning ensures that plans are more inclusive, effective, and sustainable and can lead to greater broadband access and adoption for our Idaho communities. Below is a broad overview of current and planned Idaho Champions, Partners, and Consumers, as outlined in Section 5.1, Stakeholder Engagement Process.

A complete list of planned partners is included as Appendix A.

Table 5: Current Partners

Broadband Partners	Audience	Delivery & Adoption Role
All Counties & Cities	Champion	Public Service
Altura Community Consulting & Business Finance	Partner	Delivery & Support
American Connection Corps (ACC)	Champion	Private
Association of Idaho Cities (AIC)	Champion	Public Service
Boise State University (BSU)	Recipient	Institution
Clearwater Economic Development Association	Partner	Delivery & Support
Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Partner	Delivery & Support
College of Western Idaho (CWI)	Partner	Workforce Development
Idaho Association of Counties (IAC)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL)	Partner	Digital Equity
Idaho Council on Workforce Development (ICWD)	Partner	Workforce Development
Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC)	Champion	Community
Idaho Small Business Development Center (ISBDC)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho State Board of Education (ISBE)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho State Independent Living	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Women's Business Center	Champion	Private
Imagine Idaho (II)	Champion	Community

Internet Service Providers (ISP)	Partner	Delivery & Support
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Partner	Delivery & Support
Nez Perce Tribe	Partner	Delivery & Support
Panhandle Area Council	Partner	Delivery & Support
Regional IV Development	Partner	Delivery & Support
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Partner	Delivery & Support
Shoshone-Paiute Tribe	Partner	Delivery & Support
Southeast Idaho Council of Governments	Partner	Delivery & Support
University of Idaho (UI)	Recipient	Institution
University of Idaho Extension Offices	Partner	Workforce Development
US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development	Partner	Delivery & Support

3.3 Asset Inventory

Asset mapping is a crucial step in developing a comprehensive action plan for broadband deployment. Broadband deployment brings high-speed internet access to areas that lack it, and asset mapping helps identify the existing infrastructure and resources that can be leveraged to support this effort. By conducting an asset map, policymakers, communities, and ISPs can better understand the current broadband landscape, including where access is lacking and what resources are available to fill the gaps. This information is essential in developing an effective broadband deployment plan that maximizes the use of available resources and ensures that unserved and underserved areas are prioritized. Each of the following broadband asset categories plays a vital role in promoting digital inclusion and ensuring that all members of the community can access and benefit from broadband services:

- **Deployment**: The State of Idaho recently approved the Idaho Broadband Dig Once and Right-of-Way Act (Sections 40-515 through 40-520, Idaho Code) to ensure efficient deployment of broadband infrastructure. The IOB will set the highest cost threshold possible to provide the maximum number of locations end-to-end before utilizing other technologies within Idaho. In addition to leveraging its Rights-of-Way, Idaho is exploring other hard assets providers could use at low- or no-cost for broadband deployments, such as state-owned structures, land, and utility infrastructure.
- **Adoption**: According to the US Census 2021 Five-Year Estimates for "Presence of a computer and type of internet subscription in the households," 87.53% of Idahoans have adopted broadband. Through our discovery, about nine active digital literacy and digital skills training programs were conducted by Idaho public libraries, Idaho public schools, and independent organizations. There are many marketing and awareness campaigns for digital inclusion throughout the state by the FCC, ICfL, Verizon, Idaho Digital Learning Alliance, and National Digital Inclusion Alliances. Over 50 ISPs have programs promoting adoption, such as adoption campaigns, low-cost plans, and digital inclusion initiatives. In Idaho, several alliances and the ICfL enable digital equity and inclusion coalitions.

- **Affordability**: Within Idaho, 557,572 (31.31%) of Idahoans are eligible for ACP, with 31,592 (5.67%) of Idahoans actively enrolled in ACP. Idaho has more than 30 discount or subsidized broadband service and equipment programs. More than 80 utility assistance programs exist with limited income within Idaho. ACP eligibility statistics were derived from US Census Bureau American Community Survey data on poverty. For each county and ZIP code, eligibility was determined by taking the total population at or under 200% of the federal poverty level for a given geography and dividing it by the total population for the same geography. It is important to note that many other qualifiers for the ACP program may ultimately increase the total number of eligible households/individuals. The other programs that qualify an individual/household for ACP include but are not limited to WIC, Lifeline, Tribal Head Start, Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program, SNAP, Medicaid, and various Federal housing assistance programs.
- **Access**: Regarding access, Idaho and the Idaho Commission for Libraries are leading with public Wi-Fi available through the libraries. Two open-access middle-mile networks are in progress; IRON/IIG and the Port of Lewiston, covering Moscow to Star, Idaho.
- **Digital Equity**: Idaho has over five active workforce development training and employment services. Also, an Idaho Connect Community Navigator based in Nampa works with communities statewide to provide technical assistance to support digital inclusion.

Reference the Asset Inventory, included as Appendix B, for a detailed description of data collected in Idaho.

3.4 Needs and Gaps Assessment

This assessment aims to determine Idaho's unserved and underserved areas and their poverty thresholds. Determining these locations statewide ensures the success of Idaho's top priority of removing broadband access barriers and obstacles to reliable broadband for all Idahoans. Identifying unserved and underserved locations also achieves the State's objective of a data-driven approach by utilizing tabular and GIS data and ensuring the latest and most up-to-date data is utilized to inform the methodology and decision-making. To accomplish this task, the following datasets were used:

- US Census ZIP Code Tabulation Areas
- US Census Poverty Data
- FCC Fixed Broadband Availability Download
- Uber's H3 hierarchical Index resolution of 8 hexagons
- US Census Tribal Areas
- US Census Counties
- US Census Road edges (S1100, S1200, S1400)
- Federal and State grant areas (e.g., Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Connect America Fund Phase II (CAFII), ReConnect, etc.)

The FCC fixed broadband availability data was joined to its corresponding resolution eight hexagon, creating a one-to-many join resulting in a lookup table for Idaho. This data was then dissolved by hexagon ID and summarized to provide the following metrics per hexagon:

- Total unique providers
- Total unique fabric locations
- Total unique technologies
- Max advertised download speed per hexagon
- Max advertised upload speed per hexagon

A Python script was developed to categorize the maximum advertised download/upload speeds into the following performance categories:

- 1 = <25/3 (Mbps): Unserved
- 2 = 25/3–100/20 (Mbps): Underserved
- 3 = 100/20–1000/100 (Mbps): Served
- 4 = >1000/100 (Mbps): Well-served

The Python script also accounted for wireline/wireless providers to ensure that the appropriate wireless technologies were categorized as Unserved.

Using the US Census poverty data, poverty levels were determined for each ZIP code in Idaho for 200% of the federal poverty level and below. The poverty data was reclassified into four thresholds based on how much of the ZIP code's population was ACP-eligible:

- 75–100%
- 50–74%
- 25–49%
- 0–24%

The poverty data was combined with US Census ZCTA data. The unserved and underserved data was queried using the FCC availability data to create feature classes. Additionally, spatial data and hexagons were used to determine where fiber providers were located throughout Idaho; locally unserved and underserved layers were overlaid with the poverty data to assign a poverty category to each availability record.

Using federal and state grant layers, unserved and underserved locations were inversely intersected to account for the deduplication of funding throughout Idaho. Fiber locations, unserved locations, underserved locations, and Idaho roads were all reprojected to a USA Contiguous Equidistant projection to ensure accurate calculation of road miles. The Census Road edges were first cleaned to break topology at intersections. Cleaning the road edge topology provides a clean road network setup for origin-destination matrices.

An origin-destination matrix was created for all four poverty thresholds, using the centroid of each unserved/underserved hexagon and the destination of the fiber hexagons. Entry, exit, network, and total cost were calculated for each origin to the destination point, where cost was calculated based on miles between points. The minimum miles per origin feature identification (FID) was captured to determine the shortest path an origin point needed to travel to its nearest fiber point neighbor. Origin FID was then dissolved into origin-destination matrices.

To account for the duplication or overcounting of mileage when multiple origin points traveled to the same destination point, presumably along a similar network traverse as other nearby origin points, a factor was calculated by reclassifying the origin-destination matrix data into four categories by capturing the number of origin points that traveled to the same destination point. When multiple origin points traveled to the same destination, a factor was calculated by reclassifying the origin-destination matrix data into four categories based on natural breaks to account for duplication or overcounting of mileage. Each class was assigned a numerical value of one through four during the reclassification process, where a Category 1 origin-destination pair had the least amount of origin points terminating at a particular destination FID.

All four categories had their mileage reduced by the following factor to avoid overcounting miles:

1 = 20% mileage reduction

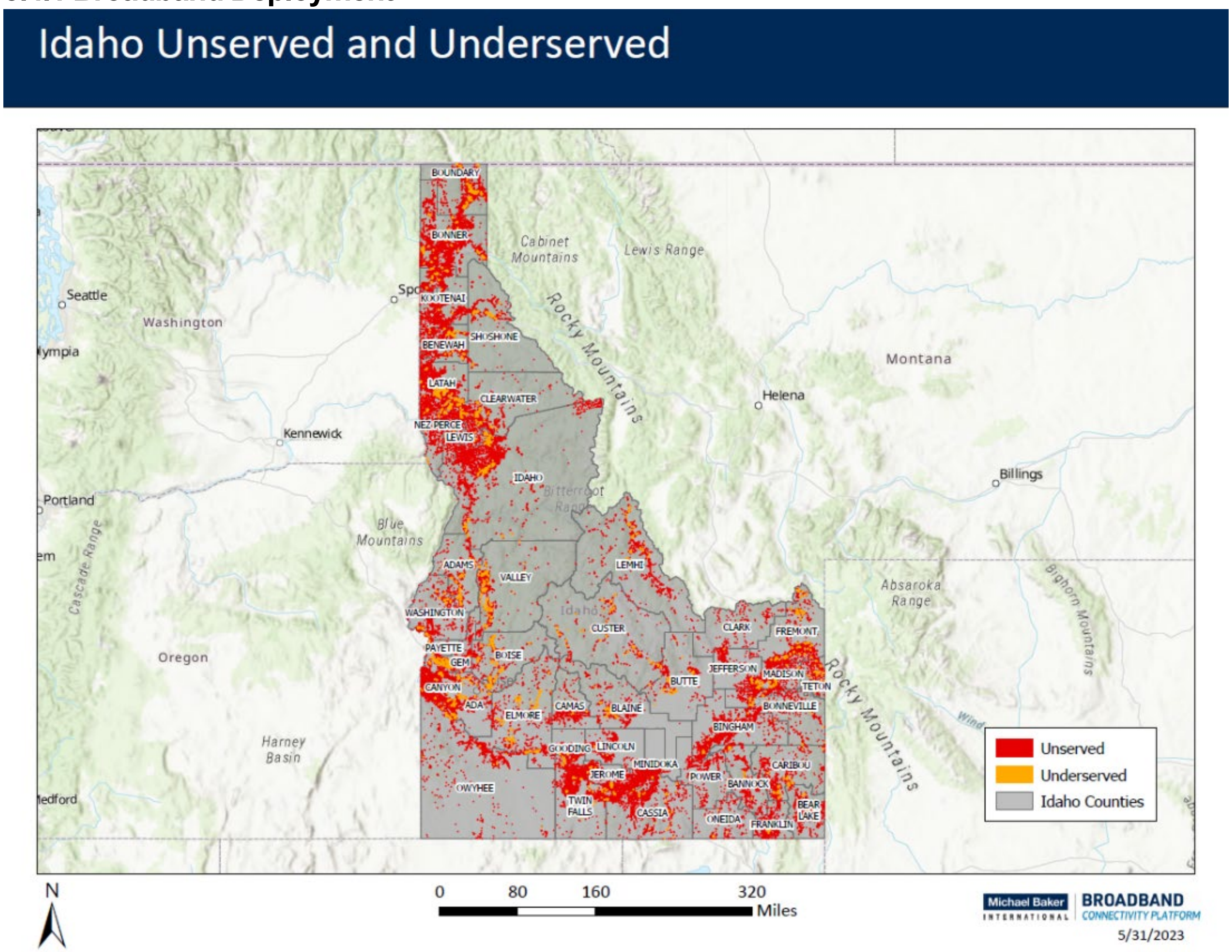
2 = 40% mileage reduction

3 = 60% mileage reduction

4 = 80% mileage reduction

The data from all steps were summarized in many ways, such as road miles per county, locations per county, road miles per tribal area, locations per tribal area, road miles per commerce region, and locations per commerce region. The Project Managers and Broadband Consultants reviewed the data to complete the universal cost analysis.

3.4.1 Broadband Deployment



The IOB has identified 83,723 unserved and 30,264 underserved locations in Idaho based on the methodology mentioned in Section 3.4, Needs and Gaps Assessment. The total underserved locations include 1,106 CAIs without gigabit service. The IOB plans to update broadband maps to ensure accuracy in identifying existing broadband service gaps within Idaho.

While broadband service via fiber is ideal and the preferred method of deployment in Idaho, it is essential to acknowledge that there are situations in Idaho where laying fiber is neither practical nor reasonable. This is due to high deployment costs and unacceptably long timelines to provide service to these locations. The IOB plans to utilize other technologies to connect the unserved and underserved locations in Idaho and provide broadband service in extremely high-cost areas where fiber is financially impractical.

The IOB plans to develop a statewide Broadband Workforce Development Strategy to ensure enough workers can quickly deploy broadband infrastructure.

Overall, there is a need for increased investment in broadband infrastructure to address these gaps and ensure that all Idahoans have access to reliable and affordable broadband services.

3.4.2 Broadband Adoption

Broadband adoption gaps and needs refer to the barriers preventing people from using high-speed internet even when available in their area. Most commonly, broadband adoption is, inhibited by the affordability of programs, the need to understand how to use internet-based tools and minimal programs that seek to integrate traditional business or social actions with digital alternatives.

Digital Literacy: Many people need more skills to use the internet effectively, which can prevent them from adopting broadband services. This includes basic computer skills, internet navigation, and online safety.

Reasons contributing to digital literacy gaps include:

- **Lack of Awareness**: Some people may not know the benefits of reliable high-speed broadband or the availability of broadband services in their area. This can prevent them from adopting those broadband services.
- **Physical Disabilities**: People with physical disabilities may face challenges in using technology or accessing online content, which can prevent them from adopting broadband services.

Device Access and Unaffordable Subscriptions: Low broadband subscriptions and device ownership among low-income households, businesses, and CAIs. According to the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, an estimated 57,961 households (±1,876) in Idaho have no internet connection, approximately 8.8% (±0.3%) of all households. Regarding mobile broadband, about 84% of households have a cellular data plan, and 12% have a cellular data plan with no other type of internet subscription. When factoring only broadband-related technologies such as cable, fiber, or DSL, 73% of households in Idaho have access to those broadband-related technologies. As for income, the median household income in the past 12 months (inflation-adjusted dollars to last year of the five-year range) was $63,377, which is $7,809 less than the national average.

Reasons contributing to low subscribership and device ownership include:

- **Affordability**: Outside of availability, affordability is often the main reason for low broadband subscribership and device ownership.
- **Underutilization of ACP**: The ACP is integral part that assists individuals with affordable broadband by providing up to $30/month towards internet service and up to a $100 one-time discount on device purchases. In addition to the ACP program, some states have created their own supplemental discount programs to assist eligible applicants further.

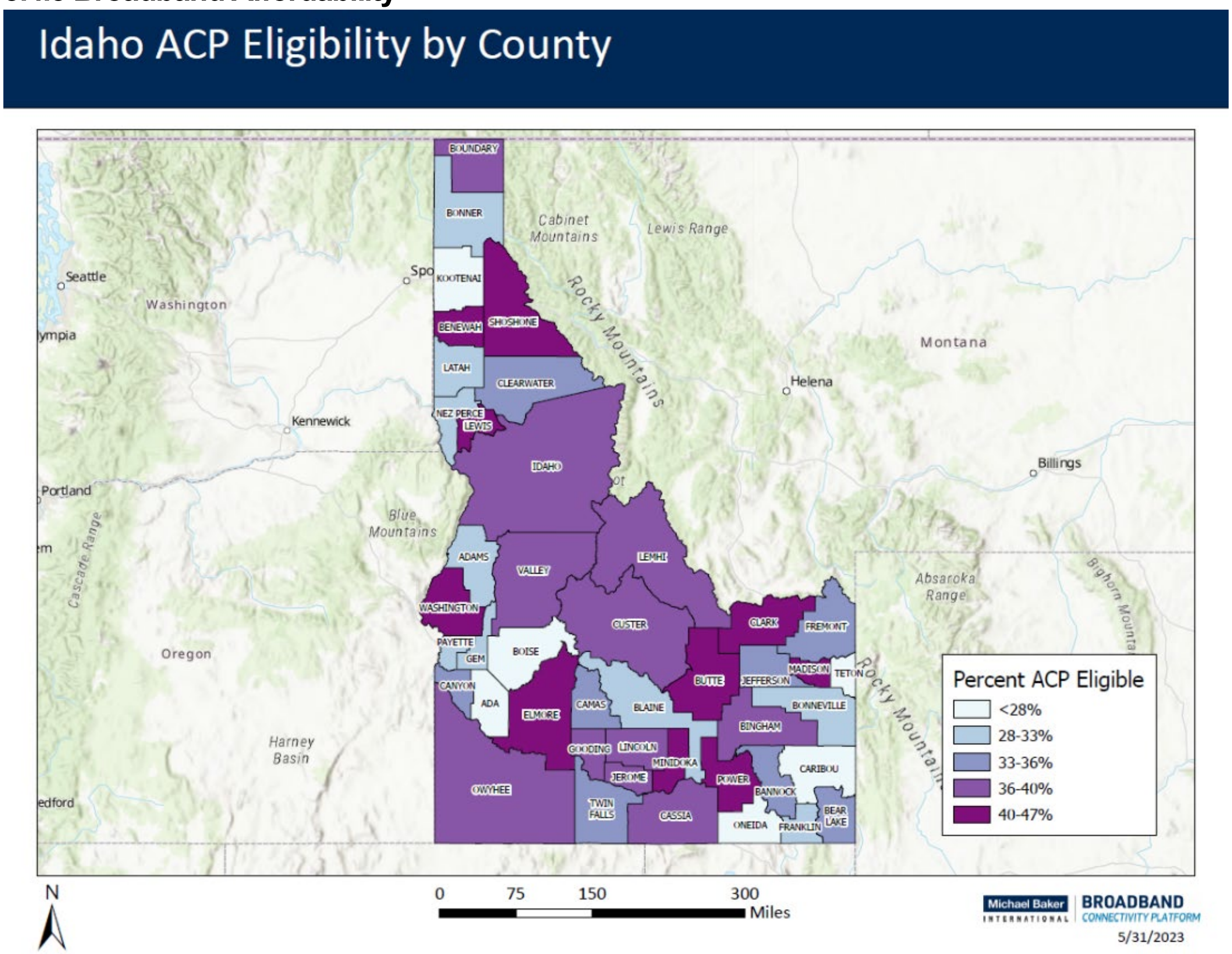
Lack of Emphasis on Muti-Sector Strategies: Broadband is vital to many industries continually shifting to permanent online operations.

Reasons contributing to a lack of multi-sector strategies include:

- Lack of investment in network expansion to and around areas with high concentrations of farming, healthcare, and education infrastructure, as well as areas designated for residential and commercial growth.
- No State legislation requiring broadband connectivity infrastructure as part of all new industrial development.

Addressing these gaps and needs for broadband adoption requires a multi-faceted approach, including digital literacy training, affordable broadband options, device access, and awareness campaigns. By addressing these barriers, more Idahoans can adopt high-speed internet services and benefit from the opportunities they provide.

3.4.3 Broadband Affordability



Broadband affordability is a critical issue that impacts access to high-speed broadband for many households. Everyday needs and gaps affecting broadband affordability include but are not limited to:

- **Limited Competition**: There may be only one or two broadband providers in many areas, which limits competition and can result in higher consumer prices.

- **High Cost of Infrastructure**: Building and maintaining broadband infrastructure can be expensive, particularly in rural or remote areas. These costs can be passed on to consumers through higher broadband prices.
- **Bundling of Services**: Broadband providers may require customers to purchase additional services, such as cable TV or phone service, to access affordable broadband options.
- **Data Caps and Overage Fees**: Some broadband providers place caps on the amount of data that customers can use monthly or charge overage fees if customers exceed these caps. This can result in unexpectedly high broadband bills for consumers.
- **Lack of Government Subsidies**: In some areas, there are limited government subsidies available to support affordable broadband options for low-income households. This can make it difficult for these households to access high-speed internet services.
- **Access to Funding**: Small broadband providers may need more access to funding to invest in infrastructure and offer affordable broadband services to their customers.

Addressing the needs and gaps impacting broadband affordability requires various policy solutions, including increasing competition, subsidizing broadband costs for low-income households, and supporting small broadband providers. By addressing these gaps, more households can access affordable high-speed internet services and benefit from the opportunities they provide.

3.4.4 Broadband Access

Broadband access gaps and needs refer to the barriers that prevent people from accessing high-speed internet, either due to limited infrastructure or other factors. Communication gaps and needs impacting broadband access include but are not limited to:

- **Limited Infrastructure**: Many areas need more infrastructure, such as fiber optic cables, public Wi-Fi access points/networks, and even mobile broadband connectivity, all of which provide reliable high-speed internet services to homes and businesses.
- **Rural and Remote Locations**: Rural and remote areas may be far from existing broadband infrastructure, making connecting these areas to high-speed internet services difficult and expensive.
- **Cost of Broadband Services**: Even when broadband infrastructure exists in a particular area, broadband services may be prohibitively expensive for some households, particularly those on low incomes.
- **Lack of Awareness**: Some people may need to be made aware of the availability of broadband services in their area or to understand the benefits of high-speed broadband services.
- **Digital Literacy**: Some people may need more skills to use the internet effectively, preventing them from accessing high-speed internet services.
- **Language Barriers**: Non-English-speaking households may need help accessing and navigating online content.

Broadband access requires various policy solutions, including expanding infrastructure, subsidizing broadband costs for low-income households, increasing public awareness, and providing digital literacy training.

3.4.5 Digital Access

Digital access gaps and needs prevent people from effectively accessing and using digital technologies. Communication gaps impacting digital access include but are not limited to:

- **Availability of Devices**: Many people need access to devices such as computers, tablets, or smartphones.
- **Cost of Devices**: Even when devices are available, purchasing them may be relatively expensive for some households, particularly those on low incomes.
- **Access to Reliable Broadband**: Many need more access to reliable broadband services due to limited infrastructure or inflated costs, which can prevent them from accessing digital technologies effectively.
- **Digital Literacy and Inclusion**: Nationwide, people need to gain the necessary skills to use digital technologies effectively, which can prevent them from accessing digital services or using them to their full potential.
- **Disabilities**: Those with physical disabilities may face challenges in using technology or accessing online content, limiting their ability to access digital technologies.

By increasing the availability and affordability of devices and services, expanding access, providing digital literacy training, addressing language barriers, and accommodating those with disabilities, the gaps and needs associated with access can be further reduced.

4. Obstacles or Barriers

Residents in rural states like Idaho need help to obtain broadband connections primarily due to housing density. Fewer people living in a community, especially over large swaths of land, means higher costs to build and maintain the most common broadband infrastructure. Communities like this need more business cases to entice ISPs to build this critical infrastructure. The varied impacts on populations who lack internet access are considerable and costly; having access to education, employment, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and more limits some Idahoan's overall quality of life. The digital divide is real for Idahoans from communities of color, tribal residents, and lower-income earners. Idaho's top barriers to broadband include physical barriers, supply chain issues, access to existing infrastructure, and more, as described below.

Physical Barriers: Physical barriers make broadband deployment to unserved and underserved consumers difficult and expensive. For example, Idaho's mountainous geography poses obstacles to construction. This makes the construction of the networks providing service much more complex and costly as ISPs navigate rugged terrain. Physical challenges to existing infrastructure further complicate the situation. Access to existing assets such as towers or dark fiber could help reduce construction costs and speed the deployment of broadband infrastructure. Still, there are often challenges in discerning where these existing assets are and whether they are available to an ISP.

Low Population Density: Low population density presents another challenge. The low population density in the rural, mountainous parts of the state means that only some potential customers can subscribe to broadband service, making it too costly for most ISPs to build in these areas without secondary funding. In addition, if ISPs were to build in these high-cost areas and then pass the cost along to consumers, the pricing to consumers would be so great that few could afford the service. Identifying additional subsidies or creative financing models can do much to support deployment to unserved rural consumers.

Anti-Growth Advocacy: Advocates may need to be more forthcoming about receiving new infrastructure development, which results in an increasing population in rural areas. This increase in population may translate as an intrusion on farmlands. This is a growing concern for farmers. A BSU study concluded that if the current rate of growth continues, about half of the remaining farmland will be lost forever by 2100. Therefore, collaboration with these communities is critical to the success of broadband deployment.

Fiber Supply Chain Issues: The supply chain issues will increase the complexity of bringing fiber to hard-to-reach rural areas of Idaho. Supply chain shortages will limit choice for those building solely with fiber. Additionally, these issues can cause an increased need for alternative technologies to provide adequate coverage. These shortages directly impact costs. Delays in the supply chain will cause construction delays, affecting the timelines the NTIA sets to complete projects.

Shortage of Skilled Fiber Workers: There needs to be more consultants and fiber engineering firms available to design and expand networks. Even more critically, trained fiber technicians are needed to build and maintain fiber networks after they are built. ISPs typically hire one technician for every 1,500 to 2,000 new customers to manage and maintain the network after construction. Fiber deployment will increase the demand for skilled workers to support these users. Training is crucial to ensuring enough workers perform the tasks statewide. Often, fiber projects are initiated on a national scale simultaneously. Rapid support at state and federal levels is needed to develop the program timelines and ensure training covers state-of-the-art technologies and techniques.

Limited Internet Options: The lack of competition in the state can cause the price of Internet access to be too high for customers. This presents an issue as the adoption rates in Idaho are among the lowest in the United States.

Affordability: Low-income households cannot afford to connect or live where there is no access. Even if access is granted, many low-income households can only afford it with government subsidies. Increasing awareness of affordability programs and options requires specific marketing strategies.

Right-of-Way Barriers: Easements and Rights-of-Way have restrictions, and the state, city, or county can make their Rights-of-Way available to broadband providers on a cost-level basis or free of charge. As such, providers can bury conduit or install poles or towers mounted with wired or wireless equipment. However, jurisdictional complexities can present a barrier to what construction is allowed and create permitting issues that could hold up the construction timelines for installing new fiber projects.

Locate Services Employees for Many Fiber Builds: Utility locating companies are a critical necessity for finding existing utility lines – power, water, gas, telecommunications, and cable TV lines – before commencing excavation. During aerial and buried builds, the fiber design route must locate existing utilities. Currently, locate companies serve large geographic areas. The Construction Crew Calculator in Section 5.5 shows that many crews will be needed for fiber placement across the entire state. This may cause a drain on resources for local companies and cause delays in the placement of facilities. These companies will have to ramp up their workforce and train those new workers promptly to meet the demand of the many fiber jobs required to serve the underserved and unserved in Idaho.

Permits and Federal Government Agencies: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) owns 12 million acres in Idaho. Acquiring BLM and National Forest permits can take years. This will need to be addressed at the federal level to expedite permits. The staff to complete permits will need to be increased and handled promptly.

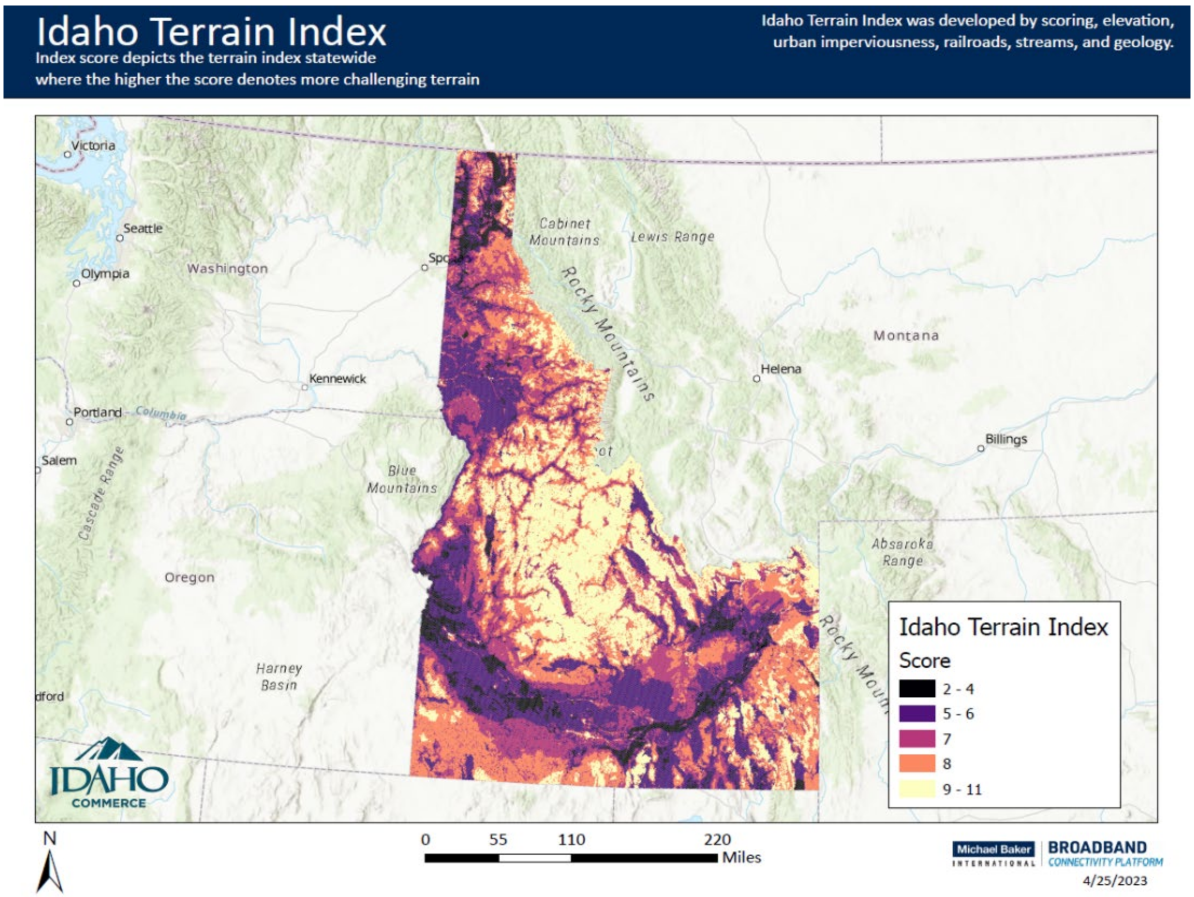
According to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), permit and Right-of-Way submission prerequisites include archeological studies, new land surveys, paleontological studies, and environmental studies. These requirements can be costly per occurrence and will drive up the cost to deploy broadband infrastructure and elongate construction schedules.

Utility Poles: Utility poles are often too short, too far apart, or too degraded for new broadband infrastructure attachments, sometimes leading to disputes about who is responsible for the cost and replacement. These obstacles can significantly drive up the cost and elongate schedules for broadband infrastructure projects.

Make-ready is the logistical, technical, and regulatory tasks to prepare utility poles for new cables. It can be a time-consuming process that slows deployment, particularly in underserved areas. A potential solution is to have a One Touch Make-Ready (OTMR) policy that designates one or more contractors to complete all make-ready tasks simultaneously rather than have the pole owner and each incumbent provider conduct their make-ready sequentially.

Topography: To determine deployment barriers to topography and environmental factors in Idaho, it is essential to understand where those physical barriers exist to determine the best mitigation strategy. There are natural barriers to broadband deployment, such as the geology of a particular landscape. Whether rural or urban, geology will determine whether buried or aerial fiber deployments are most suitable. Buried fiber deployments are immune to wind, fire, and ice damage and can be more reliable than aerial routes where inclement weather is expected. Another substantial topographical deployment barrier is in areas that are difficult to reach, such as mountainous and uneven terrain. This makes it difficult for wireline deployments, and mountainous terrain can also significantly impact wireless deployments.

Human-introduced elements such as railroads and impervious urban surfaces add to those already challenging barriers. These two factors can make digging, trenching, and directional drilling difficult and expensive for broadband deployment. Lastly, stream crossings and other bodies of water serve as an equally costly and challenging variable concerning broadband deployment. Idaho has a landscape that is unique, beautiful, and difficult at the same time. Understanding where these topographical broadband barriers exist can aid informed decision-making and prepare crews for issues they may encounter in the field. The map below considers elevation, urban imperviousness, railroads, hydrography, and geologic profile to determine the terrain index statewide.



Internet Service Provider Challenges

To identify the challenges facing ISPs, we conducted a roundtable where representatives from 43 ISPs were presented with an opportunity to express the challenges and barriers they expect with broadband deployment. Six moderators facilitated the roundtable in six smaller breakout sessions, where participants were asked questions regarding the most challenging obstacles to broadband deployment and affordability. Summarized below are four of the most frequently cited issues:

- **Permitting**: Any infrastructure buildout requires a review process within local jurisdiction planning and development offices. Several factors, such as staff size, resources, and training, account for delays in this process. Sometimes, local offices will send proposed plans to a third-party contractor with more technical knowledge, which can further delay the permitting process.
- **Terrain, Buildout & Associated Costs**: Idaho is a large state with several vast and remote areas, with hundreds of miles of rocky and large mountainous terrain. Any buildouts that reach remote

areas require a large labor force, many materials, and increased construction costs (e.g., cutting through rock). Collectively, these challenges will make all associated buildout costs exceptionally high, directly affecting affordability.

- **Timing and Deployment**: Considering the size and terrain of Idaho, buildouts to reach unserved areas will require several partnerships and relationships, with reliable and consistent communication from the State regarding deployment plans, funding updates, and policy changes.
- **Jurisdictional Delays**: A large and important part of Idaho's uniqueness is the presence of Tribal Lands and reservations. Some ISP's service Tribal Lands but often encounter several challenges related to jurisdictional issues (e.g., permitting and communication). When multiple authorities oversee various points of the permitting process, a communication breakdown can occur, invariably slowing down the project. A potential solution may be a process that explains jurisdictional oversight and details when and to whom the applicant needs to speak.

Challenges for Tribal Nations

Through Idaho's outreach to Tribal Nations, including attendance at the recent Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI) Convention, the State identified several challenges that Idaho tribal nations face.

Geographic Isolation: Many of Idaho's tribal nations are geographically isolated. This presents its own set of challenges a lack of local resources to assist with broadband deployment and adoption, a great distance from direct broadband access, which drives up the cost of middle-mile/backhaul connections and wholesale broadband costs, a lack of interest in equipment vendors and installers to service remote tribal lands, and little to no competition for broadband or cellular service.

Mapping Issues: Most tribes lack the resources to analyze the FCC's National Broadband Map's accuracy and mount challenges to the map.

Grant Writing Expertise: Many tribes lack the expertise or staff to write broadband grants. Not only must the tribe ensure that it is writing the grant to meet the funding agency's grant criteria, but many other skills may be required, such as GIS capability for map building, development of a needs assessment, a technical design for a broadband network including budgetary costs, and more.

Implementation Challenges: When tribes receive grant funding, as has happened with several Idaho tribes, they may experience widespread challenges when implementing these funds. The most frequent issues one can face when establishing an ISP include grant administration and reporting, environmental reviews, competitive procurements including specification development and contractual requirements, pricing and marketing, and back-office operations such as billing and customer care.

Access and Affordability: In cases where broadband is available in a tribal community, tribal members may not own laptops or home computers to access the internet, may not be able to afford broadband at the prevailing rates, or may not be versed in the use of computers.

5. Implementation Plan

5.1 Stakeholder Engagement Process

The Communications and Engagement Process for the BEAD Program includes communication, coordination, and collaboration across diverse stakeholder groups using inclusive engagement techniques. It is being completed in coordination with the Digital Access for All Idahoans (DAAI) Plan led by ICfL. Materials and communications are being made available in English and Spanish.

Engagement Objectives & Goals

Public engagement is critical for broadband planning in Idaho because it allows communities to provide feedback, understand the benefits and opportunities of broadband, and work collaboratively towards our shared goals. Engagement will include the following objectives:

- Build awareness and understanding in every corner of the state about broadband and the benefits of its expansion in Idaho.
- Gather feedback and input from all stakeholders to understand the needs of Idahoans and prioritize projects effectively.
- Build support and momentum toward internet access for all Idahoans.
- Identify and engage in community-based solutions that address cost, infrastructure, and other challenges.
- Foster partnerships and ongoing collaboration with community-based organizations, government agencies, service providers, and Idahoans.

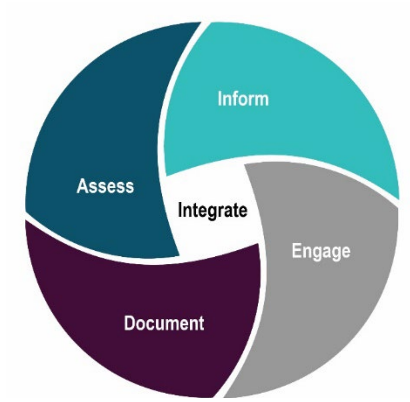
Public engagement is also critical to ensure that broadband infrastructure is deployed in a way responsive to the needs and priorities of our urban and rural communities. By setting clear goals for public engagement, communities can work collaboratively towards a shared vision for expanding broadband access and creating opportunities for all. Our goals are as follows:

- Full geographic coverage of broadband service in Idaho.
- Meaningful engagement and outreach to diverse stakeholder groups.
- Multi-channel awareness and participation methods to convey information.
- Establishment of clear procedures to ensure transparency and completeness.
- Prioritize unserved and underserved communities, including those historically underrepresented.

Engagement Model

The public engagement model consists of four key components.

- **Assess** the state of the broadband landscape.
- **Engage** with stakeholders meaningfully.
- **Inform** stakeholders and the public of all efforts.
- **Document** the community-based solutions in the Five-Year Action Plan and Initial Planning.



Combining these four elements, we will have an **integrated** plan for improving broadband infrastructure.

Target Audiences

To ensure we connect communities throughout Idaho with high-quality broadband services, we will tailor communication and engagement strategies for our stakeholders, including audiences outlined by NTIA, public and private entities, and community-serving organizations, as identified in this table.

Public Service	Private Sector	Community-Serving
Federal, State, & Municipal Government Elected Officials Tribal Government Public Utilities & Regulatory Authorities Public Safety Agriculture Transportation Provider	Broadband Service Providers Economic Development Organizations & Chambers Idaho-based Businesses Labor Unions Technology & Device Providers	Non-profit Organizations Community-based Programs Informal Community Leaders Schools & Libraries Coalitions & Associations Faith-based Organizations Workforce Development

All these stakeholders represent those who need broadband the most. Link Up Idaho aims to identify those who are:

Champions: Individuals and organizations willing to raise awareness about broadband service expansion, assist with Broadband Action Teams (BATs) and local unit action plans, and support project completion.

- Public Service Organizations serve as advocates, educators, and facilitators, working towards ensuring that broadband access is recognized as a fundamental utility and that all individuals and communities have equal opportunities to benefit from its uses.
- Private Sector Organizations bring essential resources, expertise, and investment to expand access, drive technological advancements, and promote policies that enable widespread broadband connectivity.
- Community-Serving Organizations empower their communities to thrive in the digital world. They act as advocates, facilitators, and connectors, working towards creating a more inclusive and connected society.

Partners: Individuals and organizations who will deliver and support the delivery of infrastructure and connectivity and provide digital literacy and support.

- Digital Literacy partners contribute to bridging the digital divide and empowering individuals with the necessary skills to participate fully in the digital world. They play a crucial role in fostering digital inclusion and promoting equitable access to digital opportunities for all.
- Workforce Development partners plan for and help individuals acquire the necessary skills to thrive in the digital age and bridge the gap between job opportunities and the skills employers require.
- Delivery Support ensures expertise in infrastructure development, connectivity deployment, technical support, and collaboration with stakeholders, ensuring the successful delivery of broadband services, enabling individuals, businesses, and communities to access the benefits of the digital world.

Recipients: Individuals and organizations who will receive service and benefit from access to high-speed internet and digital learning, including residents, business owners, and public institutions.

- Consumer demand, engagement, feedback, and utilization of services influence the market, service quality, and policy decisions, ultimately contributing to expanding broadband access and realizing its benefits for individuals and communities.
- Businesses' demand services, collaboration with service providers, infrastructure development, support for community initiatives, innovation, entrepreneurship, and advocacy efforts all contribute to expanding and developing broadband infrastructure, driving economic growth and digital inclusion.
- Public Institutions play a central role in creating an enabling environment for broadband deployment through policy development, funding allocation, regulatory oversight, collaboration with stakeholders, and a focus on digital access.

Targeting these three distinct audiences ensures a comprehensive approach to broadband initiatives. Champions drive advocacy and awareness, partners provide essential resources and expertise, and recipients benefit from improved broadband access, enhancing socio-economic opportunities and community development.

Inform – Communication is Key to Transparency and Access to Support:

A website was established as a central location for all project information, timelines, activities, and feedback collection. This will allow for easy public navigation, and the content will be posted regularly to promote and educate stakeholders and the public. The website can be found at www.linkup.idaho.gov. It is available in Spanish and English.

The IOB has committed to maximum accessibility and prompt responses to questions and concerns. The State will also inform consumers of Frequently Asked Questions and prepare responses to ensure all Idahoans have access to project information equally.

Idaho Department of Commerce's Communications team will lead media engagement and announcements. The IOB will promote the surveys, public engagement opportunities, and opportunities for public comment.

Communications resources in the Idaho broadband toolkit will be distributed to project champions at critical milestones, including project-specific language and other resources. The toolkit will include newsletter content, advertisements, social media posts, a promotional flyer, and a mail design file. Each toolkit will be available for download in Spanish and English translations to maximize engagement.

A stakeholder database has been developed and maintained to communicate regularly with stakeholders and interested parties. Update methods may include email, mail, community announcement content, and social media content. Additionally, the IOB will offer printed mail to inform Idaho's covered populations in the areas with the least broadband access.

Monthly email updates will be shared through the IOB. Direct mail updates will also be shared with top-priority mailings to unserved and underserved communities to ensure they are aware of engagements and have the opportunity to provide input.

Engage – Engaging People Where They are with Hybrid Options to Connect

The goal for engagement is to meet with diverse statewide stakeholders. These stakeholders are geographically, culturally, demographically, and economically unique but critical to ensuring broadband expansion statewide in the areas that need it most. Engagement with various Idahoans is essential to developing the Five-Year Action Plan. Conversations will center around the State's strategic plan values of Access, Affordable, Alignment, Competition, Data-Driven, and Responsive and the IOB's goals for Outreach, Transparency, Partnership, Teamwork, and Communication.

Based on data analysis around the State's most unserved and underserved areas, a series of priorities are outlined in Section 5.2, and an estimated timeline for universal service is in Section 5.5. The State's Initial Proposal will develop and take shape as engagement and outreach continue.

Statewide Stakeholder Asset Inventory Survey

Idaho Department of Commerce and the IOB are working in coordination with local, regional, and tribal entities and other diverse stakeholder groups to develop an inventory of all broadband improvement programs in progress and to identify locations where the greatest needs are. The survey launched on April 14, 2023 and has been promoted at ICfL's Readying Rural Idaho Workshop in Sun Valley, The Rural Success Summit in Weiser, and the ISP Virtual Roundtable, as well as through direct email outreach to the stakeholder list and at Idaho Broadband Advisory Board meetings. Initial results show that stakeholder respondents have broadband pilots in place with established plans. All respondents have not yet received broadband-related funding for projects. Not to be overlooked, several of these respondents noted workforce development programs in place. Efforts for survey promotion are still ramping up through the website and in partnership with other stakeholder networks. The IOB looks forward to more engagement as we ramp up this summer.

Regional Workshops

The IOB will partner with the ICfL and University of Idaho Extension Office to conduct a series of statewide broadband events with facilitated listening and engagement posts at locations with the state's most unserved and underserved populations. Sessions will be open to all stakeholders and the general public to gain feedback on access, readiness, connectivity issues, affordability, and digital equity.

The trainings will address the practical aspects of broadband deployment, equipping participants with the knowledge to advocate for and engage with community stakeholders. Participants will be informed of the various funding options and the steps involved in planning and implementing broadband projects for their community. These trainings will empower Idahoans to actively participate in shaping their unique digital future and tailor broadband deployment to their community's needs.

The sessions will build on the content of prior sessions and will include a range of topics that will be available as breakout sessions so Idahoans can choose the track that best suits their needs as follows:

Awareness: Broadband 101

- What is broadband?
- Why is it important?
- How will it impact me?
- What are the unique needs of my community, and how can broadband help?

Engagement: Broadband 201 - 401

- BAT Launch and Trainings
- Local Government Planning
- Community Anchor Institution Planning
- Private Sector Planning
- Workforce Development Planning
- Planning Grants

Adoption: Special Topics

- Digital Skill Building
- Cybersecurity
- Telework
- Telehealth
- E-Commerce
- Education
- Affordability
- Devices

Workforce Development Focus Group

Gather feedback from specific backgrounds to address NTIA requirements that have yet to be explored. These engagements will be held virtually to ensure full participation from stakeholders across the state can the IOB plans to partner with the Idaho Workforce Development Council (IWDC) and community colleges.

Public Survey

A long-term public survey and speed test will remain available on www.LinkUp.Idaho.gov, continuously collecting feedback from residential, business, and CAIs. Geocoded results help understand download and upload speeds, jitter, and latency through Ookla and gain user feedback related to broadband sentiment. Those who need service are encouraged to take the survey from a local library. The five-to-seven-minute survey allows all residents to contribute and have their voices heard. Data collected will help expand the IOB's knowledge of internet affordability, availability, and reliability at locations statewide. Survey questions are included as Appendix C.

Tribal Engagement

The BEAD program requires formal Tribal Consultation(s) as part of the grant process. In Idaho, this includes five tribal nations: the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Accomplishing this effort requires several approaches:

> **Formal Consultation**: The Governor's office has sent a government-to-government consultation letter to the Tribal Leadership of each Tribal Nation in Idaho. The Governor designated Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez as State Broadband Program Manager to represent him in a formal consultation. He also provided several options for consultation, including on-site meetings with the tribal leadership, virtual meetings online, and listening sessions at the ATNI convention, which was held in May 2023. These options aim to make the consultation as convenient as possible for Tribal Nations, recognizing the significant time demands on Tribal Leadership.
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> **Informal Engagement**: Since his appointment in September of 2022, the IOB's Broadband Program Manager, Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez, has been actively reaching out to key broadband champions in Idaho's Five Tribal Nations. These tribal champions are the individuals who are dedicated to Broadband expansion in their communities. As a part of these conversations with Idaho's Tribal Nations, the IOB is gathering data on the following topics:

- Current broadband availability, both broadband speeds and broadband affordability.
- Tribal priorities for broadband, e.g., healthcare, education, cultural enhancement, e-commerce, government, public safety, etc.
- Tribal broadband development to date, including grants received, such as TBCP and CARES Act funding, broadband plans, and broadband adoption and development of tribal broadband services.
- Any anticipated partnerships with local providers.
- Gauging interest in becoming a sub-recipient for BEAD funding when available.
- Determining any impediments to Tribal Nations applying for grant funding.
- Broadband mapping issues.

ISP Roundtables

Discussions will hear industry professionals' insights and concerns and help further inform the State's broadband deployment. Topics to focus on include permitting, Right-of-Way access, affordability, and availability of diverse workforces, among other timely topics.

Listening Sessions

The State's Action Plan will be presented to stakeholders in all regions during the Initial Proposal public comment period to collect and integrate feedback into the initial planning phase.

Ongoing Engagement

The Initial and Final proposals will be available and promoted for public review for 30 days. Each step in this communications and engagement process will be followed to ensure continued opportunities are provided for input.

Document

The IOB will document all processes and data collected throughout the project using the NTIA Engagement Tracker. Each stakeholder engagement is documented and made available to the project team using the NTIA feedback tracking template. Results will be summarized and available to inform specific strategies and tactics in the drafted plan. Participant contact information will be collected, including name, organization, and area of interest or expertise.

Five-Year Action Plan – Engagement Work Plan

This Engagement Work Plan has been informed and created using the collected data. It covers the completed, ongoing, and future engagement plans for comprehensive outreach to covered populations. While Idaho feels confident in the data collected, the IOB remains open to feedback and will react to the ever-changing situation in Idaho.

No.	Tactic	Element	Description
		Ongoing	
1.	IBAB Meetings	Inform & Engage	Broadband updates and information are shared publicly.
2.	Commerce Program Brand & Website (https://linkupidaho-idahohub.hub.arcgis.com/)	Inform	Link Up Idaho has been established as the program name for the infrastructure side of the Broadband program being managed by the Idaho Department of Commerce, and a website has been launched and is being expanded. It is available in Spanish and English.
3.	Establish Email for ease of contact	Inform	Residents can call or send an email with program questions at any time. Responsiveness is between 24 and 72 hours (about three working days).
4.	Statewide Public Broadband Survey	Engage	More than 900,000-speed tests were submitted from residents across the state. In addition, the DAAI Team with the ICfL conducted a public survey in coordination with BSU. Findings will be published by ICfL. Moving forward, a public survey will be made available continuously.
5.	DAAI Steering Committee	Inform & Engage	In Jan. 2023, the DAAI Team launched an 11-member Steering Committee comprising representatives from each covered population to help guide the DAAI planning process. The IOB manager does participate in the meetings and provides updates as a non-voting member. This steering committee meets every other month, provides direct feedback to the ICfL about the plan, and facilitates connection with the covered populations.

No.	Tactic	Element	Description
6.	DAAI Community Coalition Calls	Inform & Engage	In Feb. 2023, a quarterly coalition call was established to enable all interested individuals to participate in the planning process.
7.	DAAI Coordination BAT	Inform & Engage	DAAI is working with city and county BATs to advance access, adoption, and digital skill building. The IOB will provide updates as the BATs are established.
		Completed	
8.	Engagement Plan	Assess	This section, 5.1 Stakeholder Engagement Process, serves as this plan.
9.	Stakeholder Analysis	Assess	A stakeholder analysis was completed, and a detailed master stakeholder database was established; key partners are outlined in Section 3.2, Partnerships.
10.	Document Past Stakeholder Meetings & Public Comments in Plan	Assess	All past public meetings and comments are included in the action plan and reflected in the NTIA Engagement Tracker included in Appendix D.
11.	DAAI Website (https://idahodigitalskills.org/)	Inform	This DAAI website aggregates numerous online digital literacy and digital skills training modules that will provide resources to the covered populations and the public.
12.	Media and Communications Resources/Toolkit	Inform	This includes all promotions in support of the website launch, calls for feedback, education, and awareness through press releases, social media, newsletter articles, e-news blasts, images, and printed mailers.
13.	Stakeholder Asset Inventory Survey	Engage	A detailed asset inventory survey was shared with the State's extensive stakeholder list to document all assets and broadband-related work in progress or underway. The survey was conducted at all engagement events and interviews.
14.	Formal Consultation Request Sent to Tribal Leaders (Dear Tribal Leader Letter)	Inform	In April 2023, the Governor signed and submitted the letter to the five Tribal Leaders with a consultation request.
15.	Internet for All Idahoans Local Coordination Stakeholder Workshop	Engage	Partnered with NTIA for a statewide workshop in Nov. 2022 to collect feedback on the needs and barriers for broadband statewide.
16.	Idaho Broadband CPF Public Comments	Engage	A proposal request was issued, with 61 projects submitted across the state. Once the period was closed, public comments were accepted through mid-Jan. 2023. This was followed by a comment period from mid-Feb. to early March 2023 on the Idaho CPF grant guidelines. This feedback was

No.	Tactic	Element	Description
			vital in informing the IOB and IBAB of the areas needing Broadband.
17.	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Applications	Engage	Applications were accepted in January 2023, and comments were received for proposals and awarded middle-mile projects.
18.	DAAI Focus Groups	Engage	From March through May 2023, the DAAI Team fielded 14 regional focus groups in public libraries, starting to engage directly with the covered populations and other citizens in discussions of digital equity barriers, obstacles, and needs. A summary of the feedback is included in Appendix E.
19.	Readying Rural Communities to Capture the Benefits of Digitalization Conference	Engage	In mid-April 2023, the IOB partnered with the ICfL- DAAI team and the University of Idaho Extension Office's Digital Economy Program in a workshop focused on providing tools and resources to address digital access as part of local economic development in rural communities. This was an opportunity to promote the stakeholder inventory survey and collect feedback on needs and barriers. A second workshop is on June 28, 2023, in Moscow (north Idaho).
20.	Idaho Rural Success Summit	Engage	In late April 2023, the IOB attended and exhibited, at the Idaho Department of Commerce table, at Idaho's Rural Success Summit, co-hosted by the Idaho Women's Business Center, the USDA Rural Development, and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. More than 250 stakeholders were in attendance, the stakeholder survey was promoted through the presentation, and flyers were distributed and discussed with participants.
21.	County Updates	Engage	The State Broadband Program Manager has been coordinating with various counties, including: • April 28: Magic Valley Tour/Commissioner meetings (Jerome, Lincoln Gooding, and Camas Counties) • May 3: Boise to Grangeville + meeting in New Meadows • May 4: Meetings/tours in Grangeville, Cottonwood, Kooskia, and Lewis & Idaho Counties
22.	Interviews with Key Stakeholders	Engage	Based on research, interviews were conducted with key partners advancing broadband and connected to those stakeholders who need it most, including the AIC, IAC, ICfL, the University of Idaho Extension Office, College of Western Idaho, Workforce Development Council, and Imagine Idaho.
23.	Statewide Digital Access Survey	Engage	A statewide digital access survey was conducted via phone from May 17 – May 24, 2023.

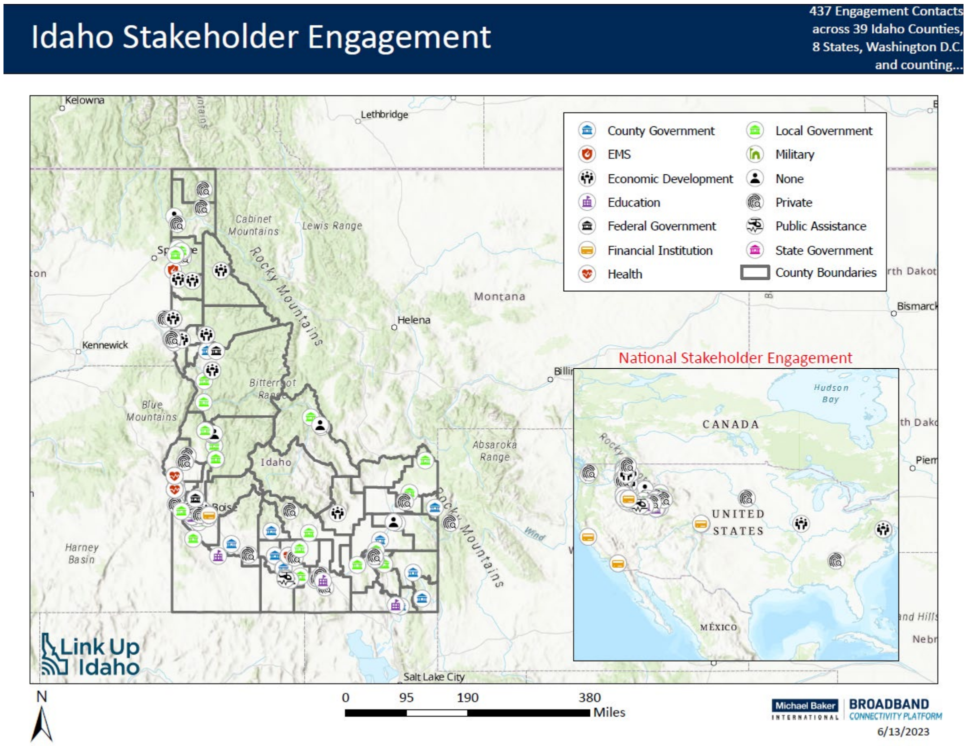
No.	Tactic	Element	Description
			This statewide survey aimed to reach 1,000 English speakers and another 400 Spanish or bilingual speakers to capture a representative sample of state digital access data. In addition to the statewide survey, the protocol also included a package of digital equity one-on-one interview questions to permit individual experiences to be collected.
24.	DAAI Coalition Call 2.16.23	Engage	It served as an opportunity for the ICfL to share progress on the DAAI Plan and for participants to engage in the process. The agenda included Digital Inclusion 101, an Introduction to the DAAI planning process with the ICfL, deeper dive into plan development with BSU's Idaho Policy Institute, question-and-answer section, and an ongoing chat.
25.	DAAI Coalition Call 5.18.23	Engage	It served as an opportunity for the ICfL to share progress on the DAAI Plan and for participants to engage in the process. The agenda included sessions on closing the digital skill divide, question-and-answer section sessions, and planning updates.
26.	ATNI Midyear Convention 2023	Engage	In early May 2023, the IOB attended the ATNI Midyear Convention hosted by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Worley, Idaho. IOB held an afternoon listening session for the Idaho Tribal Nations, organized by NTIA. IOB also participated in the two Telecommunications and Technology Committee meetings held later that week. The stakeholder survey was promoted through discussion with participants, and flyers were distributed. Most importantly, IOB heard firsthand some of the broadband challenges facing Idaho tribal nations today.
27.	Outreach to Tribal Nations	Engage	Since September 2022, IOB's Broadband Program Manager has been actively contacting Idaho's Tribal Nations to begin informal engagement with Tribal broadband champions. Meetings have taken place in person and via video calls and have been an effective introduction to the IOB, explaining the BEAD program and beginning meaningful conversations.
28.	ISP Roundtables	Engage	In late May 2023, 43 ISPs and industry executives shared in-depth roundtable discussions focused on current geographic, regulatory, and workforce barriers and barriers to affordability. The Idaho Department of Commerce YouTube channel made the recording available to participants. A feedback survey was given to attendees to assess preferred engagement times and tactics for future events. The IOB is committing to quarterly ISP roundtable discussions.
29.	Workforce Development Focus Groups	Engage	A focus group was conducted with key workforce development groups such as the CWI, ICWD, and ISBDC.

No.	Tactic	Element	Description
30.	2023 AIC Annual Conference	Engage	The annual AIC Conference is held in Boise June 21-23, 2023. The IOB attended a seminar as a subject matter expert promoting broadband adoption training, established partnerships, collected information, and promoted the stakeholder survey and new Link Up Idaho website. AIC will be a great partner as we move into the Initial Proposal. Broadband ranked #2 in investment from cities that responded to a recent Association of Idaho Cities Infrastructure survey.
Future (Beyond June 28th)			
31.	Direct Mail	Inform	In late June, the IOB compiled a list of the state's most rural ZIP codes and will distribute direct mail to rural postal routes in each through Every Door Direct Mailing with the United States Postal Service. The direct mail piece encourages rural residents to participate in the statewide public survey on www.LinkUp.Idaho.com.
32.	Broadband 101	Inform and Engage	Through a partnership with ICfL and the University of Idaho Extension Office, the IOB will conduct statewide training events in communities with the most unserved and underserved populations. These trainings will address the practical aspects of broadband deployment and aid in forming Broadband Action Teams locally.
33.	Tribal Consultation and Engagement Meetings	Engage	Schedule formal consultation with the Kootenai of Tribe of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Conduct two-day meetings on each tribal reservation for this engagement and consultation.
34.	Other Tribal Outreach	Engage	1. Attend ATNI Telecommunications Committee meetings at regular ATNI conferences. 2. Create a tribal-specific questionnaire and assist tribes in completing it during on-site visits. 3. Moderate quarterly information-sharing sessions for tribal broadband champions and document meetings.
35.	Tribal Grant Support	Funding Strategies	1. Assist tribes in FCC mapping challenges and identifying/verifying underserved and unserved locations/broadband speeds. 2. Develop a resource list for tribal broadband grants specific to Idaho (engineering, financial mapping, etc.); update regularly. 3. Host grant writing workshops for Tribal Nations.

No.	Tactic	Element	Description
			4. Send regular email updates of funding opportunities to Idaho Tribes, including BEAD, TBCP, and others.
36.	Tribal Collaboration	Resource Sharing	1. Identify opportunities for shared resources, e.g., shared Network Operations Centers (NOCs), Operation Support Systems (OSS), Billing Support Systems (BSS), etc. 2. Coordinate rights-of-way over tribal lands (Tribal and 3rd party). 3. Work with Tribes on Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and collaboration with other carriers as requested. 4. Work with tribes to lower wholesale, fair-market internet costs, including aggregation and leased fiber-outreach to long-haul providers.
37.	Tribal Implementation	Support	1. Provide and update a list of implementation resources for the Link Up Idaho website, including environmental consultants, contractors, designers, equipment suppliers, back-off/billing systems, telecommunications consultants, installers, grant management consultants, etc. Update the resource list regularly. 2. Identify workforce training opportunities for Tribal Nations. 3. Assist tribes with pole attachment agreements, make-ready issues, permitting, etc. 4. Provide grant administration and reporting assistance. 5. Work with tribes to maximize the use of ACP.
38.	Statewide Regional Stakeholder Workshops	Engage	A hybrid regional Five-Year Action Plan workshop will be conducted to bring together stakeholders and the public in multiple locations across the state, offering in-person/virtual options and translation services to ensure equal access for all.
39.	ISP Roundtables	Engage	ISPs and industry executives will continue to meet regularly.
40.	Listening Sessions	Engage	Based on the feedback collected during the statewide and regional workshop, the team will be available to meet in each region upon request, focusing on those in the top underserved and underserved communities.
41.	Stakeholder Database	Document	Maintain and continue to expand an extensive database of stakeholders for direct and network outreach.
42.	NTIA Engagement Tracker	Document	All outreach efforts will be documented in a modified version of the NTIA Engagement Tracker.

Full Geographic Coverage

Below is a map showing stakeholders that have participated in the process.



Summary

Idaho has pursued outreach to all covered populations and recommends continued and reoccurring engagement with each population. To date, this has included:

- Presentations to Commissioners covering populations of Grangeville, Cottonwood, Kooskia, Lewis, Idaho, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, and Camas counties.
- Hosting the Idaho Local Coordination Stakeholder Regional Workshop.
- Multiple public comment periods about the IBF grant application and Idaho CPF grant guidelines.
- The Readying Rural Idaho Workshop in the Big Wood River Valley focused on digital equity.
- The Idaho Rural Success Summit in Weiser.
- Interviews with the IAC and AIC.

Planned outreach includes follow-up with organizations listed in Table 5, Current Partners. This outreach will centralize the aging population, workforce development, incarcerated population, veterans, individuals with disabilities, tribal nations, and local governments.

Multiple Awareness and Participation Mechanisms Utilized

The Link Up Idaho website serves as a hub for the project, hosting multiple participation mechanisms and disseminating information about broadband, the project scope, the engagement calendar, and more. The current FCC challenge survey has been successful in helping the State of Idaho submit more than 20,000 location challenges. The stakeholder questionnaire serves as a means for local officials, ISPs, and other network stakeholders to submit plans and share challenges. At the same time, a standing public survey acts as a tool for every individual to have a direct line to having their voice heard throughout the life of this project and beyond.

Postcards promote the website and inform those in rural areas of the available survey, of which they may download a hard copy from a community anchor institution or local library and submit it by mail.

5.2 Priorities

This section outlines the principles IBAB will consider as it develops and implements the Five-Year Action Plan. These priorities align with the vision for broadband deployment and digital access within Idaho.

Table 6: Priorities for Broadband Deployment and Digital Access

Priority	Description
Access (1)	Barriers and obstacles to access for all Idahoans are removed, ensuring that unserved and underserved locations receive broadband services. Collaborate with stakeholders to identify potential deployment barriers impacting project costs and schedules. The state will help remove and reduce as many barriers as practical to maximize funding use. Will promote efficient permitting processes and cost-effective access to poles, conduits, easements, and rights-of-way, including the imposition of reasonable access requirements. Idaho will set the highest threshold possible to help ensure end-to-end fiber projects are deployed to the maximum number of locations before utilizing other technologies. Promotion of the Idaho Broadband Dig Once and Right-of-Way Act (Sections 40-515 through 40-520, Idaho Code) to ensure efficient deployment of broadband infrastructure. Promote the use of public-private partnerships or cooperatives in addressing the broadband infrastructure needs of Idahoans. Leverage existing infrastructure that will reduce costs to connect the highest number of unserved and underserved locations.
Data-Driven (2)	Plan is delivered with close attention to metrics. Data is continuously gathered and acted upon. Continue to update broadband maps (location & availability) to ensure accuracy in identifying existing broadband service gaps within Idaho.

Priority	Description
Implementation (3)	Stakeholders are committed to achieving the vision in this plan and are very engaged. Stakeholders support the outlined long-term goals of the State's Broadband Strategic Plan. Build the IOB-dedicated BEAD staff, including consultants' staff, to implement the Idaho Five-Year Action Plan, to meet its deliverables, statutory requirements, and strategic goals of the Program.
Affordable (4)	Committed to affordable broadband service for all Idahoans. Working with ISPs to lower or maintain the cost of broadband service to consumers and communities. Encourage best practices and technological advancements through competition and innovation. Idaho will work with ISPs to encourage current and future customers' ACP enrollment.
Competition (5)	Support middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure investments that support and build off existing infrastructure and provider networks, increasing competition, efficiency, and community redundancy. Projects that stimulate in-state economic development, including creating jobs and apprenticeships. Projects that contribute in-kind matches to leverage existing resources for rural communities.
Responsive (6)	Strategic agility is deployed in the execution of this plan, and regular adaptation to the rapidly changing environment occurs. Develop a statewide Broadband Workforce Development Strategy to ensure enough workers can quickly deploy broadband infrastructure.

5.3 Planned Activities

The IOB will work with contractors, partners, and state agencies in the following areas of planned activities to ensure proper identification and alignment of the goals and objectives outlined in the Five-Year Action Plan:

- Infrastructure & Technology.
- Economic Development
- Educational Access
- Operations & Data
- Public Safety & Communications
- Workforce Development

An extensive work group session will be held to assign roles and prepare for implementation.

Infrastructure & Technology

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Grant Program Needs Assessments: A needs assessment will be conducted to identify the specific needs of unserved and underserved communities, including data gathering on demographics, economic conditions, health and social indicators, and other relevant factors to determine where the state's greatest needs exist.	Federal	IOB MBI	Develop and identify relevant factors to determine where the greatest needs exist.
Grant Guidelines: Develop grant guidelines to outline the scope and objectives of the grant program. The guidelines will be clear, concise, and easy to understand to attract eligible applicants.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Outline the scope and objectives of the grant program for eligible applicants and interested parties.
Promote Grant Programs: Grant programs will be widely promoted to attract a diverse range of applicants from underserved communities. Promotion efforts will include outreach to community organizations, media coverage, social media, and other relevant marketing channels specific to the needs of the targeted communities.	Federal State	Idaho Department of Commerce IOB	Comprehensive promotion will lead to a diverse range of qualified applicants in unserved and underserved communities.
Review Grant Applications: Grant applications will be evaluated against the established guidelines to	State	IOB	A diverse review committee will determine eligibility that aligns with the grant program's requirements.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
determine which applications meet the eligibility requirements and align with the grant program's goals.		Multiple state agencies	
Award Grants: Awards from the grant selection committee will be made after thoroughly reviewing the eligible applications based on the predetermined criteria.	State	IBAB	The best applicants will be selected for broadband awards based on the criteria.
Monitor Grant Recipients: Grantees will be evaluated to ensure they use the funds as intended and achieve the desired outcomes. This will involve regular reporting, site visits, and other identified forms of oversight.	Federal State	IOB	Monitoring will ensure funds are used as intended and outcomes are achieved.
Report Results: Report on the impact of each grant program, including the number of projects funded, the amount of funding awarded, and the improvements in broadband infrastructure and services in the identified areas or communities.	State	IOB	Impacts will be realized and easily reported to stakeholders and partners.
Outreach & Education: Conduct outreach and education activities to inform potential applicants about the grant programs and encourage them to apply.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Coordinated outreach will strengthen the applicant pool and educate stakeholders.
Ongoing Collaboration: Maintain constant communication with stakeholders and partners to ensure the grant programs are aligned with broader broadband infrastructure goals and priorities in Idaho.	State	IOB	The ongoing collaboration will result in new benchmarks, help fill gaps and develop new and ongoing priorities.
Stakeholder Analysis: Determine key stakeholders in each area of interest and ensure all stakeholders are identified and contacted.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Relationships with stakeholders will be strengthened, and partnership objectives will be clearly outlined.
Partnership Agreement: Develop a partnership agreement outlining each stakeholder's roles, responsibilities, objectives, and expected outcomes.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Relationships with stakeholders will be strengthened, and partnership objectives will be clearly outlined.
Ongoing Partnership Communication: Foster open communication between all stakeholders throughout the partnership to ensure that goals are	State	IOB	Partners and stakeholders will have more buy-in and feel like partners throughout the process.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
met and any challenges are addressed promptly.			
Leverage Partner Expertise: Leverage the expertise of all stakeholders to ensure that the partnership is grounded in the latest research and best practices.	State	IOB	Better knowledge and understanding of opportunities, weaknesses, and best practices.
Celebrate Successes: Celebrate successes and communicate the impact of the partnership to build support for future efforts.	State	IOB	Partners and stakeholders will have more buy-in and feel like partners throughout the process.
Comprehensive Plan: Develop a comprehensive plan for promoting Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies that outlines specific goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving success.	State	Idaho Transportation Department (ITD)	Complete Comprehensive Plan delivered.
Dig Once & Right-of-Way Partnerships: Build partnerships with key stakeholders, including local governments, broadband providers, utilities, and transportation agencies, to promote adopting Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies.	State	ITD	Ongoing Partners and stakeholders will have more buy-in and feel like partners throughout the process.
Monitor & Evaluate Dig Once & Right-of-Way: Monitor and evaluate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies and make necessary adjustments to the plan and strategies as needed.	State	ITD IOB	Ongoing
Dig Once & Right-of-Way Guidelines: Communicate successes and the benefits of Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies to stakeholders, policymakers, and the public to build support for continued adoption and implementation.	State	ITD IOB	Complete Guidelines and standards delivered.
Dig Once & Right-of-Way Coordination Mechanisms: Establish coordination mechanisms to ensure all stakeholders know and comply with the Dig Once principles	State	ITD IOB	Complete Coordination mechanisms delivered and in place.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
and Right-of-Way policies and resolve potential conflicts quickly.			
Dig Once & Right-of-Way Pilot Projects: Implement pilot projects demonstrating the effectiveness of Dig Once principles and Right-of-Way policies in improving broadband infrastructure deployment.	State	ITD	Ongoing More buy-in from pilot programs, with new processes learned and improved upon.

Economic Development

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Comprehensive Map: Identify the areas lacking access to reliable and affordable broadband through a mapping exercise considering population density, existing infrastructure, and market demand.	Federal State	IOB Idaho ITS MBI	Map will allow strategic investment and areas of most need.
Broadband Provider Partnerships: Develop partnerships with broadband providers with the technical expertise and resources to implement the necessary infrastructure. These partnerships can take the form of public-private partnerships or joint ventures that leverage the strengths of both parties.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Will support partner and stakeholder buy-in and assist with needs assessment and technical expertise.
Digital Ecosystem: Develop a digital ecosystem that includes various digital services and applications through partnerships with tech companies and other stakeholders and local talent and entrepreneurship development.	Federal State	ICfL	This will result in broadband adoption for learning and career development.
Digital Skill Development: Promote and/or create digital literacy programs, vocational training, and workforce development initiatives.	Federal State	ICfL	This will result in broadband adoption for learning and career development.
Collaborate Foster collaboration among local stakeholders, including businesses, community organizations, and government agencies, through creating platforms for information sharing, such as innovation hubs or co-working spaces, and encouraging	State	Idaho Department of Commerce IOB	This will result in broadband adoption for learning and career development.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
the transfer of knowledge and resources.			
Target Marketing: Develop targeted marketing and outreach efforts highlighting enhanced connectivity's advantages to attract new businesses. This includes developing marketing materials, hosting events and conferences, and engaging with key industry players and thought leaders.	Federal State	Idaho Department of Commerce IOB ICfL UI Digital Economy Program	It will promote new businesses opening and existing companies expanding, encouraging workforce development.
Identify Unserved and Underserved Areas: Identifying areas in Idaho that lack access to reliable broadband infrastructure can help prioritize investments and initiatives. This can involve mapping broadband coverage areas and identifying areas with poor or no connectivity.	Federal State	IOB MBI	Will develop a clear roadmap of the most needed broadband deployment in Idaho.
Digital Literacy Programs: To support remote work and learning initiatives, digital literacy programs will be developed to help residents build the necessary skills to use digital tools and platforms. These programs will include training on using computers, software applications, and the internet.	Federal State	ICfL	It will promote workforce development and positively enhance local businesses and economies.
Telemedicine Equipment: Telehealth initiatives will be supported by investing in telemedicine equipment such as telemedicine carts, remote patient monitoring devices, and video conferencing tools. Healthcare providers can use these tools to diagnose and treat patients remotely, improving access to healthcare services for residents in rural and remote areas of Idaho.	Federal State	ICfL	This will create more opportunities for Idahoans to receive quality healthcare in rural communities.
Private Sector Providers: Partnering with private sector broadband providers will increase broadband access in unserved and underserved areas. Public-private partnerships will leverage private sector expertise and	Federal State	Idaho Department of Commerce IOB	More unserved and underserved locations will have access to broadband service.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
resources to improve connectivity in rural and remote areas.			
Community Organizations: Partnering with community organizations such as libraries, schools, and churches can help reach out to low-income households and assist them in the application process.	Federal State	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce ICfL	More applicants will be able to apply for broadband dollars.
Affordability Marketing Campaigns: Marketing campaigns, including traditional and digital media, will be developed to promote the program's benefits and encourage eligible households to apply for the subsidy.	Federal State	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce ICfL	More applicants will be able to apply for broadband dollars.
Broadband Service Providers: Broadband service providers can be encouraged to participate in the program by offering discounted rates to eligible low-income households.	Federal State	IOB	More applicants will be able to apply for broadband dollars.
Identify Key State Agencies: Identify key state agencies involved in rural infrastructure development and explore potential collaboration areas.	State	IOB	Complete Identifying key agencies will fill in knowledge gaps and promote collaboration.
Communication Coordination: Establish a communication network among the different agencies to facilitate information sharing and collaboration.	State	IOB	Complete Challenges will be dealt with quicker, and opportunities will be readily identified.
Regular Meetings: Conduct regular meetings among the different agencies to assess progress, discuss challenges, and identify opportunities for collaboration.	State	IOB	Ongoing Challenges will be dealt with quicker, and opportunities will be readily identified.
Service Duplication/Needs Assessment: Conduct needs assessments to identify the specific infrastructure needs of rural communities and ensure that services and support are tailored to meet those needs.	Federal Local Private	Local jurisdictions ISPs	Ongoing Communities with unique and specific needs will be identified.
Technical Assistance: Provide technical assistance to rural communities to enable them to utilize	Private State	ISPs	More communities will be able to utilize services provided by agencies.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
the services and support provided by state agencies effectively.			

Educational Access

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Educational Access Needs Assessment: Conduct a needs assessment to determine students' and educators' specific broadband access needs in unserved and underserved locations across Idaho.	Federal State	Idaho Department of Education	More students and educators will have access to better broadband.
Educational Access Action Plan: Develop a plan to address the identified needs, including specific goals, objectives, and strategies for improving access to affordable and reliable broadband services.	Federal State	IOB ICfL State Department of Education (SDE)	The plan will lay the roadmap to improve access to affordable and reliable broadband service in Idaho.
Education Partnerships: Build partnerships with local governments, ISPs, schools, libraries, and community organizations to support the plan's implementation and ensure that all stakeholders are working together to achieve common goals.	State	IOB	Ongoing Stakeholders will have more buy-in and shared goals to support the plan's implementation.
Leverage Existing Resources: Leverage existing resources, such as E-Rate and other federal programs, to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas and to help reduce costs for schools and libraries.	Federal State Local	IOB ICfL SDE ITS	More schools and libraries, and other CAI will have access to better broadband service.
Digital Literacy Programs: Implement digital literacy programs to help students and educators develop the skills necessary to use broadband technology effectively in their homes and classrooms.	Federal State	ICfL	Digital literacy will increase learning opportunities and create workforce opportunities in Idaho.
Public-Private Partnerships: Develop public-private partnerships to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas and to provide	Federal State Local	IOB ICfL SDE	It will increase learning opportunities, create workforce opportunities, and better careers.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
affordable and reliable broadband services to students and educators.			
Monitor & Evaluate Education Access: Monitor and evaluate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of the plan and make necessary adjustments to the plan and strategies as needed to support educational access.	Federal State Local	IOB ICfL SDE	Monitoring will allow gaps to be seen and opportunities to be identified.
Ongoing Engagement: Maintain ongoing engagement with stakeholders and partners to ensure that the plan is implemented effectively and continues to deliver value over time.	Federal State Local	IOB ICfL SDE	More stakeholders and partners buy into the plan and outcomes.

Operations & Data

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Cross-Agency Working Group: A working group of representatives from various state agencies will be established to coordinate efforts and ensure that each agency is aligned with the state's broadband goals.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS IDOL Public Utility Commission (PUC)	Ongoing Quicker response time for issues and opportunities, better alignment, and knowledge of broadband goals.
Share Data & Information: State agencies will share data and information on their broadband infrastructure projects to avoid duplication of services and ensure that projects are targeted to areas of greatest need.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC	Ongoing A better-targeted approach will be developed, and duplication will be minimized. More broadband will be delivered to areas with the greatest needs.
Leverage Existing Assets: Agencies will work together to identify existing state assets that can be leveraged to support	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD	Ongoing

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
broadband infrastructure, such as state-owned buildings and towers.		ITS PUC	More assets will be identified and leveraged to deploy more broadband to citizens.
Develop Joint Agency Policies: State agencies will collaborate to develop joint policies and regulations to support broadband infrastructure development in Idaho. This will streamline processes and ensure that all agencies work towards the same goals.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC	Ongoing Joint policies and regulations will create efficiencies, reduce barriers, and cut red tape.
Solicit Feedback: Solicit feedback and input from stakeholders, including local government officials, community leaders, ISPs, and other relevant stakeholders.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC	Ongoing Strengthen stakeholder buy-in and help identify gaps and opportunities.
Coordination Team: Form a team of representatives from state agencies, stakeholder groups, and overlapping service providers to work collaboratively on broadband infrastructure projects.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL)	Ongoing Identify more gaps and opportunities for infrastructure projects and create more buy-in from agencies and stakeholders.
Communication Protocols: Develop protocols that ensure timely and effective communication between all stakeholders, including regular meetings, email updates, and progress reports.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC IDOL U of I	Ongoing Strengthen stakeholder buy-in and help identify gaps and opportunities.
Leverage Existing Resources: Identify existing resources that can	State	IOB	Ongoing

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be leveraged to support broadband infrastructure projects, such as existing infrastructure, funding sources, and technical expertise.	Federal	ICfL SDE ITD ITS PUC IDOL U of I	Existing resources will help leverage more broadband infrastructure projects.
Public-Private Partnerships: Engage private sector partners in planning and implementing broadband infrastructure projects to increase the pool of available resources and expertise.	State Federal	IOB ICfL SDE ITD IDOL U of I	Ongoing More resources and expertise identified will reduce barriers and increase opportunities for infrastructure deployment.
Community Engagement: Develop a localized community engagement plan that ensures the involvement of local communities in the planning and implementation of broadband infrastructure projects.	State Federal	IOB ICfL ITS IDOL U of I	Ongoing Strengthen community buy-in and help identify gaps and opportunities.
Data Identification: Identify the specific data and information needs of the IBAB based on the goals and objectives of the broadband action plan.	State Federal	IOB ITS	In-progress IBAB will be able to make better decisions for broadband deployment.
Reporting Protocol: Develop a system or process for regular and timely sharing of data and information between the Idaho Department of Commerce and the IBAB.	State	IOB	Ongoing IBAB will be able to make better decisions for broadband deployment.
Data Review: Ensure that the data and information provided are accurate, reliable, and up to date, using appropriate sources and methods for data collection and analysis.	State Federal	IOB ITS-GIS	Ongoing Reliable data and information will result in better decision-making.
Collaborate: Encourage collaboration and coordination	State	IOB	Collaboration and coordination of relevant data will result in better

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
between the Idaho Department of Commerce and other state agencies, as well as with stakeholders and service providers, to ensure that all relevant data and information are shared and utilized effectively.			decision-making and strengthen partnerships.

Public Safety & Communications

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Needs Assessment: Conduct a needs assessment to determine the specific broadband access needs of Idaho's ECCs, including current capacity, reliability, redundancy, and scalability.	Federal State	Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) Regional Emergency Management Teams State Communications Law Enforcement	A clear understanding of ECCs, including gaps, redundancies, and needs.
Align Partners: Build partnerships with local governments, ISPs, emergency response agencies, and other stakeholders to support the plan's implementation and ensure all stakeholders work together to achieve common goals.	State	IOB Governor's Office IBAB	Strengthen partner buy-in resulting in shared and common goals.
Identify Appropriate Infrastructure: Determine which infrastructure, such as fiber-optic cables, microwave links, and satellite connections, can provide reliable, resilient, scalable, and redundant broadband services to ECCs.	State	IBAB ISPs	Quicker access and better service connections for Idaho ECCs.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Establish Backup Systems: Establish backup systems, such as redundant network connections, backup power supplies, and alternate communication channels, to ensure continuity of operations in the event of an outage or other disruption.	Federal State Private	ISPs Local Jurisdictions Idaho Regional Optical Network	Better, ongoing, and uninterrupted broadband service for ECCs in future disruptions.
Regional Communication: Participate in regional emergency communication planning efforts to ensure compatibility with other authorities.	State	IOB IOEM ITS ITD	Communication planning efforts will increase compatibility and improve ECC coverage and service.
Continuous Improvement: Regularly reviewing and updating communication equipment and systems to ensure interoperability.	State	IOEM Idaho State Police	Updating equipment will ensure interoperability and better service for ECCs.
Training & Support: Provide training support: Provide training and support to ECC personnel to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge necessary to use broadband technology effectively during emergencies.	State Federal	IOEM Idaho State Police State Communications	Better usage of broadband technology during emergencies.
Identify Vulnerabilities: Collaborate with ECCs to understand their existing infrastructure and identify potential areas of vulnerability or weakness.	State Federal	IOEM Idaho State Police	A better understanding of gaps and weaknesses for ECC service in Idaho.
Inventory: Develop a comprehensive inventory of all broadband infrastructure serving ECCs, including identifying single points of failure.	Federal State	IOB ITS-GIS ITD IOEM MBI	A better understanding of complete infrastructure capabilities and weaknesses.
Identify & Prioritize unserved and underserved areas that require ECCs in collaboration with the IOEM.	Federal State	IOB IBAB ITS-GIS ITD MBI	Identify areas that need ECCs that are unserved or underserved.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Share Information: Encourage state agencies and other organizations to share information and data on ECC locations.	Federal State	IOB IBAB IOEM ITS-GIS ITD MBI	A better understanding of complete infrastructure capabilities and weaknesses.
Update Maps: Ensure that maps regularly reflect ECC locations and connectivity changes.	State	IOB ITS-GIS ITD	A better understanding of complete infrastructure capabilities and weaknesses.
Public Engagement: Engage with local communities and stakeholders to gather feedback on the accuracy of the maps and identify additional areas that require connectivity.	State	IOB ITS-GIS	A better understanding of complete infrastructure capabilities and weaknesses.
Partnerships: Partner with neighboring states and regional organizations to ensure redundant connectivity in an emergency or natural disaster**.**	Federal State	IOB IOEM ITD	A better understanding of complete infrastructure capabilities and weaknesses.
Incorporate Standards & Best Practices: Incorporate industry standards and best practices into the design and construction of the broadband infrastructure to ensure interoperability and compatibility with advanced emergency communication technologies.	Federal State	IOB IOEM	Better broadband service and compatibility for Idaho ECCs.

Workforce Development

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
Workforce Analysis: This would involve gathering data on the current number of workers employed in the broadband industry in Idaho, their skill levels, and the types of jobs they currently hold.	Federal State Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL Idaho Workforce Council ISPs MBI	Ensure a clear understanding of the current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.
Skills Gap: Identify the skills and training needed for broadband implementation. Based on assessing the current state of the broadband workforce, identify the specific skills and training required to support broadband implementation in Idaho. This may include network design, installation, maintenance, customer service, and support skills.	Federal State Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL Idaho Workforce Council ISPs MBI	Ensure a clear understanding of the current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.
Training: Based on the identified skills and training needs, develop training programs tailored to the broadband industry in Idaho. This may involve partnering with community colleges, vocational schools, and other training providers to offer certification programs and apprenticeships.	Federal State Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL Idaho Workforce Council ISPs MBI	Ensure a clear understanding of current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.
Partnerships: Foster partnerships between the broadband industry and educational institutions to ensure that training programs are aligned with industry needs and that graduates of these programs have access to job opportunities.	Federal State Local Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL	Ensure a clear understanding of current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.

Activity	Funding Source	Executing Entity	Expected Outcomes
		Idaho Workforce Council AIC IAC ISPs MBI	
Funding: Leverage state and federal funding to support the development of the broadband workforce in Idaho. This may include grants to support training programs and apprenticeships, as well as funding to support the operations of the statewide broadband workforce development council.	Federal State Local Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL Idaho Workforce Council AIC IAC ISPs MBI	Ensure a clear understanding of the current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.
Monitor & Evaluate: Monitor and evaluate progress in developing the broadband workforce in Idaho to ensure that training programs are meeting the needs of the industry and that graduates are finding employment in the industry. Use this information to refine training programs and adjust strategies as needed.	Federal State Local Private	IOB Idaho Department of Commerce IDOL Idaho Workforce Council ISPs MBI	Ensure a clear understanding of the current and future workforce needs for workers in the broadband industry in Idaho.

5.4 Key Execution Strategies

This section outlines the key strategies that Idaho will undertake to meet its goals and objectives and to align with and maintain compliance with the statutory requirements of the BEAD program. The development of these strategies will directly feed into the development of the processes required as part of the BEAD Initial and Final proposals.

Access
Prioritized areas for the use of funds are in the following order: **Priority 1** – Unserved locations less than 25/3 Mbps **Priority 2** – Underserved locations less than 100/20 Mbps **Priority 3** – Underserved CAIs less than 1GBps symmetrical **Priority 4** – Non-Deployment activities Idaho plans to set a threshold as high as possible to maximize the fiber reach before resorting to other technologies to fill the remaining gaps. The best and most cost-effective technology for each project will be determined on a project-to-project basis. Promote the use of public-private partnerships or cooperatives in addressing the broadband infrastructure needs of Idahoans. Identify geographic broadband service needs or gaps within the state, including all unserved and underserved locations, CAIs without gigabit symmetrical broadband access, and excluding all previously funded areas with speeds exceeding 100/20Mbps. Determine the cost to connect all identified locations that are unserved, underserved, and underserved CAIs with fiber optic cable. Prioritize proposed projects that leverage the existing infrastructure and reduce costs to connect priority locations in Idaho. Identify methodology for selecting extremely high-cost unserved, and underserved locations. Proposed projects must deliver internet service that is not subject to data caps and has reliable speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps and low latency—the time it takes for data to travel to its destination and back along the network and which consumers experience as a delay, such as choppiness and buffering—to support real-time applications such as videoconferencing and streaming. Identify available funding sources by Federal, State of Idaho, and local governments to deploy broadband infrastructure and close the digital divide.

Data-Driven
Challenge Process In the interest of fairness and transparency, the IOB will adopt NTIA's Model Challenge Process to determine which unserved locations in Idaho can potentially be connected by deploying alternative technologies such as fixed wireless. The Model Challenge Process will refine the accuracy of the current FCC Broadband Map data. The FCC and CostQuest Associates will update the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric and fixed broadband availability data during filing periods. As newer and more refined data is released as it pertains to Fabric locations and fixed broadband availability, the data will be reprocessed to locate any additional unserved/underserved locations that are identified as a product of new data publications. As the State moves through the BEAD challenge process, any challenged area(s) or location(s) by providers will serve to refine any unserved/underserved areas further. The State will model the deployment costs for serving unserved and underserved locations and compare this against the state's expected funding sources from Federal and local funding sources to determine whether all locations can be reached with fiber.

Implementation
Grant Award Administration The IOB plans to expand the existing grant administration office into administering broadband-related funded programs through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IOB also plans to optimize existing grant resource management plans, including program implementation, planning, technical assistance and training, strategic communications and outreach, compliance and monitoring, and performance measurement and evaluation. **Application Process** The IOB will develop a competitive grant program for broadband providers to construct and connect unserved and underserved locations in Idaho. Applicants must demonstrate their financial, technical, and operational capabilities to carry out the proposed project and operate the proposed networks. Below are the intended processes for accepting and reviewing applications received. **Application Development and Intake** • Develop Application requirements • Develop a Scoring Rubric • Develop Application Process Timeline • Publish Draft Application Guidelines • Public Comment Period on Draft Application Guidelines • Setup Application Portal • How-to-Apply Webinar • Open Application Portal • Provide Applicant Guidance • Close the Application Portal **Application Review** • Post Applications Received Online • Initial Completeness Review • Compliance and Eligibility Review • Programmatic Review • State Administrative Review • Merit Review • Applicant Risk Review • Subgrantee Award • Notify Unsuccessful Applicants • Setup Unsuccessful Applicant's Debriefs

Implementation

Post Award Requirements
 	
After applicants have been awarded a grant, they must agree with the State before starting the proposed project. Below are the intended requirements and processes to be developed to manage and monitor the subgrantee post-award.
 	
• Signed Subgrantee Agreement
• Disbursement of Funds – Milestone Payments
• Invoice Review
• Technical Assistance
• Document Collection
• Quarterly Progress Reports
• Semi-annual Reporting
• Final Reporting
• Post-Award Sub-Recipient Monitoring
• Desktop Reviews
• Compliance Audits
• Site Visits
    o Start Construction
    o 50% Complete
• Project Completion
• Acceptance Testing
 	
Develop strategies to ensure an available and highly skilled workforce (including by subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors) to minimize project disruptions, including any plans to ensure strong labor standards and protections and procedures to attract, retain, or transition the skilled workforce needed to achieve the plan's goals, including describing the involvement and partnerships of sub-grantees, contractors, and sub-contractors with existing in-house skills training programs, unions, and worker organizations; community colleges and public school districts; supportive services providers; Registered Apprenticeship programs and other labor-management training programs, or other quality workforce training providers.
 	
Prioritize proposed projects that complement or coordinate with the Idaho Broadband Strategic Plan, included as Appendix F.
 	
Prioritize projects that provide broadband service to end users within four years of receipt of funds, carry out public awareness campaigns, and make connections available to any customer within the service area covered by the funding award.

Affordable
Applicants must participate in FCC's ACP, which provides a $30-a-month discount to eligible households, which increases to $75 a month for households on Tribal lands and offer at least one low-cost broadband service option. Prioritize proposals that improve affordability to ensure that networks built using taxpayer dollars are accessible to all Idahoans. Prioritize proposed projects that provide the most affordable speeds. Develop strategies that increase eligible households' enrollment in ACP.

Competition
Prioritize proposed projects stimulating in-state economic development, including creating jobs and apprenticeships in Idaho. Promote competition to lower consumer costs in unserved and underserved communities. Encourage ISP participation in partnerships. Support increased competition to advance industry innovations.

Responsive
Prioritize proposed projects built with networks that average combined outages not exceeding 48 hours (about two days) a year, with exceptions for natural disasters. Prioritize projects, including cybersecurity and supply chain risk management plans to protect critical infrastructure from hacking. Address supply chain concerns early and often ahead of implementation. Utilize partner studies and Idaho Department of Commerce resources to help mitigate supply chain concerns and pivot based on actionable results from data. Incorporate a Workforce Development strategy to address the need for skilled workers and administration. Work with trade schools and non-profits to build and fund certificate programs to meet entry-level to mid-career trade and skilled labor certifications. Develop portable programs that meet the workforce and the employers where they are. Work with community and Tribal communities to build and fund entry-level to mid-career certificate programs. Work with colleges and universities to build and fund specific programs to meet the needs of Idaho employers for careers like network support, fiber technicians, and systems engineers. Work with ISPs and other employers to build apprenticeship programs to connect workers to careers. Work with IDOL to develop training programs for skilled labor. Support Tribes in developing workforce opportunities for their Tribal members and surrounding communities through training tailored to tribal communities.

5.5 Estimated Timeline for Universal Service

The 113,987 unserved and underserved locations will require 119,665 miles of fiber construction to bring universal service to Idahoans. The estimated timeline for construction is based on five years after the sub-grantee receives funding to start the construction process. To meet this timeline, the following assumptions were used to determine the number of crews required to accomplish the estimated timeline:

- Construction deployment 75% aerial and 25% buried
- Construction rates per day 2,000 feet aerial and 600 feet buried
- Mainline splicing every ¼ mile
- Mainline splicing four hours prep time and twelve hours splice and coil hours
- Aerial Last-Mile Terminal Access Points (TAPs) splicing eight locations per day serving three homes each
- Buried Last-Mile Terminal Access Points splicing four locations per day serving three homes each
- Number of Construction workdays due to climate conditions. 179 days (about six months) for aerial (March 1–Mid-Nov.) and 146 days (about five months) for buried (April-October)
- 240 Splicing days per calendar year
- No permitting delays
- No make-ready delays
- No material supply chain issues
- No workforce issues
- No utility locating delays

The Construction Crew Calculator below used the above assumptions to determine the number of aerial and buried crews (265 aerial crews and 361 buried crews) to complete the fiber build to connect the 113,987 unserved and unserved locations over five years. Typically, a construction crew consists of three to five staff and a splicing crew of one to one and half-staff, requiring between 1,878 and 3,130 construction workers and 4,015 and 6,022 fiber splicers over the five-year construction period. The number of utility locators and traffic control personnel required during construction is separate from the construction crew calculator.

Construction Crew Calculator					
	Unserved Locations		Underserved Locations		Totals
Total Locations Passed	**83,723**		**30,264**		**113,987**
Total Miles to be Placed	**109,223**		**10,442**		**119,665**
Mainline Splicing Every Feet	1,320		1,320		
Mainline Splicing Locations	436,892		41,768		
Mainline Splicing Hours Per Location	16		16		
Mainline Total Splicing Days	873,784		83,536		
Last-Mile TAPs per Day Aerial	8		8		
Last-Mile TAPs per Day Buried	4		4		
Average Customers Per Tap	3		3		
Number of TAPs Aerial	20,931		7,566		

Construction Crew Calculator					
	Unserved Locations		Underserved Locations		Totals
Number of TAPs Buried	6,977		2,522		
Tap Total Splicing Days	4,361		1,576		
% Aerial	75%	81,917	75%	7,832	**89,749**
% Buried	25%	27,306	25%	2,611	**29,917**
Aerial Run Rates/Day (Footage)	2000		2000		
Buried Run Rates/Day (Footage)	600		600		
Total Workdays (aerial)	179	March – Mid-Nov	179	March – Mid-Nov	
Total Weekend Days and Holidays	80		80		
Total Workdays (buried)	146	April - October	146	April - October	
Total Weekend Days and Holidays	67		67		
Total Number of Splicing Days Per Year	240		240		
Number of Years	5		5		
Miles/year Aerial	16,384		1,566		**17,950**
Miles/year Buried	5,461		522		**5,983**
Footage/year Aerial	86,504,616		8,270,064		**94,774,680**
Footage/year Buried	28,834,872		2,756,688		**31,591,560**
Mainline Splices/Year	87,378		8,354		**95,732**
Last-Mile Splices/Year	5,582		2,018		**7,600**
Footage/day Aerial	483,266		46,201		**529,467**
Footage/day Buried	197,499		18,881		**216,380**
Mainline Splices Per Day	3,641		348		**3,989**
Last-Mile Splices Per Day	18		7		**25**
Aerial Crews Needed	242		23		**265**
Buried Crews Needed	329		31		**360**
Mainline Splicing Crews Needed	3,641		348		**3,989**
Last-Mile TAPs Splicing Crews Needed	19		7		**26**

Numbers are estimates from the submitted Fiber To The Home (FTTH) proposals, not actual-built numbers.

5.6 Estimated Cost for Universal Service

IBAB requested proposals from entities for broadband projects to include middle-mile, last-mile, and planning grants for informational purposes, to help identify how to close the digital divide in the unserved and underserved locations in Idaho.

Then, in January 2023, the IBAB received 53 proposed broadband infrastructure projects. Of these, 43 proposed FTTH construction projects, including in all seven regions of Idaho, which helps factor in local construction conditions and variations in fiber deployment methods. Based on the analysis of selected proposals, the average cost per location was $11,335. This figure is an average estimation subject to fluctuations in demand for available workers and materials.

Increased adoption of fiber optics for broadband services will offer multiple benefits in speed, security, and long-term cost, particularly for formerly unserved and rural communities. By recognizing the essential nature of high-speed internet to ensure equal access to employment and educational opportunities, the US government has committed billions in federal funding to support this transition, with multiple funding opportunities existing to create new installations and connect rural Idaho.

Customer demand is high, and governmental funding and support are being put into place to increase demand for materials and workers, increasing the cost of broadband fiber infrastructure. Based on the expected demand for fiber deployment resources, there is anticipated to be an increase of 25% in labor costs and 15% in material costs. The average price per location would be $15,869 based on the anticipated inflation costs/percentages.

Estimated Cost Summary

Location Type	Eligible Locations	Total Miles	Proposal Avg Cost	Proposal Avg Cost + Inflation
Unserved	83,723	109,223	$923,632,262	$1,293,085,167
Underserved	30,264	10,442	$368,370,429	$515,718,599
Totals	113,987	119,665	$1,292,002,691	$1,808,803,766
Average Cost Per Location			**$11,335**	**$15,869**

Numbers are estimates from the submitted FTTH proposals, not actual-built numbers.

Estimated Unserved Cost Summary by Region

Region	Proposal Avg Cost	Proposal Avg Cost + Inflation
1	$185,287,681	$259,402,753
2	$137,633,278	$192,686,589
3	$209,782,219	$293,695,107
4	$18,942,448	$26,519,427
5	$103,335,624	$144,669,873
6	$199,605,131	$279,447,184
7	$69,045,881	$96,664,234
Total	**$923,632,262**	**$1,293,085,167**

Numbers are estimates from the submitted FTTH proposals, not actual-built numbers.

Estimated Underserved Cost Summary by Region

Region	Proposal Avg Cost	Proposal Avg Cost + Inflation
1	$27,387,845	$38,342,982
2	$18,512,334	$25,917,267
3	$114,146,771	$159,805,480
4	$2,194,728	$3,072,619
5	$57,986,146	$81,180,604
6	$132,417,542	$185,384,559
7	$15,725,063	$22,015,088
Total	**$368,370,429**	**$515,718,599**

Numbers are estimates from the submitted FTTH proposals, not actual-built numbers.

Identified Funding Sources

The development of this Five-Year Action Plan uncovered a significant need for funding to implement strategic plans to overcome challenges and barriers. The state will help remove and reduce as many barriers as practical to maximize funding used to connect the most unserved and underserved locations with reliable high-speed internet.

The identified funding sources below will be used to deploy middle-mile and last-mile broadband infrastructure in the unserved areas of Idaho. These investments will also complement the additional funds that NTIA will allocate.

Funding Source	Amount
Idaho Capital Project Fund	$120,000,000
Estimated BEAD Funding	$100,000,000+
Idaho Broadband Fund	$8,739,687
Minimum Match 25%	$452,200,942
Estimated Funding	$680,940,629+
Estimated Funding Deficit with Inflation	
Total Unserved and Underserved	$1,808,803,766
Less Estimated Funding	$680,940,629+
Difference	$1,127,863,137

Numbers are estimates from the submitted FTTH proposals, not actual-built numbers.

5.7 Alignment

5.7.1 Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan

IIJA established the Digital Equity Act (DEA) alongside the BEAD program and created a digital equity planning, programming, and advocacy funding stream. This includes initial planning funds to prepare a statewide plan identifying needs and goals to address digital equity gaps across the state. Idaho received $567,000 to conduct a planning effort focused on community and resident connectivity needs beyond infrastructure alone. In 2022, Governor Brad Little designated ICfL as the lead agency to develop a collaborative DAAI using these funds and fulfilling the requirements established by the NTIA for statewide digital equity planning.

The ICfL began in late 2022 and is preparing the DAAI Plan from winter through summer 2023 while the Five-Year Action Plan is being developed. To ensure these two planning efforts are aligned, the ICfL has been consulted regularly to share project updates, events, and outreach activities and draft findings as they develop. This effective communication is helping to ensure that data is shared consistently, that resident input for DAAI is also informing this Five-Year Action Plan, and that the goals being shaped for DAAI are also reflected in this plan.

The DAAI Plan is being developed under the leadership of Dylan Baker, Deputy State Librarian for ICfL. While the due date for the DAAI plan is September 30, 2023, the plan is being developed concurrently, and key findings are shared with the IOB as they are gathered. This Five-Year Action Plan reflects the input received and the draft goals as thoroughly as possible. Please see the final DAAI Plan planned for release in September 2023 for the final findings and implementation details for the identified goals. These examples highlight the ongoing partnership between IOB and ICfL.

> March 22: First touch point between DAAI lead and BEAD consulting team Michael Baker International
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> March 23: BEAD project kickoff meeting, with DAAI participation
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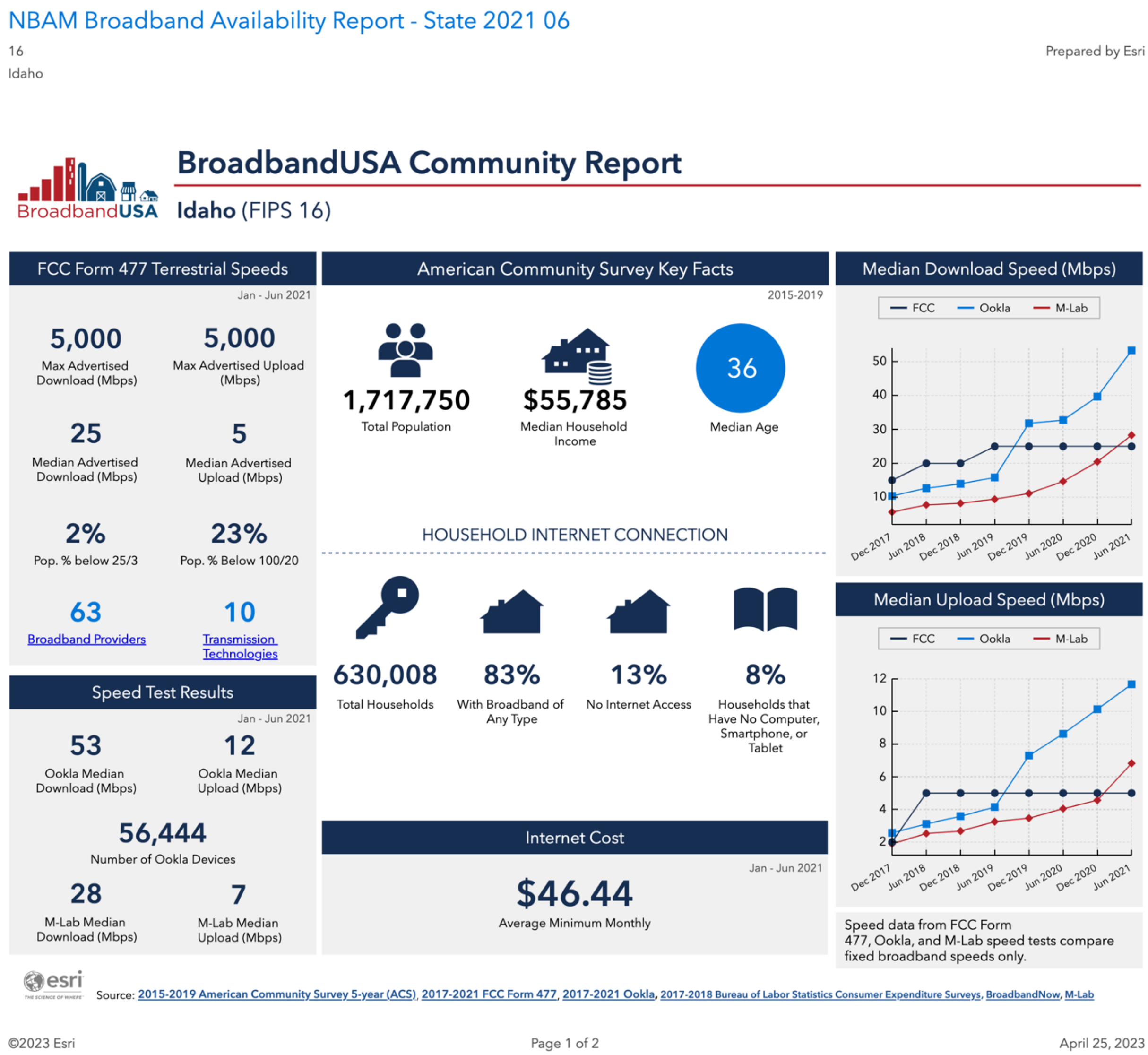
> April 11: BEAD and DAAI team collaboration call
>
> April 12-13: BEAD team attendance and participation at the DAAI event “Readying Idaho's Rural Communities to Capture the Benefits of Digitalization.”
>
> May 31: 3rd Steering Committee Meeting with Five-Year Action Planning representative in attendance

Needs and Issues

Broadband analysis and adoption vary widely across Idaho. Some counties have high broadband subscription rates, while others have low or nonexistent ones.

In assessing digital access needs, Idaho recognizes that access and adoption are sometimes different. Broadband “access” refers to broadband services available to a given address. Broadband “adoption” refers to whether individuals at that address have subscribed to internet service. Adoption rates nationally lag behind access rates for several reasons. Building the network is not enough; customers must subscribe to it and be able to afford it. Many residents, including those with limited incomes, may not be able to access reliable broadband service due to other barriers, including but not limited to cost, even when the infrastructure is in place.

The DAAI Plan has gathered information on access and affordability, community-based programs, and opportunities. Their findings will be published by the ICfL. As a part of the DAAI outreach, county and community leaders shared insights from their community and used Community Reports to explore population data, computer and smartphone ownership, internet connectivity, average rates of service, and more.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BroadbandUSA Community Report

Idaho (FIPS 16)

FCC Form 477 Terrestrial Speeds (Jan - Jun 2021)

5,000 Max Advertised Download (Mbps)

5,000 Max Advertised Upload (Mbps)

25 Median Advertised Download (Mbps)

5 Median Advertised Upload (Mbps)

2% Pop. % below 25/3

23% Pop. % Below 100/20

63 Broadband Providers

10 Transmission Technologies

Speed Test Results (Jan - Jun 2021)

53 Ookla Median Download (Mbps)

12 Ookla Median Upload (Mbps)

56,444 Number of Ookla Devices

28 M-Lab Median Download (Mbps)

7 M-Lab Median Upload (Mbps)

American Community Survey Key Facts (2015-2019)

1,717,750 Total Population

$55,785 Median Household Income

36 Median Age

HOUSEHOLD INTERNET CONNECTION

630,008 Total Households

83% With Broadband of Any Type

13% No Internet Access

8% Households that Have No Computer, Smartphone, or Tablet

Internet Cost (Jan - Jun 2021)

$46.44 Average Minimum Monthly

Median Download Speed (Mbps)

Median Upload Speed (Mbps)

Speed data from FCC Form 477, Ookla, and M-Lab speed tests compare fixed broadband speeds only.

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Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-year (ACS), 2017-2021 FCC Form 477, 2017-2021 Ookla, 2017-2018 Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Surveys, BroadbandNow, M-Lab

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DAAI Outreach and Engagement

The DAAI planning effort engaged residents across Idaho and continues to engage them throughout the summer of 2023. The DAAI team has hosted regional listening and planning convenings, conducted a telephone survey in English and Spanish to gather data on adoption barriers, and promoted city and county BATs.

Digital Access Survey

A digital access phone survey was prepared and conducted through BSU IPI, a partner with ICfL on the DAAI plan. The survey was conducted as a randomized phone survey, offered in English and Spanish, and aimed at targeting a minimum of 1,000 adults across Idaho.

Amongst the questions asked, the survey aimed to gather input on the following:

- Who took the survey?

  Demographic questions about ZIP code, age, ethnicity, primary language, and more. There was no gathering of personally identifiable information, but the survey was used to assess the survey's reach across geographic and sociodemographic groups and analyze trends between different population types.

- What kinds of internet services do residents have?

  Questions about service providers, technology type, and speed or level of service guided the DAAI plan and provided valuable insights for the Five-Year Action Plan.

- How do residents use the internet?

  The survey asked about community spaces, public internet use, device types, and frequent online activities.

- Is cost a barrier?

  The survey explored how costs and fees impact residents' internet use and level of service, including their ability to afford service and how costs limit the plan they select.

- What other factors are barriers?

  Questions about language, legibility, and device ownership provided insights into what other factors are experienced as barriers by residents.

- How much do Idaho residents want or need for various community programs and services?

  Questions about how residents would use library internet services, knowledge and comfort levels with digital skills, and more help to assess what kinds of programs will best meet the needs of Idaho residents.

Other outreach activities asked related questions, in more targeted ways, to specific stakeholders that can provide insights into the needs, challenges, and resources that affect different population groups, geographic areas, community organizations, and more. Events held throughout the first half of 2023 include:

- Focus groups
- Regional listening and planning convenings
- Action teams & other meetings

Digital Access and Adoption Goals

To support broadband for all goals and objectives, the DAAI Plan acknowledges that more than infrastructure alone is needed to fulfill the needs of all Idahoans to benefit from high-speed internet and the economic and quality of life improvements for residents statewide. The IOB, in collaboration with the ICfL, recognizes goals for increasing digital access through different strategies to enhance:

- Broadband Availability and Affordability
- Online Accessibility and Inclusivity
- Digital Skills
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Technical Assistance
- Device Availability and Affordability

Partnerships

- Boise State University – Idaho Policy Institute (BSU IPI)
- Idaho State Department of Education (SDE)

5.7.2 Alignment for Implementation

Idaho's goals may be met through different funding streams and partners. Many of the goals identified through the DAAI Plan are ideally aligned with the DEA grants above. However, further alignment with BEAD and other funding sources may be suitable in some contexts.

The Digital Equity Act (DEA) created additional funding streams for broadband-related investments. Beyond the Digital Equity Planning Grant that supported the preparation of the DAAI Plan, two other grant programs were developed and will be opened following the submission of that plan. These are both anticipated in early 2024 and are intended to ensure that all people and communities have the skills, technology, and capacity needed to reap the full benefits of our digital economy.

State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program: This provides funding on a formula basis to each state to implement programs and investments identified through their planning efforts. Eligibility is limited to states and subgrantees identified by states.

Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program: Funding distributed seeks to support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater broadband adoption among underserved populations. Eligibility is open to many entities, from government to community organizations and nonprofits.

BEAD: While infrastructure is prioritized, "equity and access" represent the E and A in the program's acronym. Activities that promote broadband adoption through advocacy, communications, training, or similar efforts can be included within BEAD-funded projects if they are geographically located to serve the same or overlapping populations. Activities that include digital skills training or digital navigators may also be eligible through BEAD. As Idaho issues BEAD grants to ISPs or local jurisdictions to build broadband networks in unserved or underserved areas, Idaho will encourage partnerships with entities that provide support services.

Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program: The FCC also provides grants for advocacy, communications, training, or similar efforts to enhance awareness of the ACP and assist residents with signing up. Some activities, particularly those oriented toward increasing ACP sign-ups, are ready to start within 2023 or early 2024 and may be best suited to pursue this funding source as the DEA grants are unavailable.

Idaho Statewide Plan Alignment

Across the State of Idaho, many other cities, counties, and state agencies have recognized the need for broadband access and services within their boundaries and/or work. These agency and local plans align with the statewide implementation of universal broadband and are listed and assessed for alignment with state goals.

Plan Name	Plan Type	Location	Agency	Summary
Idaho Broadband Strategic Plan (2022 – 2027)	Strategic	State of Idaho	IBAB	It aims to provide broadband access to 100% of Idaho homes and businesses by 2027 as a means for

Plan Name	Plan Type	Location	Agency	Summary
				the state to sustain and attract economic opportunities. Alignment: Invest in broadband infrastructure to enhance equity across many sectors, such as economic development, public safety, telehealth, and education opportunities.
Communities in Motion 2050	Transportation	Ada County, Canyon County	Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)	Forecasts southwest Idaho's growth and anticipates its transportation needs to accommodate that growth. Prioritizes projects to meet those needs. Alignment: Shared needs to increase and improve broadband access, which in this case is to enhance the transportation system's quality and efficiency with improved technology.
2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Ada and Canyon Counties	Transportation	Ada County, Canyon County	COMPASS	Identifies the unmet transportation needs of disadvantaged populations in Ada and Canyon counties, provides strategies to meet those needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. Alignment: Shared needs to increase and improve broadband access because of the demand for more efficient services such as Valley Regional Transit (VRT) scheduling and dispatching technology.
Idaho Transportation Investment Programs (ITIP)	Transportation	Statewide	ITD	A six-year budget and list of transportation investment program projects. Alignment: Improving transportation infrastructure may allow for the integration of broadband hardware and vice-versa. Broadband will be integral to this plan's smart corridor study.

Plan Name	Plan Type	Location	Agency	Summary
Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture	Transportation	Ada County, Canyon County	COMPASS	Roadmap for local transportation systems' Intelligent Transportation Systems to be integrated and developed through collaboration by sharing information and resources to provide safer, more efficient, and more effective regional transportation. Alignment: Intelligent Transportation Systems is integral to better transit systems and requires quality broadband to deliver services.
Long-Range Transportation Plan 2040	Transportation	State of Idaho	ITD	A long-term vision for the state's highway system and decision-making guide on modernizing processes and collaborating with local transportation partners to address forecasted travel demand. Alignment: Potential partner due to interest in technology development requiring broadband, such as autonomous vehicles, and improved data analysis and collection.
Teton View Regional Plan for Sustainable Development	Comprehensive	Fremont, Madison, and Teton counties, Idaho; Teton County, Wyoming	Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium	A four-county, two-state plan that includes three counties in southeast Idaho, as it is a growing and interconnected area. It aims to provide more transportation choices, affordable housing, enhanced economic competitiveness, support to existing communities, and coordinated policies and investment. Alignment: Potential partner because it recognized technology access as a quality-of-life improvement, equity tool, and economic growth indicator.
Bannock County 2040: Scouting the Future	Comprehensive	Bannock County	Bannock County, Board of County Commissioners Planning and Zoning Commission	A comprehensive plan that articulates goals, objectives, and policies to support Bannock County's 20-year vision to be economically vibrant and encourage sustainable development while enhancing rural, recreational, and agricultural character.

Plan Name	Plan Type	Location	Agency	Summary
				Alignment: Potential partner because of explicit support of broadband infrastructure expansion as a means of workforce development and education opportunities, particularly for rural areas (Pan Objective 4.2.3).
Idaho Area Agency on Aging V Plan for 2022-2026	Strategic	7 Counties - Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Power, and Oneida	Idaho Area Agency on Aging V (AAA V) at Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG)	Plan establishes a "Single Access Point" to identify all eligible consumers for aging and disability resources and services and deliver said resources. Alignment: The agency recognizes technologies to track, identify, and deliver services to assistance to homebound, frail, disabled, isolated, and vulnerable adults.
2020 - 2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	Strategic	9 Counties - Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Jefferson, Fremont, Madison, Teton, and Bonneville	East Central Idaho Planning & Development Association (ECIPDA) East Central Idaho Development Company (ECIDC)	Identifies the needs of eastern Idaho's economy through strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis and provides strategies for improvement. Alignment: States the explicit goal (Objective 3) to provide more opportunity and access to rural communities through improved broadband infrastructure.
Dover Comprehensive Plan	Comprehensive	City of Dover	City of Dover Government	Guide for the city's community growth decisions and the policy foundation for land use decisions, infrastructure investments, ordinances, and other actions by the governing board, and identify key implementation steps. Alignment: Potential partner due to explicit support for improved broadband services using fiber optic cables or other technologies (5.G.3).
Information Technology Strategic Plan (2017)	Strategic	Ada County	Ada County Highway District	Plan to achieve Ada County Highway Department's IT-reliant goals from their Strategic Plan and help direct other IT initiatives. Alignment: Concrete technological needs and goals, such as rapid delivery of high-quality IT

Plan Name	Plan Type	Location	Agency	Summary
				capabilities, secure IT systems and networks, improved IT environment through the maturation of IT governance and accountability, and enhanced end-user capabilities.
Rural Strategy Plan – In Development	Strategic	State of Idaho	Idaho Department of Commerce	Leveraging this plan in conjunction with the Five-Year Action Plan.

5.7.3 Workforce Development

IDOL helps keep employees ahead of the curve in our ever-changing work environment. The department offers various labor support services to businesses and customized worker training programs.

Collaboration between the IBAB, the Department of Commerce, local businesses, and IDOL is vital to a successful Workforce Development Plan. Each entity will work together to create and implement a Workforce development plan that addresses the skills gaps and barriers to employment. A cohesive plan must be implemented to ensure the workforce is professionally trained and available to perform the necessary broadband tasks as broadband infrastructure expands. The plan must address hiring for administrative and fieldwork.

Workforce needs assessments will be performed across ISPs, telecom, units of government, and construction industries and is a critical hurdle to developing a strategic Workforce Development Plan. Involving additional stakeholders such as community colleges, universities, technical schools, Tribes, non-profits, and labor-management organizations is fundamental to successfully building a skilled workforce capable of creating the networks and developing a career trajectory for workers needed to maintain the networks upon completion.

Obstacles & Barriers

Basic literacy to complete training programs: Literacy comprehension levels need to be assessed, and training programs for basic digital literacy, workforce software, and fiber technician training need to be established.

Shortage of skilled workers: Finding qualified workers in Idaho has been challenging as industries were caught between the demand for services and the need for workers to complete those services.

Goals & Objectives

- Develop partnerships with universities and other educational institutions to provide access to educational resources to ensure they align with the workforce's needs and support successful employment outcomes.
- Research and identify potential funding sources for a skilled workforce, including state and federal grants and partnerships with private organizations.
- Develop and implement training programs that provide a comprehensive and hands-on approach to skills development and ensure they meet the needs of the industry and the workforce.
- Provide job seekers with job search assistance and career counseling to help them connect with employment opportunities.

- Gather and analyze labor market data to identify industry trends and skill gaps to inform decisions about workforce development in Idaho.
- Develop partnerships with local businesses, workforce agencies, and nonprofits to share resources, develop workforce development initiatives, and create employment pathways.

Partners

Partnership creation with state agencies, community colleges, school districts, and trade unions is necessary for broadband workforce development. These entities will provide the training, education, and support workers need to succeed. Through effective collaboration, these organizations can create a pipeline of skilled workers to help meet the demand for broadband services and support economic growth in local communities.

- **Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL)**: Idaho businesses and employees benefit from registered apprenticeships. Employers see an increase in employee retention, productivity, and profitability. Employees earn while they learn, reduce student debt, and may receive a nationally recognized certificate or credential. Idaho vigorously pursues a proven career pathway through apprenticeships to build a pool of skilled workers. Employers can create a sustainable talent pipeline with employees that receive extensive education and training in one of more than 1,200 occupations in Idaho.
- **Idaho Workforce Development Council**: Equus Workforce Solutions supports Idaho in providing many services to adults with barriers to employment through the WIOA Program. This program allows Idaho to provide job skills for Idaho's job seekers with a focus on paid work experience, on-the-job training, work readiness courses, and scholarships for training.
- **Idaho Works**: Providers register to provide information about their institution or programs they offer. They manage and measure program and performance data.
- **Next Steps Idaho**: Work-based learning opportunities help one train for a job from a practical standpoint rather than the more theoretical approach you might find in a traditional college. An apprenticeship combines on-the-job training with job-related instruction. Apprentices learn specific skills necessary to perform the job, gain experience, and earn a nationally recognized certificate or credential. These programs target high school students and graduates.
- **Launch Idaho**: Provides tuition assistance for training and educational programs offered by numerous Idaho and online institutions.
- **The Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF)**: The state's most flexible financial resource for workforce training. The dedicated funding generated by the current set-aside of unemployment insurance tax collections should be maintained. The Workforce Development Council will identify the additional funding needed to accomplish the goals outlined in the statewide strategic Workforce Development Plan.
- **Community Colleges**: CWI, College of Southern Idaho, College of Eastern Idaho, Lewis & Clark State College, and the University of Idaho Extension Office are uniquely qualified to establish and deliver specialized workforce training in all corners of the state.
- **School Districts Statewide**: Secondary education in most areas of the state already partners with community colleges to provide coursework and college credits for supplemental instruction, including trades and hard skills.

- **Trade Unions**: Labor unions understand the skills and training needed for specific industries and have developed effective training programs to provide workers with a clear career path. They will help provide a strong and stable workforce. Partnering with trade unions will help to ensure that workers are treated fairly and have access to good working conditions. They will bridge the gap between the broadband industry and the broader community.

5.8 Technical Assistance

As the IOB works to ensure the Initial and Final Proposals comply with all statutory requirements and goals of the BEAD program, technical assistance from the NTIA will be required to hit the following:

- Review the draft Idaho Workforce Development Plan and suggest modifications before execution.
- Review draft grant application guidelines for last-mile deployment projects and offer suggestions for BEAD alignment.
- Review draft criteria for Subgrantee Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management application requirements and suggest modifications.
- Review the draft Subgrantee Selection Process (Prioritization and Scoring) and suggest modifications.
- Review draft qualifications for Subgrantees deploying network facilities (Financial Capability, Audited Financial Statements, Sustainability, Managerial Capability, Technical Capability, and Operational Capability) and suggest modifications.
- Assist the IOB with various questions while developing the Initial and Final Proposals.
- Aid IOB staff with reporting and audit requirements, including Subgrantees, to ensure compliance.
- Support IOB staff with Environmental and Historic Preservation compliance requirements.
- Review the draft Challenge Process and offer suggestions for modifications.
- Provide Buy America regulations guidance for the program.
- Provide compliance and reporting templates, tutorials, and training for new staff.

6. Conclusion

First and foremost, the action plan focused on identifying underserved communities and mapping the existing broadband infrastructure gaps. By conducting thorough assessments and leveraging advanced technology, Idaho was able to pinpoint the areas that required immediate attention and intervention. This strategic approach laid the foundation for a targeted deployment strategy, enabling efficient resource allocation and maximizing the impact of our efforts. Throughout the plan, there was an emphasis on the importance of collaboration and partnerships. Engaging with local governments, community organizations, ISPs, and other stakeholders provided instrumental information on additional funding, leveraging existing resources, and fostering community-driven initiatives. Through these collaborative efforts, Idaho facilitated a sense of shared responsibility and empowered communities to actively participate in expanding broadband access.

Over the course of this plan, significant progress has been made in addressing the disparities in broadband connectivity and promoting digital inclusion. Moreover, the DAAI plan prioritized digital literacy programs and initiatives to enhance digital skills and promote digital inclusion. Investing in training programs, workshops, and community outreach to equip individuals with the skills to navigate the digital landscape, fostering a digitally empowered society.

We aim to deploy a robust broadband infrastructure network through the Initial Proposal, enabling reliable, high-speed internet connectivity in underserved and unserved areas. Educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and small businesses will also benefit immensely from improved connectivity, unlocking new opportunities for growth, innovation, commerce, and improved service delivery. The Initial Proposal is essential to sustaining the momentum gained through the Five-Year Action Plan. In the Initial Proposal, ongoing implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation of strategies will be crucial to addressing the obstacles and barriers while seizing new opportunities for broadband expansion. By continuing to collaborate with all stakeholders, Idaho can build upon the successes achieved and further expand broadband equity access.

In conclusion, the broadband equity access deployment Five-Year Action Plan has laid a solid foundation for achieving universal access to high-speed, reliable internet. Idaho has made significant strides in narrowing the digital divide by implementing targeted strategies, fostering collaboration, and prioritizing digital literacy. Idaho proceeds with the Initial Proposal; Idaho will remain steadfast in a commitment to equitable access. Idaho recognizes that an inclusive digital future is essential for social and economic growth, empowering Idahoans and communities statewide.

APPENDIX A

PLANNED PARTNERS

Broadband Partners	Audience	Delivery & Adoption Role
AARP Idaho	Champion	Community
AFL-CIO Idaho	Partner	Workforce Development
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Champion	Community
Albertsons	Champion	Private
American Planning Association Idaho Chapter	Partner	Delivery & Support
Boise Cascade	Champion	Private
Catholic Dioceses	Champion	Community
Chobani	Champion	Private
Coeur d'Alene Economic Development	Partner	Delivery & Support
College of Eastern Idaho (CEI)	Champion	Community
College of Southern Idaho (CSI)	Champion	Community
Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)	Partner	Delivery & Support
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC)	Champion	Community
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry (IACI)	Partner	Delivery & Support
Idaho Building Contracting Association (IBCA)	Partner	Delivery & Support
Idaho Business for Education (IBE)	Champion	Community
Idaho Coalition of Home Educators	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy
Idaho Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Champion	Community
Idaho Community Foundation	Champion	Community
Idaho Community Health Center Association	Champion	Community
Idaho Connect	Champion	Community
Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Champion	Community
Idaho Department of Labor (DOL)	Partner	Workforce Development
Idaho Digital Learning Alliance	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy

Idaho Economic Development Association (IEDA)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Education Association (IEA)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind	Champion	Community
Idaho Foodbank	Champion	Community
Idaho Health Care Association	Champion	Community
Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Champion	Community
Idaho Hospital Association	Champion	Community
Idaho Housing & Finance Association	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Interfaith Coalition	Champion	Community
Idaho Medical Association Idaho Medical Association	Champion	Community
Idaho National Guard	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Nonprofit Center	Champion	Community
Idaho Power	Partner	Delivery & Support
Idaho Realtors Association	Champion	Private
Idaho Rural Health Association	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Rural Partnership	Champion	Public Service
Idaho Rural Water Association	Champion	Public Service
Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA)	Champion	Public Service
Idaho State Department of Education	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy
Idaho State Police Association	Champion	Public Service
Idaho State University (ISU)	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy
Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce	Champion	Community
Idaho Voices for Children	Champion	Community
Idaho Volunteer Fire & EMS Association	Champion	Public Service
Jannus	Champion	Community
Jesse Tree	Champion	Community
Lewis & Clark State College (LCSC)	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy

Micron	Champion	Private
Mountain Home Airforce Base	Champion	Public Service
NeighborWorks - Boise	Partner	Digital Equity/Literacy
North Idaho College (NIC)	Partner	Workforce Development
Northwest Real Estate (Affordable Housing – Noel Gill)	Champion	Community
Pend Oreille Economic Partnership	Partner	Delivery & Support
Professional Firefighters of Idaho	Champion	Public Service
Rez Rising	Champion	Community
Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.	Partner	Delivery & Support
St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center	Champion	Private
St. Luke's Health System	Champion	Private
TechHelp	Champion	Private
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Champion	Community
United Way	Champion	Community
Veteran's Entrepreneur Alliance	Champion	Community
Wells Fargo	Champion	Private
Women and Children's Alliance	Champion	Community
YMCA	Champion	Community

APPENDIX B

ASSET INVENTORY

Percentage of residents within the State who have adopted broadband	Percentage
	87.53%

Digital Literacy and Digital Skills Training Programs

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information
Create Idaho	Idaho public schools / online	Adobe Creative Cloud licenses and certifications for students and teachers; integrated into school curriculum	**Kaylene Hoyt** State Department of Education Coordinator (208) 332-6852 khoyt@sde.idaho.gov
Idaho Microsoft Imagine Academy	Idaho public schools / online	Helps build foundational job technology skills for students and citizens, including Certiport certifications. Also provide free online courses for Microsoft Office Suite programs.	**Kaylene Hoyt** State Department of Education Coordinator (208) 332-6852 khoyt@sde.idaho.gov
Digital Inclusion - Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL)	Idaho public libraries	Centralized resource and connector through Idaho's public libraries. Links residents to other resources and provides some in-house assistance.	**Chelsea Summerlin** Digital Inclusion Consultant 208-639-4175 chelsea.summerlin@libraries.idaho.gov
DigitalLearn.org	https://www.digitallearn.org/	Run by the Public Library Association; free online hub for digital literacy support and training with courses and video modules.	pla@ala.org
Niche Academy	https://my.nicheacademy.com/idaho?category=3332	Provide free, ready-to-use tutorials for patrons' digital literacy and understanding of library resources.	
Idaho Digital Skills	https://idahodigitalskills.org/	Offers Idahoans free access to online learning tools to increase their digital skills and easily identify resources that support them in their digital work and life. Run by the ICfL and funded by the State of Idaho.	digitalskills@libraries.idaho.gov
Techboomers.com	https://techboomers.com/	aims to improve the quality of life for older adults and other inexperienced technology users by empowering them to learn how to use popular and trusted websites and Internet-based applications.	contact@techboomers.com
Idaho Digital Learning Allince	https://www.idahodigitallearning.org/	created to provide access, equity, and flexibility for students in the state of Idaho according to its statutory authority, and Idaho Digital Learning Alliance enables the state to meet its constitutional requirement to provide a uniform and thorough educational system	(208) 342-0207; idla@IdahoDigitalLearning.org
Northstar Digital Literacy	Aostin County Public Library is a member, but any entity can subscribe to their services online; https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/pricing	Online curriculum that assesses digital literacy and assigns curriculum based on an individual's needs. Entities that subscribe get support and resources from the company.	https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/contact

Subsidized or Low-cost Devices Programs(e.g., computers, tablets)

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information

Federal Communications Commission - Affordable Connectivity Program	https://www.fcc.gov/acp	Subsidies for households with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in select assistance programs. Discount of up to $30 / mo. for internet service for eligible households ($75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands). A one-time discount up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50	(877) 384-2575
FCC - Lifeline	https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline?ln=RW5nbGlzaA%3D%3D	Subsidies for households with income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or participation in select assistance programs. Discount of about $9.25 / mo. For internet service and providers that provide customers devices must have a hotspot requirement of 55%	LifelineSupport@usac.org; (800) 234-9473
Boost Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-402-7366
Straight Talk, Total Wireless, Simple Mobile, Walmart Family Mobile, TracFone, Net10, Page Plus & Go Smart*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	833-333-9227
AirVoice Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-247-7799
Boss Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-689-0617
Cintex Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-931-0141
Connect All		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	206-222-2060
enTouch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-488-8719
Figgers Communication Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	800-223-5435
Galaxy Distribution		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-942-5299
Gen Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380
Gen Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380

Marketing and Awareness Campaigns for Digital Inclusion

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information
FCC Affordable Broadband Outreach Grant Program	https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-announces-66m-affordable-broadband-outreach-grants	facilitate the promotion and awareness of and participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program among eligible households	michael.snyder@fcc.gov

FCC Affordable Connectivity Program Awareness	https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-targets-over-7m-toward-affordable-connectivity-program-awareness-0	pilot outreach grant programs to raise awareness of the ACP	paloma.perez@fcc.gov
Digital Inclusion - Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL)	Idaho public libraries	Centralized resource and connector through Idaho's public libraries. Links residents to other resources and provides some in-house assistance.	**Chelsea Summerlin** Digital Inclusion Consultant 208-639-4175 chelsea.summerlin@libraries.idaho.gov
Idaho Digital Learning Alliance	https://www.idahodigitallearning.org/	created to provide access, equity, and flexibility for students in the state of Idaho according to its statutory authority, and Idaho Digital Learning Alliance enables the state to meet its constitutional requirement to provide a uniform and thorough educational system	(208) 342-0207; idla@IdahoDigitalLearning.org
National Digital Inclusion Alliance	https://www.digitalinclusion.org/about-ndia/	nationally connects organizations engaged with technology and broadband development issues and commited to reflecting the perspectives and interests of local digital inclusion practitioners and advocates while operating with a professional understanding of: the historical and political landscapes in which our affiliates operate; the complexities of telecommunications regulation; the evolving technologies, tools, research and data shaping programs and policy strategies	info@digitalinclusion.org
Verizon K-12 Education Solutions	https://www.verizon.com/business/solutions/public-sector/education/k-12/?cmp=knc:ggl:ac:ps:psao:na:8884610289&utm_term=digital%20equity&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=GGL_NB_HigherEducation_Phrase&utm_content=Education&ds_cid=71700000085623820&gclid=CjwKCAjw586hBhBrEiwAQYEnHTONS31fhyhLOjX5BOICdfl5rS3FXntaoMiYz3EdtJDlSVgrbisCUxoC4MYQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds	Promotes technologies, software and support services in K-12 edcuation, such as hybrid learning, internet security, VR, and subsidized service	888.841.0285
Common Sense Media - Digital Equity	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/what-we-stand-for/digital-equity	Advocates that funds to improve our national infrastructure are used to provide vulnerable and underserved communities with affordable access to broadband high-speed internet, and by equipping those communities with the tools to use technology effectively.	(415) 863-0600

Existing ISP Programs that Promote Adoption (e.g., adoption campaigns, low-cost plans, digital inclusion initiatives)

ISP Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information
Access Wireless	All providers pulled from ISPs in Boise, ID	ACP, Lifeline, Mobile Internet	888-900-5899
Airbridge Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	208-494-4343
AirVoice Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-247-7799

Anthem Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	208-677-8000
Assurance Wireless		ACP, Lifeline, Mobile Internet	888-321-5880
AT&T Mobility LLC*		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	866-986-0963
Boost Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-402-7366
Boss Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-689-0617
Cintex Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-931-0141
Comlink Total Solutions Corp		ACP, Mobile Internet	833-526-0200
Connect All		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	206-222-2060
Cox Communication		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	866-439-1289
Cricket Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	844-246-8364
CTC Telecom		ACP, Home Internet	208-229-1000
Dailytel Inc.		ACP, Mobile Internet	883-999-0427
EARTHLINK, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	888-327-8454
Easy Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	877-476-3451
enTouch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-488-8719
Excess Telecom		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-615-0898
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company		ACP, Lifeline, Home Internet	208-452-2000
Fidelity Cablevision, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	800-392-8070
Figgers Communication Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	800-223-5435
FMTI		ACP, Home Internet	208-452-2000
Galaxy Distribution		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-942-5299
Gen Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380
Gen Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380
Global Connection Inc. of America		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	800-544-4441
Hello Mobile		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	888-854-3556
Hoop Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-367-4667
Hughes Network Systems, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	844-737-2700
human-I-T		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-268-3921
Infiniti Mobile		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	214-323-8000
Insight Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-330-0902
Insight Mobile, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-330-0902
Integrated Path Communications		ACP, $0 with ACP, Home Internet	888-224-6958
K20 Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	717-400-5573
Life Wireless		ACP, Mobile Internet	888-543-3620
Lingo		ACP, Home Internet	866-405-4646
LTE Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-388-2232
Maxsip Telecom Corporation		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	866-629-7471
Millennium Networks		ACP, Home Internet	877-883-2411
Moolah Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	404-254-6236
Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assn.,Inc.*		ACP, Lifeline, Home Internet	208-374-5401
NewPhone Wireless, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	855-204-3667

Nez Perce Network Systems		ACP, Home Internet	208-621-3885
North American Local, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-247-3903
Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.		ACP, Home Internet	800-624-0082
PCs for People		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	651-354-2552
Prosper Wireless, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-611-6206
Q Link Wireless LLC*		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	855-754-6543
Rise Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	844-816-9149
RTI		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Home Internet	888-366-7821
Rural4G		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	870-451-0373
SafetyNet Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-224-3213
Sage Telecom Communications, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-430-0443
Sano Health LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-970-7299
Sarver Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-744-8950
Selectel Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-218-5744
Silver Star Communications*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	877-883-2411
Snapfon		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-937-1532
Sparklight		ACP, Home Internet	877-687-1332
Straight Talk, Total Wireless, Simple Mobile, Walmart Family Mobile, TracFone, Net10, Page Plus & Go Smart*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	833-333-9227
SWA Connect, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet, Mobile Internet	866-350-0222
TDS Metrocom		ACP, Home Internet	888-225-5837
Tempo Telecom, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	833-998-3676
Ting Internet		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet, Mobile Internet	844-846-4994
T-Mobile USA, Inc.		ACP, Mobile Internet	888-863-8768
Tone Communication Services LLC		ACP, Mobile Internet	800-515-8182
Torch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	1877-998-667
Twigby		ACP, Home Internet	ACP Home Int
U2 CONNECT NOW		ACP, Home Internet	844-679-0909
US Connect		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-732-7987
Viasat		ACP, Home Internet	855-463-9333
White Cloud Networks		ACP, Home Internet	888-959-0222
Whoop Connect Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-200-1076
Wired or Wireless, Inc.		ACP, Home Internet	866-969-8351
Wrazzle, Inc.		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-380-0547
Ziply Fiber		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Home Internet	866-699-4759
Zito West Holding, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	800-365-6988
Ztar Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-416-3003

Computer Refurbishing Programs

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information
TechSoup's Refurbished Computers	https://www.techsoup.org/refurbished-computers	Provides high-quality, competitively priced desktops, laptops, and more for eligible nonprofits or libraries by partnering with industry-leading computer refurbishers and IT asset disposition (ITAD) providers to provide environmentally friendly products from top manufacturers at low admin fees.	800-659-3579; Live Chat on Website

Digital Equity/Inclusion Coalitions

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information
Digital Inclusion - Idaho Commission for Libraries	Idaho public libraries	Centralized resource and connector through Idaho's public libraries. Links residents to other resources and provides some in-house assistance.	**Chelsea Summerlin** Digital Inclusion Consultant 208-639-4175 chelsea.summerlin@libraries.idaho.gov
Idaho Digital Learning Allince	https://www.idahodigitallearning.org/	created to provide access, equity, and flexibility for students in the state of Idaho according to its statutory authority, and Idaho Digital Learning Alliance enables the state to meet its constitutional requirement to provide a uniform and thorough educational system	(208) 342-0207; idla@IdahoDigitalLearning.org
National Digital Inclusion Alliance	https://www.digitalinclusion.org/about-ndia/	nationally connects organizations engaged with technology and broadband development issues and commited to reflecting the perspectives and interests of local digital inclusion practitioners and advocates while operating with a professional understanding of: the historical and political landscapes in which our affiliates operate; the complexities of telecommunications regulation; the evolving technologies, tools, research and data shaping programs and policy strategies	info@digitalinclusion.org

Digital Equity Education Roundtables (DEER)	https://tech.ed.gov/deer/	seeks to close the digital divide and enable all learners in PK-12, higher education, and adult education to unlock technology-enabled opportunities for learning and fully participate in a digital society. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Technology (OET) will leverage its experience in setting the national vision for the effective use of technology for learning, strong relationships with educators and education ecosystems, and commitment to co-creating solutions with communities to drive the national dialogue on the adoption of reliable, high-speed internet and technology for learning and catalyze collective action to remove barriers for learners, families/caregivers, and communities.	ed.tech@ed.gov

The number of residents eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)	**557572**
Percentage of residents within the State who is enrolled in ACP	**5.67%**

Discount or subsidized broadband service and equipment programs			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
Federal Communications Commission - Affordable Connectivity Program	https://www.fcc.gov/acp	Subsidies for households with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in select assistance programs. Discount of up to $30 / mo. for internet service for eligible households ($75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands). A one-time discount up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50	(877) 384-2575
FCC - Lifeline	https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline?ln=RW5nbGlzaA%3D%3D	Subisidies for households with income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or participation in select assistance programs. Discount of about $9.25 / mo. For internet service and providers that provide customers devices must have a hotspot requirement of 55%	LifelineSupport@usac.org; (800) 234-9473
Cox Communication	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	866-439-1289
Figgers Communication Inc.	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	800-223-5435
Maxsip Telecom Corporation	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	866-629-7471
SWA Connect, LLC	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet, Mobile Internet	866-350-0222
Ting Internet	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet, Mobile Internet	844-846-4994
AirVoice Wireless	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-247-7799
Boost Mobile	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-402-7366
Boss Wireless	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-689-0617
Connect All	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	206-222-2060
enTouch Wireless	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-488-8719
Galaxy Distribution	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-942-5299
Gen Mobile	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380
Gen Mobile, Inc	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-528-1380
human-I-T	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-268-3921
Insight Mobile	_	ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-330-0902

Insight Mobile, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-330-0902
LTE Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-388-2232
North American Local, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-247-3903
Prosper Wireless, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-611-6206
Snapfon		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-937-1532
Torch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	1877-998-667
US Connect		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-732-7987
Whoop Connect Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-200-1076
Ztar Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	800-416-3003
Moolah Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	404-254-6236
Tempo Telecom, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	833-998-3676
Cintex Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-931-0141
Excess Telecom		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-615-0898
Hoop Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	833-367-4667
Infiniti Mobile		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	214-323-8000
K20 Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	717-400-5573
NewPhone Wireless, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	855-204-3667
PCs for People		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	651-354-2552
Rural4G		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	870-451-0373
SafetyNet Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-224-3213
Sage Telecom Communications, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-430-0443
Sano Health LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-970-7299
Sarver Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-744-8950
Selectel Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-218-5744
Wrazzle, Inc.		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-380-0547
Q Link Wireless LLC*		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	855-754-6543
Silver Star Communications*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	877-883-2411
Straight Talk, Total Wireless, Simple Mobile, Walmart Family Mobile, TracFone, Net10, Page Plus & Go Smart*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet, Home Internet	833-333-9227

Utility assistance programs for consumers with limited income

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information

Federal Communications Commission - Affordable Connectivity Program	https://www.fcc.gov/acp	Subsidies for households with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in select assistance programs. Discount of up to $30 / mo. for internet service for eligible households ($75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands). A one-time discount up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50	(877) 384-2575
FCC - Lifeline	https://nv.fcc.gov/lifeline?ln=RW5nbGlzaA%3D%3D	Subisidies for households with income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or participation in select assistance programs. Discount of about $9.25 / mo. For internet service and providers that provide customers devices must have a hotspot requirement of 55%	LifelineSupport@usac.org; (800) 234-9473
Access Wireless	All providers pulled from ISPs in Boise, ID	ACP, Lifeline, Mobile Internet	888-900-5899
Airbridge Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	208-494-4343
AirVoice Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	877-247-7799
Anthem Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	208-677-8000
Assurance Wireless		ACP, Lifeline, Mobile Internet	888-321-5880
AT&T Mobility LLC*		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	866-986-0963
Boost Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-402-7366
Boss Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-689-0617
Cintex Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-931-0141
Comlink Total Solutions Corp		ACP, Mobile Internet	833-526-0200
Connect All		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	206-222-2060
Cox Communication		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	866-439-1289
Cricket Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	844-246-8364
CTC Telecom		ACP, Home Internet	208-229-1000
Dailytel Inc.		ACP, Mobile Internet	883-999-0427
EARTHLINK, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	888-327-8454
Easy Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	877-476-3451
enTouch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	866-488-8719
Excess Telecom		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-615-0898
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company		ACP, Lifeline, Home Internet	208-452-2000
Fidelity Cablevision, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	800-392-8070
Figgers Communication Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home Internet	800-223-5435
FMTI		ACP, Home Internet	208-452-2000
Galaxy Distribution		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	833-942-5299
Gen Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	833-528-1380
Gen Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	833-528-1380
Global Connection Inc. of America		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	800-544-4441
Hello Mobile		ACP, $0 with ACP, Mobile Internet	888-854-3556
Hoop Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	833-367-4667
Hughes Network Systems, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	844-737-2700
human-I-T		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	888-268-3921

Infiniti Mobile		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	214-323-8000
Insight Mobile		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	866-330-0902
Insight Mobile, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	866-330-0902
Integrated Path Communications		ACP, $0 with ACP, Home Internet	888-224-6958
K20 Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	717-400-5573
Life Wireless		ACP, Mobile Internet	888-543-3620
Lingo		ACP, Home Internet	866-405-4646
LTE Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	877-388-2232
Maxsip Telecom Corporation		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home	866-629-7471
Millennium Networks		ACP, Home Internet	877-883-2411
Moolah Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	404-254-6236
Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative		ACP, Lifeline, Home Internet	208-374-5401
NewPhone Wireless, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	855-204-3667
Nez Perce Network Systems		ACP, Home Internet	208-621-3885
North American Local, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	888-247-3903
Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.		ACP, Home Internet	800-624-0082
PCs for People		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	651-354-2552
Prosper Wireless, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	800-611-6206
Q Link Wireless LLC*		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP,	855-754-6543
Rise Broadband		ACP, Home Internet	844-816-9149
RTI		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Home	888-366-7821
Rural4G		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	870-451-0373
SafetyNet Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	888-224-3213
Sage Telecom Communications, LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	800-430-0443
Sano Health LLC		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	866-970-7299
Sarver Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	888-744-8950
Selectel Wireless		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted	877-218-5744
Silver Star Communications*		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices,	877-883-2411
Snapfon		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	800-937-1532
Sparklight		ACP, Home Internet	877-687-1332
Straight Talk, Total Wireless, Simple		ACP, Lifeline, Discounted Devices,	833-333-9227
SWA Connect, LLC		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home	866-350-0222
TDS Metrocom		ACP, Home Internet	888-225-5837
Tempo Telecom, Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	833-998-3676
Ting Internet		ACP, Discounted Devices, Home	844-846-4994
T-Mobile USA, Inc.		ACP, Mobile Internet	888-863-8768
Tone Communication Services LLC		ACP, Mobile Internet	800-515-8182
Torch Wireless		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	1877-998-667
Twigby		ACP, Home Internet	ACP Home Int
U2 CONNECT NOW		ACP, Home Internet	844-679-0909
US Connect		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile	877-732-7987
Viasat		ACP, Home Internet	855-463-9333
White Cloud Networks		ACP, Home Internet	888-959-0222
Whoop Connect Inc.		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	888-200-1076
Wired or Wireless, Inc.		ACP, Home Internet	866-969-8351
Wrazzle, Inc.		ACP, $0 with ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-380-0547
Ziply Fiber		ACP, Lifeline, $0 with ACP, Home Internet	866-699-4759
Zito West Holding, LLC		ACP, Home Internet	800-365-6988
Ztar Mobile, Inc		ACP, Discounted Devices, Mobile Internet	800-416-3003

Provider agreements and contracts that are near expiration (i.e., provide the opportunity for more affordable broadband services)

Program Name	Program Location	Program Activities	Program Contact Information

Public Wi-Fi and Networks			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
Idaho Comission for Libraries - Digital Inclusion	https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d924979a626749be9568a6b3c35c2827	Public Wi-Fi availability at Idaho Libraries	Dylan Baker -- Dylan.Baker@libraries.idaho.gov

Public Access points			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**

Cellular connectivity (Mobile Broadband)			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
Broadband Data Collection	https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/location-summary/mobile	Collection of mobile broadband availability	https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new

Open access middle mile networks			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
IRON	Grangeville to Boise	Middle Mile Grant Program	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board
Port of Lewiston	Grangeville to Lewiston to Moscow	Middle Mile Grant Program	Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

Workforce development training and employment services			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
Idaho LAUNCH	Statewide - broken into six regions	Online career and training research hub that provides employer needs, regional employment snapshots, research and training opportunities	Idaho Worforce Development Council 514 W Jefferson St Ste 131 Boise, ID 83702
Idaho LEADER	Statewide - broken into counties	Work-based learning programs to help individuals gain and understanding of an occupation with on-the-job learning. Ranges from career awareness to traning	Idaho Worforce Development Council 514 W Jefferson St Ste 131 Boise, ID 83702
Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grant	Statewide - partnership between Idaho Business for Education, Idaho Workforce Development Council, Idaho Department of Labor, and Idaho Career Technical Education	Two-pronged strategy. Idaho Business f	Idaho Business for Education 877 W Main St Ste 706 Boise, ID 83702 (208) 287-0140
Next Steps Idaho	Statewide - partnership between Idaho State Board of Education and Idaho's employers	Online job and education board that assist students in finding post-school jobs, upskill, and plan for life after school	Idaho State Board of Education 650 West State St 3rd Fl Boise, ID 83702 (208) 334-2270
Idaho Connect	Statewide - partnership between Idaho State Board of Education, Idaho Workforce Development Council, Idaho Technology Council, and Idaho Business for Education	Online platform that connects students and educators with industry professionals (through a guest speaker portal) who provide and share real-world experiences to help students explore the world of work	Idaho State Board of Education 650 West State St 3rd Fl Boise, ID 83702 (208) 334-2270
Talent Pipeline Management (TPM)	Statewide	A program designed to be a scalable, employer-led solution to close the skills gap in ways that generate shared value and ROI for employers	Idaho Worforce Development Council 514 W Jefferson St Ste 131 Boise, ID 83702
Teacher Externship Program	Statewide - partnership between the Idaho Workforce Development Council and the STEM Action Center	A program that places externs with employers and requires them to complete 200 hours of on-site, experimental learning. Participants earn $5,000 and have the opportunity to earn free professional development credit	Idaho Worforce Development Council 514 W Jefferson St Ste 131 Boise, ID 83702

Technical assistance to support digital inclusion (i.e., Digital Navigators)			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**
Idaho Connect Community Navigator Program	Based in Nampa, ID - but works with communities statewide	A navigator pilot program that is geared towards digital, financial and legal literacy	270 W Georgia Ave Nampa, ID 83686 (208) 996-1570

Civic and volunteer organizations that provide volunteer and advocacy assistance			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**

Taskforces or place based coalitions that work towards digital equity and include a diverse group of stakeholders in the State			
Program Name	**Program Location**	**Program Activities**	**Program Contact Information**

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC SURVEY

Link Up Idaho

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Idaho Internet Access Survey (Public Survey Questions)

to Accompany Speed Test on LinkUp.Idaho.gov

Link Up Idaho through the Idaho Office of Broadband is conducting a statewide public survey to learn about the internet needs of residents. This brief five-minute survey will help identify gap areas in the state for future broadband expansion and digital access efforts. We need your help to ensure all parts of the state are verified. Provided information will only be used by the Idaho Office of Broadband for planning purposes and will never be sold.

1. **Please enter your location:**
   Zip code:
   County:

2. **Is the address above a household, business, or community anchor institution?** (Check one)
   - Household
   - Business
   - Both Household & Business
   - Community Anchor Institution
   - Other (please specify)

3. **Are you currently taking this survey from the address location in question #1?**

4. **Do you have Internet service at the above address?**
   - Yes
   - No

   a. If Yes, who is your service provider?
   - What type of service do you have? (Please select one)
     - Cable
     - Fiber
     - Satellite
     - Mobile Phone Plan
     - DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)
     - Fixed Wireless Antenna
     - Mobile Hotspot
     - I Don't Know

   b. If you answered 'No,' why?

2. **Approximately what download speed do you subscribe to:** (Note: You may need to review your monthly Internet bill to assist in answering this question)
   - Less than 25 Mbps
   - 4-20 Mbps
   - 21-100 Mbps
   - 101-1 Gbps
   - More than 1 Gbps
   - I Don't Know

3. **Approximately what upload speed do you subscribe to:** (Note: You may need to review your monthly Internet bill to assist in answering this question)
   - Less than 25 Mbps
   - 4-20 Mbps
   - 21-100 Mbps
   - 101 Mbps-1 Gbps
   - More than 1 Gbps
   - I Don't Know

4. Do you travel to a different location to use public Wi-Fi?

Yes
No

a. If Yes, please check all that apply:

- Place of Work
- Library
- School/College
- Relative/Friend
- Community Rec/Center
- Church
- Coffee Shop
- Dining Establishment

5. **What devices do you use to connect to the Internet?**
   - Smart Phone
   - Tablet
   - Laptop Computer
   - Desktop Computer
   - Gaming Computer/Consoles
   - Smart TV (Roku, Firestick)
   - Other smart devices (security devices, voice assistants, thermostats, etc.)

   a. **Overall, how satisfied are you with the performance of the Internet you primarily use at your home or business?**
      1. Very Satisfied
      2. Satisfied
      3. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
      4. Dissatisfied

6. **What is the reason you/your household use to the Internet? Please rank in order of importance. (1-9: with 1 being most important to you)**

__ Education
__ Work/Business
__ Healthcare
__ Finance/Banking
__ Entertainment

a. __ Shopping/Product Information
b. __ Communication with Others
c. __ Internet Browsing
d. __ Emergency/Evacuation/Public Safety Information

7. **Which situations below currently apply to members of your household for work and/or school?** *(Please select all that apply)*
   a. Fully virtual (at home every day)
   b. Hybrid (in-person some days, at home some days)
   c. Fully in-person
   d. Not applicable

8. **In a typical DAY, about how many hours are members of your household accessing the internet? Include hours used for work, school, streaming music or TV content, or other uses.**
   - 0
   - 1-4 Hours
   - 5-8 Hours
   - More Than 8 Hours

AFFORDABILITY

9. **Approximately how much does your household or business pay PER MONTH for your internet service (do not include cellular, cable TV, or landline phone service)?** *Note: You may need to review your monthly internet bill to assist in answering this question.*
   - Free

- $1 to $20
- $21 to $40
- $41 to $60
- $61 to $80
- $81 to $100
- More than $100
- I don't know

10. **How do you currently pay for the internet service you primarily use when at home? Select the option that best describes you?**
    a. I have a regular, monthly bill
    b. I pay for service as needed ("Pay as you go")
        1. Other (Please specify)

    c. **If it were available to you, would you be willing to pay more money for faster, more reliable home internet service?**
    d. **Yes**
    e. **No**
    - If 'No': Why would you not be willing to pay more for faster, more reliable home internet service? *Select all that apply.*

__ My current level of internet service fits my needs
__ I cannot afford to pay more
__ I do not think faster internet is worth paying more money
__ I am worried about losing the value of my bundled services
__ Internet service is not very important to me
__ Other (Please specify)

- If 'Yes': How much more per month would you expect to pay for a faster internet service (that is, internet service that meets your needs as you define them.)? Select the best option that most closely matches your expectation.
  __ $5 more
  __ $10 more
  __ $25 more
  __ $50 more
  __ $75 more
  __ $100 more
  __ $More than $100

BARRIERS TO CONNECTIVITY

11. **What barriers exist to upgrading your internet service?** *(Select all that apply)*
    - Service with a faster connection at my home/business is not available
    - I cannot afford a faster connection at my home/business
    - No barriers exist
    - Other (Please specify)

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

12. **How do you most often access local news and community information?** *(Select all that apply)*
    - Radio
    - Local TV
    - National TV
    - Websites (Other than social media)
    - Social media
    - Print media (e.g., Newspapers

13. **Do you have children under 18 in your household?**
    - Yes
    - No
    - Prefer not to answer

14. **Do you have adults over 65 in your household?**
    - Yes
    - No
    - Prefer not to answer

15. **How many people currently live in your household?**
    - 1
    - 2
    - 3
    - 4
    - 5+

16. **Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you from fully using and accessing the internet?**
    - Yes
    - No

17. **What is your current housing situation?**
    - Own a Home
    - Rent a Home
    - Rent an Apartment
    - Retirement Community/Home
    - Unhoused or no Fixed Address
    - Other (Please specify) _______________

18. **Which of the following best describes your 2022 household income?**
    - Less than $25,000
    - $25,000 to $49,999
    - $50,000 to $74,999
    - $75,000 to $99,999
    - $100,000 or more
    - Prefer not to answer

19. **How do you identify yourself?** *(Select all that apply)*
    - American Indian or Alaska Native
    - Black or African American
    - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
    - Asian
    - Hispanic/Latino/a/x
    - Middle Eastern or North African
    - White
    - Other (Please specify)
    - Prefer not to answer

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!

For questions or comments, please contact Link Up Idaho at XXXXXXXX@XXXXXXX.XXX or call XXX-XXX-XXXX.

APPENDIX D

NTIA ENGAGEMENT TRACKER

Local Coordination Documentation Tracker

Purpose of this Resource

The NOFOs for both the Broadband, Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Program and the Digital Equity Act Programs include requirements for local coordination. This tracker is intended to serve as resource that will support applicants in documenting required local coordination and outreach activities for both programs. Use the tabs of this spreadsheet to track stakeholders, activities, local plans, and feedback and comments. Customize the categories to fit your needs as you begin local coordination activities.

Tracker Contents

Tab	Description	Related BEAD NOFO Requirements	Related Digital Equity NOFO Requirements
List of Organizations	Area to document and record each organization and stakeholder group engaged and the purpose of the engagement	*Local coordination efforts of each Eligible Entity must include diverse stakeholders from Tribal, rural, suburban, and urban areas to the extent applicable*	*Each State Digital Equity Plan must include a coordination and outreach strategy that addresses engagement with representatives of each category of covered populations within the State and with the full range of stakeholders within the State*
Stakeholder Engagement Tracker	Area to document each meeting held with stakeholder groups, including information on meeting attendees and action items resulting from engagement activities	*Each Eligible Entity must document its local coordination and outreach activities by providing a detailed description of their efforts to engage local governments, community groups, union and worker organizations, Tribal Governments, and underrepresented populations*	
Local Plans	Area to document any plans submitted to the Eligible Entity or existing plans/programs instituted by municipal, regional, or local governments and/or Tribal Entities, as well as notes on how these plans will be incorporated into the Five-Year Action Plan or State Digital Equity Plan	*Each political subdivision and federally recognized Tribe must be given an opportunity to submit its own local broadband plan to the Eligible Entity for consideration in the development of the Eligible Entity's Proposals. Each Eligible Entity must detail how it addressed each submitted plan in each relevant Proposal*	*Each State Digital Equity Plan must include a description of how local, municipal, regional, and/or Tribal digital equity plans will be incorporated into the State Digital Equity Plan*
Public Comment Disclosure	Area to document any comments submitted on the BEAD Five-Year Action Plan or State Digital Equity Plan and notes on how these comments will be addressed	*Each political subdivision and federally recognized Tribe must be given an opportunity to comment on the Proposals of the Eligible Entity*	*Each category of covered populations and the full range of stakeholders within the State must be given opportunities for public comment on the State Digital Equity Plan*

Description of Categories

Category	Description
Program	It is recommended that all local coordination, stakeholder engagement, and outreach - including with Tribal and Native Entities - is coordinated early on and completed in tandem for both the BEAD and State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program to fufill the requirements of both programs. When documenting local coordination activities, applicants should indicate in the tracker if the stakeholder group or the coordination activity is related to a specific program or to both programs.
Organization Type	Organizations and stakeholder groups may include, but are not limited to, community anchor institutions, county and municipal governments, nonprofit organizations, civil rights organizations, educational agencies, workforce development organizations, public housing authorities, Tribal governments, Alaska Native Entities, Native Hawaiian organizations, labor organizations and unions, faith-based organizations, higher education institutions (including HBCUs, MSIs, and community colleges), Internet service providers, public utilities commissions, economic development organizations, and advocacy groups.
Covered Populations	Covered populations for the Digital Equity Act program include: 1) Individuals who live in covered households; 2) Aging Individuals; 3) Incarcerated Individuals, other than individuals who are incarcerated in a Federal correctional facility; 4) Veterans; 5) Individuals with disabilities; 6) Individuals with a language barrier, including individuals who are English learners and have low levels of literacy; 7) Individuals who are membmers of a racial or ethnic minority group; and 8) Individuals who reside primarily in a rural area

Local Coordination List of Organizations and Stakeholders

Organization/Stakeholder Name	Type of Organization (Use NTIA-provided drop down list for each entry)	Meeting/Engagement Purpose (Select the NTIA-provided purpose that best matches. If you select "Other," please specify in the notes)	Notes (Include any notes or clarifications regarding your previous responses)	Link to the organization's website (if applicable)
4th Street Wellness	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
67MEJfox		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Adam Day, Twin Falls Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.twinfallspubliclibrary.org/
AFC Finishing Systems	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.afc-ca.com/
Air Bridge, David McKnight	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	
Airbridge Broadband	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Airbridge Broadband	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Alex Barta		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Alexandra Winkler, City of Boise	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.cityofboise.org/
Alexandra Winkler, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Allison Maier (she/her)		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Altura Community Consulting & Business Finance aka East Central Idaho Planning and Development Assoc	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.thedevco.net/about-us/
Amanda Collins		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Amber Smyer, City of Rexburg	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Amber Smyer, University of Idaho Extension	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.uidaho.edu/extension
Amelia Valasek	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Amelia Valasek, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
American Lending Center, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://americanlendingcenter.com/
American Lending Center, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://americanlendingcenter.com/
Amy Bornhorst		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Amy Fox, Experis	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.experis.com/en
Amy Fox, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Amy Luginbill, Idaho Community Health Center Association	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	http://www.idahopca.org/home
Andrew Mentzer, Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://oemr.idaho.gov/
Andrew Strebel, Idaho State Correctional Institution (ISCI)	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Andy Emerson, MHSolutions	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.mhsolutions.com/
Andy Emerson, Project Mutual Telephone Assn.(PMT)	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Anette Spickard (McCall)		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Angela Edwards-Kuskie, Clearwater Economic Development Association	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://clearwater-eda.org/
Angela Lindig		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Angela Siefer, Advanced Stream	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Angela Siefer, National Digital Inclusion Alliance	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.digitalinclusion.org/
Anna Guida, Kaniksu Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://kaniksu.com/
Anne Wilder Chamberlin	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
ASL Interpreter | Leah		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Association of Idaho Cities	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahocities.org/page/About
Association of Idaho Cities	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahocities.org/page/About
Association of Idaho-Based Internet Service Providers (AIISP)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
ATC Communications, Entry 1	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
ATC Communications, Entry 2	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
ATC Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
ATC Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Atlas Strategic Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Attendee no name - 4159773858	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Avista Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Bailey Woolf, Benn Brocksome and Associates	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://bennbrocksomeandassociates.com/
Bailey Woolf, City of Boise	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.cityofboise.org/
Bailie Weir		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Barbara Waite		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Benewah County	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://www.benewahcountyid.gov/
Benn Brocksome, Benn Brocksome and Associates	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://bennbrocksomeandassociates.com/
Benn Brocksome, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Blackfoot Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boise State University, Attendee 1	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boise State University, Attendee 2	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boise State University, Attendee 3	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boise State University, Attendee 4	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boise State University, Attendee 5	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Boundary Economic Development Council	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://boundaryedc.com/
Bradley Petersen, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://co.madison.id.us/
Bradley Petersen, Silver Star Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.silverstar.com/
Brandon Glauner, College and Career Readiness	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://quondam.csi.edu/dir.asp?bglauner
Brandon Glauner, Wired or Wireless Inc		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Brandon Reidhaar, Branched Roots	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://branchedroots.com/
Brent Stacey, Idaho Regional Optical Network	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.ironforidaho.net/
Brett Schwarz, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Brooke Green, State of Idaho	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idaho.gov/
Brooke Allen, Direct Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://directcom.com/idaho/
Brooke Allen, Idahoans for Safe Tech	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Bruce Patterson, EntryPoint Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.entpnt.com/
Bruce Patterson, Idaho Department of Correction	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.idoc.idaho.gov/
Bruneau/Grand View Superintendent	Local Education Agency	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	https://www.sd365.us/Home
Butte County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	https://www.idaho.gov/counties/butte/
Butte County Economic Development	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://butte-edc.com/
Buy Idaho, Attendee 1	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.buyidaho.org/
Buy Idaho, Attendee 2	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.buyidaho.org/
Cable One	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Cable One (a.k.a. Sparklight)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Caitlin Kling		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Caitlin Kling, Intermax Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://intermaxnetworks.com/
Caitlin Kling, Nez Perce Tribe	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://nezperce.org/
Camas County	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	http://camascounty.id.gov/
Cambridge Economic Taskforce, Attendee 1	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.cambridge.id.gov/
Cambridge Economic Taskforce, Attendee 2	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.cambridge.id.gov/
Cambridge Telephone Company	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://ctcweb.net/
Candy Clark Realtor	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.silvercreekrealty.com/agents/222626-Candy-Clark/
Canyon County, Attendee 1	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/
Canyon County, Attendee 2	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/
Canyon County, Attendee 3	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/
Canyon County, Attendee 4	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov/
Carl Crabtree, Idaho STEM Action Center	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://stem.idaho.gov/
Carl Crabtree, State of Idaho	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idaho.gov/
Carmen Achabal, Idaho Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Cascade Chamber and North Shore Lodge	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.cascadechamber.com/north-shore-lodge/
CaseyGirl Designs	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.caseygirldesigns.com/
Caty Solace, Idaho Workforce Development Council	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://wdc.idaho.gov/
Celynda Roach, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Celynda Roach, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Charter Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Charter Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Charter Communications, Stafford Strong	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	
Chelsea Summerlin - Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) (she/her)	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Chip Hull, Syringa Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.syringanetworks.net/
Chloe		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Chris Curtin		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Chris Curtin, City of McCall	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.mccall.id.us/
Chris Curtin, Imagine Idaho Foundation	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.imagineidaho.org/
Chris St Germaine, Fatbeam	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Chris St Germaine, Ziply Fiber	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ziplyfiber.com/
Chris Walker, NoaNet	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.noanet.net/
Chris Walker, Vickery IT	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.vickeryit.com/
Christina Culver, Imagine Idaho	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.imagineidaho.org/
Christina Mangiapani, Idaho Transportation Department	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://itd.idaho.gov/
Christina Mangiapani, Port of Lewiston	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://portoflewiston.com/
Cindy Fisher# TX		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
City of Carey	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Cascade	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Eagle, Economic Development	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Emmett	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
City of Middleton, Attendee 1	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Middleton, Attendee 2	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of New Meadows	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette, Attendee 1	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette, Attendee 2	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette, Attendee 3	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette, Attendee 4	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Payette, Attendee 5	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Weiser	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Weiser	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Weiser, Attendee 1	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
City of Weiser, Attendee 2	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Clay Long, Idaho Division of Career Technical Education	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://cte.idaho.gov/
Clearwater County Economic Development	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Clearwater Economic Development Association	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Cody Allred, Direct Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Cody Allred, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Coleman# Blake		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Colleen R - Shoshone Co. ID	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
College of Law	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
College of Western Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Communications Workers of America (CWA)	Workforce Development Organization	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://cwa-union.org/
Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation, Attendee 1	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation, Attendee 2	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Congressman Mike Simpson	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Copeland custom sawmilling llc	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Cortnie Brown, Benn Brocksome and Associates	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://bennbrocksomeandassociates.com/
Cortnie Brown, Meridian Library District	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.mld.org/
Cox Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Coyle# Caitlin		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
COMMUNITY RESOURCE ENVISION CENTER CREC	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.crecidaho.com/
Cresta Craner		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Crystal Hottowe, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
Crystal Hottowe, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Crystal Rodgers, Elmore County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.elmoreco.org/
Crystal Rodgers, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Curtis Bennett, Eminent Technical Solutions	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.etscorp.com/
Curtis Bennett, HDR	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.hdrinc.com/
Custer Telephone	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Custer Telephone Cooperative, J.D. Bennetts	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	
D.L. Evans Bank	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
danee.white		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Daniel		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Daniel Parrish		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Daniel Parrish, Direct Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://directcom.com/idaho/
Daniel Torres, City of Meridian	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://meridiancity.org/
Daniel Torres, Horrocks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.horrocks.net/
Daniel Vogt, Idaho Department of Education	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/
DaveT		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
David DeHaas		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
David DeHaas, David DeHaas	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	
David DeHaas, Idaho Community Health Center Association	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
David McKnight, AirBridge Broadband	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://airbridgebroadband.com/
David McKnight, Port of Lewiston	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
David Sims		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Deana Brown, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Deb Fuglie, Experis		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Deb Fuglie, Solarity, a HealthTech Solutions Company	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	
Debbie Critchfield, State of Idaho	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idaho.gov/
Deidre B Marketing LLC	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Derek Ramos, Ada Community Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	http://www.adalib.org/
Derek Ramos, Indigenous Idaho Alliance	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.indigenousidalliance.org/
Diane Wheeler	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
DIGB2 & CEDA	Economic Development	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://clearwater-eda.org/
Direct Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Direct Communications	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Dirk Mendive - Congressman Fulcher's Office	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
District Interoperability Governance Board (DIGB)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	https://ioem.idaho.gov/ipscc/digb-information/
Donald Powell, City of St. Anthony	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	http://www.cityofstanthony.org/
Donald Powell, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Donna Callahan - ID		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Doug Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Doug Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Earth Economics	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.eartheconomics.org/
Economic Development Administration	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Economic Opportunity by Jannus	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.eojannus.org/
Elijah Zeida, AirBridge Broadband	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://airbridgebroadband.com/
Elijah Zeida, Benn Brocksome and Associates	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://bennbrocksomeandassociates.com/
Elizabeth Ramsey, Boise State University, Albertsons Library	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.boisestate.edu/
Elmore County ED Pro	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.elmoreco.org/board-of-education
Empower Idaho, a program of Jannus, Inc., Anna Guida	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.empoweridaho.org/
Entry Points Networks	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
ENW	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Eric Hodge, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Eric Hodge, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Eric Beightel, HDR	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.hdrinc.com/
Eric Beightel, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Eric Forsch, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
Eric Forsch, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Eric Peterson	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Eric Smallwood, Nampa Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Eric Smallwood, White Cloud Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://whitecloudcom.com/
Eric Ziegenfuss, AirBridge Broadband	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Eric Ziegenfuss, City of Eagle	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.cityofeagle.org/
Erica Compton, Communication Workers of America local 7603	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Erica Compton, Idaho STEM Action Center	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://stem.idaho.gov/
Erik Springer, White Cloud Communications, Inc.	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://whitecloudcom.com/
Ethos Design + Remodel | Build, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://ethosdesignremodel.com/
Ethos Design + Remodel | Build, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://ethosdesignremodel.com/
ETS	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://www.etscorp.com/
ETS, Jacob Johnson		Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	
Evan Feinman, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
Evan Feinman, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Ewa Szewczyk, City of Mountain Home	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Ewa Szewczyk, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
FARE Idaho	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.fareidaho.org/
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Fatbeam	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Four County Alliance of SE Idaho	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.fourcasi.org/
Frances Goli, Idahoans For Safe Technology	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Frances Goli, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sbtribes.com/
Friends of the Weiser River Trail	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://weiserrivertrail.org/
FyberCom	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
gcurt		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
George Swanson, FyberCom	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://fybercom.net/
George Swanson, Horrocks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.horrocks.net/
Gina Day, Patricia Romanko Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://parma.lili.org/
Google Pixel 6a		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Governor's Office	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Graham Taylor		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Guy Cherp		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Hamilton West Real Estate,LLC	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Hank Allen, Idaho Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Hank Allen, Idahoans for Safe Tech	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idahoansforsafetechnology.org/
Heidi Nash, College of Western Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://cwi.edu/
Heidi Nash, Idaho Power		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
House of Representatives	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children AEYC, Attendee 1	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoaeyc.org/about
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children AEYC, Attendee 2	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoaeyc.org/about
Idaho and Drug Enforcement Administration	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.dea.gov/divisions/seattle
Idaho Cable Broadband Assoc.	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Idaho Cable Broadband Association (ICBA)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 1	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 2	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 3	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 4	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 5	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 6	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commerce, Attendee 7	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commission for Libraries, Attendee 1	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commission for Libraries, Attendee 2	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Commission on the Arts	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://arts.idaho.gov/
Idaho Community Reinvestment Corp	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahocommunityreinvestment.org/about/
Idaho Community Reinvestment Corporation	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahocommunityreinvestment.org/about/
Idaho Connect Staff	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoconnect.org/
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Department of Commerce-Tourism Development	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Department of Labor	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Department of Labor	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Department of Labor	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahofb.org/
Idaho Heritage Trust	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoheritagetrust.org/
Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Attendee 1	Hispanic-serving Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohcc.net/
Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Attendee 2	Hispanic-serving Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohcc.net/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 1	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 2	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 3	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 4	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 5	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 6	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 7	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 8	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Attendee 9	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohousing.com/about/
Idaho Humanities, Attendee 1	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohumanities.org/
Idaho Humanities, Attendee 2	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahohumanities.org/
Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://www.idahohunger.org/
Idaho Legislator	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho National Laboratory	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://inl.gov/
Idaho Nonprofit Center, Attendee 1	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahononprofits.org/
Idaho Nonprofit Center, Attendee 2	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahononprofits.org/
Idaho Nonprofit Center, Attendee 3	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahononprofits.org/
Idaho Outreach Medicine	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Partners for Good	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahopartners4good.org/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 1	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 2	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 3	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 4	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 5	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 6	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 7	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 8	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 9	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 10	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 11	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 12	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 13	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 14	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 15	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Partnership, Attendee 16	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://irp.idaho.gov/about_irp/
Idaho Rural Water Association, Attendee 1	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoruralwater.com/
Idaho Rural Water Association, Attendee 2	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoruralwater.com/
Idaho Rural Water Association, Attendee 3	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoruralwater.com/
Idaho Small Business Development Center, Attendee 1	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahosbdc.org/about-the-idaho-sbdc/
Idaho Small Business Development Center, Attendee 2	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://idahosbdc.org/about-the-idaho-sbdc/
Idaho State Department of Education	Local Education Agency	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Idaho State Dept of Agriculture	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://agri.idaho.gov/main/
Idaho State University	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.isu.edu/
Idaho State University Advancement	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.isu.edu/
Idaho State University Community Health Worker Training Program, Attendee	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.isu.edu/
Idaho State University Community Health Worker Training Program, Attendee	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.isu.edu/
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 1	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 2	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 3	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 4	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 5	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 6	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 7	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho STEM Action Center, Attendee 8	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Telecom Alliance (ITA)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Idaho Transportation Department	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Transportation Department	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Attendee 1	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoveterans.org/
Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Attendee 2	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahoveterans.org/
Idaho Voices for Children, a program of Jannus, Inc.	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahovoices.org/
Idaho Women's Business Center	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahowomen.org/
Idaho Workforce Development Council	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://wdc.idaho.gov/
Idahoans For Safe Technology, Kim Goff	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idahoansforsafetechnology.org/
Ida-Lew Economic Development Council	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://www.ida-lew.org/
IDeal - Idaho's 529 College Savings Program, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idsaves.org/
IDeal - Idaho's 529 College Savings Program, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idsaves.org/
Imagine Idaho	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	https://www.imagineidaho.org/
Imagine Idaho	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://www.imagineidaho.org/
Imagine Idaho, Christina Culver	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	https://www.imagineidaho.org/
Indigenous Idaho Alliance	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.indigenousidalliance.org/
Inland Cellular	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Insight Counseling & Therapy	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	http://www.insightcounselingtherapy.com/
Intermax Networks	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	https://intermaxnetworks.com/
Intermax Networks	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://intermaxnetworks.com/
Intermax Networks, Mike Kennedy	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public	https://intermaxnetworks.com/
Internal Revenue Service, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Internal Revenue Service, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
IRON, Entry 1	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
IRON, Entry 2	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Idaho State University	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Idaho Women's Business Center East Director, Attendee 1	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahowomen.org/
Idaho Women's Business Center Staff, Attendee 2	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahowomen.org/
Idaho Women's Business Center Staff, Attendee 3	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahowomen.org/
Idaho Women's Business Center Staff, Attendee 4	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.idahowomen.org/

JJ Saldana, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs	Hispanic-serving Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://icha.idaho.gov/
Jody Opheim		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Joe Nelson, Airbridge Broadband	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://airbridgebroadband.com/
John Stuart, MTE Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://mtecom.net/
John Vander Woude		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Jolie Turek		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	
Jolie Turek, City of Meridian	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
JUB Engineers	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://web.jub.com/
Julia Pulidindi# NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Julie Hart, Capstone Government Relations	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://capstonegovernmentrelations.com/
Julie Hart, College of Western Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Justin Miller, Association of Idaho Cities	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://idahocities.org/
Justin Miller, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ruconengineers.com/
Justin Stephens, DataTel	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.datatel-systems.com/
Justin Stephens, Ziply Fiber	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Justin Vickery, Verizon	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Justin Vickery, Vickery IT	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.vickeryit.com/
Karen Appelgren, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Karen Appelgren, Risch Pisca	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Karen Sander, HDR Engineering, Inc.	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.hdrinc.com/
Karma Fitzgerald, Lincoln County Legacy Project	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.lincolncountylegacyproject.com/
Katherine Bates, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Katherine Bates, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
Kathie LaFortune, City of Emmett	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Kathie LaFortune, Latah County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://latahcountyid.gov/
Kathy Kent-Oneida County Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Katie Williams		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Kelley Packer, Association of Idaho Cities	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://idahocities.org/
Kendra Witt-Doyle, Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.bcidahofoundation.org/
Kim Glineski, College and Career Readiness		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Kim Glineski, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Kim Goff, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Kinect Capital	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://kinectcapital.org/about-us/
Krista Baker, CEDA	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://clearwater-eda.org/
Kristen Jensen, Great Rift Business Development Organization	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.greatriftbusinessdevelopment.com/
Kristen Jensen, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Laine Amoureux# CPWA		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Landon Farr, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ruconengineers.com/
Landon Farr, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://ruconengineers.com/
Larry Ashcraft, AARP	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://states.aarp.org/idaho/
Latah County	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	https://latahcountyid.gov/
Laurel Caldwell, ETS		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Laurel Caldwell, Latah County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://latahcountyid.gov/
Leah McElwee, Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://cdhh.idaho.gov/
Leah.mcelwee		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://lhtac.org/
Lift Local Idaho	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.liftlocalidaho.org/about
Linda Culver - Congressman Mike Simpson ID02	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Lindsay Johansson		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Lindsey Harris, West Central Mountain Economic Development Council	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://wcmedc.org/
Lindsey Pettyjohn, Garden City Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.gardencitypl.org/
Living in the News, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://livinginthenews.com/
Living in the News, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://livinginthenews.com/
LOR Foundation	Foundation	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://lorfoundation.org/communities/idaho/
Lumen (a.k.a. CenturyLink)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	
Lynn Fyanes Idaho Commission on Aging	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Mary DeWalt, Ada Community Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	http://www.adalib.org/
Mathers Farr, MHSolutions		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Mathers Farr, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ruconengineers.com/
Matt Borud, Gooding County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Matt Borud, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Matthew Thomsen, Idaho Workforce Development Council	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://wdc.idaho.gov/
Megan Ronk		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Mel Leviton, Idaho State Independent Living Council	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://silc.idaho.gov/
Melissa King, Avista Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Melissa King, Nez Perce Tribe	Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://nezperce.org/
Melissa Piccoli, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Melissa Piccoli, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
MHollenbeck@csi.edu		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Michael Strickland , DataTel	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Michael Strickland , Idaho Commission For Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://libraries.idaho.gov/
Michael Baker International	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mbakerintl.com/en/
Michael Baker International	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mbakerintl.com/en/
Michaella Franklin Security L.L.C, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://michaellafranklinsecurity.com/about-us/
Michaella Franklin Security L.L.C, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://michaellafranklinsecurity.com/about-us/
Michell Morton, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://ntia.gov/
Michell Morton, RuCon Engineers	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Michelle Armstrong, Albertsons Library	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.boisestate.edu/
Michelle Armstrong, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Mike Kennedy, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Mike Kennedy, Intermax Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://intermaxnetworks.com/
Mike Knittel, City of Emmett	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.cityofemmett.org/
Mike Knittel, Intermax Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Mike Sloan, Nampa Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://nampalibrary.org/
Mike Sloan, National Digital Inclusion Alliance	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.digitalinclusion.org/
Mitchell Shook, Advanced Stream	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	
Mitchell Shook, Donnelly Public Library Distri	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
MoFi, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.mofi.org/
MoFi, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.mofi.org/
MoFi, Attendee 3	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.mofi.org/
Molly Pollastrini-DACNW Lewiston Ofc	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Monica Hampton, Butte County Idaho	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.buttecountyid.us/butte-county/
Monica Hampton, Communication Workers of America local 7603	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Mouaddah# Akram		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Mountain Waterworks, a Merrick Company	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mountainwtr.com/
MTE Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mtecom.net/
MTE Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mtecom.net/
MTE Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://mtecom.net/
Natasha Tattersall, Syringa Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.syringanetworks.net/
Nathan Murray, Idaho Power	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.idahopower.com/
Nathan Murray, NTIA	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
NeighborWorks Boise, Attendee 1	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NeighborWorks Boise, Attendee 2	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NeighborWorks Boise, Attendee 3	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NeighborWorks Boise, Attendee 4	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NeighborWorks Boise, Attendee 5	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NeighborWorks Pocatello, Attendee 6	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nwboise.org/
NewWest Community Capital, Attendee 1	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://newwestcapital.org/#welcome
NewWest Community Capital, Attendee 2	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://newwestcapital.org/#welcome
Nicholas Stallings		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Nicole Davis, City of McCall	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Nicole Davis, Idaho Community Health Center Association	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	http://www.idahopca.org/home
Nimiipuu Community Development Fund	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://nimiipuufund.org/about/
Norman Miller, Patwa Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	
North Idaho Native Fund	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.northidahonativefund.org/
Northwest Nazarene University - Center for Professional Development	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.nnu.edu/
Northwest Real Estate Capital Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.nwrecc.org/mission-statement/
Office of Energy and Mineral Resources	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://oemr.idaho.gov/
One Palouse	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://onepalouse.org/
Owyhee County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://owyheecounty.net/
Owyhee Produce	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://owyheeproduce.com/about/
Owyhee Produce	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://owyheeproduce.com/about/
PA student	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Paige Olsen- South Valley Economic Development Center (SVEDC)	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	https://www.svedc.org/about-us/
Paul Desaulniers, David DeHaas		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Paul Desaulniers, Syringa Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.syringanetworks.net/
paul kimmell, Avista Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.myavista.com/
paul kimmell, Intermax Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Paul Petersen, EntryPoint Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Paul Petersen, Silver Star Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.silverstar.com/
Paul Sorensen		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Paula Kellerer, Idaho Business for Education	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://idahobe.org/
Payette County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.payettecounty.org/
Peter Hawkes, Capstone Government Relations	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Peter Hawkes, USDA-RUS-Telecom	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs
PMT	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://pmt.org/
Port of Lewiston, Entry 1	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Port of Lewiston, Entry 2	County or Municipal Government	Plan Development	Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application	
Post Falls Chamber of Commerce	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://postfallschamber.org/
Promote Payette Idaho Inc	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Public Solutions Northwest	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://publicsolutionsnw.com/
Rachael Masaitis, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/
Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://commerce.idaho.gov/
Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, USDA-RUS-Telecom	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs
Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.rcac.org/
Rebecca Wood, Lincoln County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://lincolncountyid.us/
Rep. Mike Simpson	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Rich Sykes, City of Mountain Home	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://mountain-home.us/
Rich Sykes, FyberCom	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Richelle Tierney, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://icdd.idaho.gov/
Rick Aman, College of Eastern Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://cei.edu/
Rick Aman, Idaho Department of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
rklaus		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Robert Beachler, Idaho Transportation Department	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://itd.idaho.gov/
Robert Anderst, College of Eastern Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Robert Anderst, Risch Pisca	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.rischpisca.com/
Robert McQuade, AirBridge Broadband		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Robert McQuade, Association of Idaho Cities	Industry Representative or Association (501c6)	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://idahocities.org/
Rogue Credit Union	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.roguecu.org/
Ron Rembelski, Ada Community Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Ron Rembelski, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://fmtc.com/
Route Networking Group	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.routenetworking.com/
Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.rcac.org/
Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.rcac.org/
Rural Development Initiatives	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://rdiinc.org/
Rural Development Initiatives	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://rdiinc.org/
Rural Development Initiatives	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://rdiinc.org/
Rural Economic Development Services	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	
Russ Young, Sparklight	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.sparklight.com/
Ryan Gravette		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Ryan Green		Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - virtual	
Ryan Green, Kaniksu Networks	Other	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://kaniksu.com/
Ryan Green, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Ryan Zimmerle, City of Eagle	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/16/22	
Ryan Zimmerle, Ednetics, Inc.	Local Education Agency	Community Outreach	Idaho Local Coordination Workshop Event - 11/15/22	https://www.ednetics.com/about/
Saint Alphonsus Health System, Attendee 1	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.saintalphonsus.org/about-us/
Saint Alphonsus Health System, Attendee 2	Health or Telehealth Organization (Direct Service and Policy	Community Outreach	Idaho Rural Success Summit	https://www.saintalphonsus.org/about-us/

Paul Kimmell, Aerius Corporation	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Reed Hepler, College of Southern Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	College of Southern Idaho																							
Cindy Bigler, Gooding Public Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://gooding.lili.org/					x																		
Seth Harrington, Department of Labor	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop															x	x								
Liesl Scharnhausen, Stanley Community Library	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://stanley.lili.org/					x																		
Guy Cherp, Cox Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Randy Mead, Oregon Idaho Utilities	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	http://oiutelecom.net/																							
Frances Goli, SBT	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Chris Curtin, City of McCall	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://www.mccall.id.us/													x										
George Swanson, FyberCom	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Jonathan Lord, College of Southern Idaho - Twin Falls, ID	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop								x																
Kyle Bradshaw, ATC Communications	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Becky Crofts, City of Middleton	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://middleton.id.gov/													x										
Melissa Hamilton, University of Idaho extension	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop								x																
Andrew Strebel, Idaho Department of Correction	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																				x				
Stephanie Bailey-White, Idaho Commission for Libraries	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop						x																		
Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez, Idaho Dept. of Commerce	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop															x									
Alex Barta, Timber Plus	Economic Development	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://cmsmichamber.org/member/timber-plus/																							
Jerry Piper, Cambridge Telephone Company	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Gewel Richardson, Michael Baker International	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Monica Hampton, University of Idaho	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop								x																
Ellen Bartlett, Framing Our Community, Inc.	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://www.framingourcommunity.org/																							
Bradley Petersen, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://co.madison.id.us/													x										
Joy Nielson, Joy Nielson Community Planning Consultant for Dayton Idaho	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Joachim Hochwaldo, Silverdig LLC	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Todd Smith, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://co.madison.id.us/													x										
Deneiva Knight, Gemcom	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Jenni Gudepatt, Boise State University	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop								x																
Danielle Homer, Public Solutions Northwest (PSNW)	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://publicsolutionsnw.com/																							
Charity Strong, Public Solutions Northwest (PSNW)	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://publicsolutionsnw.com/																							
Emilie Bannister, Idaho Relay	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://hamiltonrelay.com/idaho/services.html																	x			x	x		
Emilie's ASL Interpreter, Idaho Relay	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://hamiltonrelay.com/idaho/services.html																	x			x	x		
Meghan Rodgers, Michael Baker International	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Christina Carter, Imagine Idaho Foundation	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Peter Hawkes, USDA-RUS Telecom	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop										x														
Erin Olsen, Council for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CDHH)	Organization that Represents Covered Populations	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																		x			x			
Dustin Parkinson, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop														x										
Kristen Jensen, Great Rift Business Development Organization	Nonprofit Organization (501c3)	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	https://www.greatriftbusinessdevelopment.com/																							
Victor Watson	Other	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																								
Paul Sorensen, Madison County	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop														x										
Jeremiah Clever, Communication Workers of America Local 7803	Workforce Development Organization	Community Outreach	Readying Rural Idaho Workshop																x								
City of Burley/Mark Mitton	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://burleyidaho.org/													x										
Jerome County/Ben Crouch	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.jeromecountyid.us/													x										
Jerome County/Cody Wiesbaur	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.jeromecountyid.us/													x										
Jerome County/Desea Lanze	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.jeromecountyid.us/													x										
Shoshone County/Rebecca Wood	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://shoshonecounty.id.gov/													x										
Shoshone County/Dan Pierson	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://shoshonecounty.id.gov/													x										
Shoshone County/Tom Naylor	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://shoshonecounty.id.gov/													x										
Shoshone County/Leav'en Heidt	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://shoshonecounty.id.gov/													x										
Gooding County/Susan Bolton	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.goodingcounty.org/													x										
Gooding County/Ronal Buhler	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.goodingcounty.org/													x										
Gooding County/Mark Bolduc	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.goodingcounty.org/													x										
Gooding County/Denise Gill	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://www.goodingcounty.org/													x										
City of Fairfield/Travis Kramer	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour 4/28/23	https://cityoffairfieldidaho.com/													x										
City of New Meadows/Julie Good	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - New Meadows 5/4/23	https://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/													x										
City of New Meadows/Kyla Sanders	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - New Meadows 5/4/23	https://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Wes Lester	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Tonya Kennedy	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Joe Sizemore	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Krista Baker	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Jerry Zumalt	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Josh Lowderm	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Grangeville/Shailynn Consent	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Grangeville 5/5/23	http://grangeville.us/													x										
City of Kooskia/Don Coffman	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Kooskia 5/5/23	https://cityofkooskia.org/home													x										
City of Kamiah/Justin McLeod	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Kamiah 5/5/23	https://cityofkamiah.org/about-us													x										
City of Kamiah/Jason Davis	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Kamiah 5/5/23	https://cityofkamiah.org/about-us													x										
City of Cottonwood/Denis Duman	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Cottonwood 5/5/23														x										
City of Coeur d' Alene Tribe/Valeria Fast Horse	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Couer d' Alene 5/8/23	https://www.cdaid.org/													x										
Nez Perce Tribe/Melissa King	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Couer d' Alene 5/8/23	https://www.cdaid.org/													x										
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes/Frances Goli	County or Municipal Government	Community Outreach	Commissioner Meeting - Couer d' Alene 5/8/23	https://www.cdaid.org/													x										
Washington State Broadband Office/Erika Henry	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23															x									
Cowlitz Tribe/Dan Meyer	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Lummi Nation Tribal Court/Kirk Vanish	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Mark Vasconi	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes/Mark Couture	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Washington State Broadband Office/Tim Valandra	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23															x									
JR Walters	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Makah Tribe/Nate Tyler	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Makah Tribe/Ryland Bowechup	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Fort Belknap Indian Community, MT/Terry Brockie	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
WSBO/Yakama/Andy Alden	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
LaTulla Board	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Colville Tribes/Tiffany Click	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Nez Perce Tribe/Melissa King	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes/Frances Goli	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes/Lee Jman Tyler	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
NTIA/Eric Forsch	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Idaho Commission fo Libraries/Chelsea Summerlin	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23						x																		
Idaho Broadband/R. Hobdey-Sanchez	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Idaho Broadband/Gewel Richardson	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
CDA Tribe THPO	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23														x								x	x	x
Yakama Nation General Council Secretary/Ned Tillequots	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23	https://www.yakama.com/about/general-council/													x								x	x	x
Washington State Broadband Office/Brittany Pauley	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/8/23																								
Idaho Broadband/Gewel Richardson	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - WA State Engagement 5/9/23																								
Ziply Fiber/Chris St. Germaine	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23										x														
Nez Perce Tribe/Melissa King	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
Idaho Broadband/Adam Haas	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
Idaho Office of Broadband/Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
CDA Tribe GIS/IT/Camron Johnson	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
IT Director CDA Tribe/Valerie Fasthorse	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
WSU Ext./Dan Fagerli		Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes/Frances Goli	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes/Lee Juan Tyler	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes/Mark Couture	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
FCC/Derik Goatson	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
WA State Broadband Office/Mark Vasconi	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
Washington State University Extension/Mike Gaffney	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23								x																
CIO/Cowlitz Indian Tribe/Dan Meyer	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
NTIA/Adam Geisler	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
NTIA/Crystal Hottowe	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
NTIA/Traudy Blackburn	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
NTIA/Eric Forsch	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
WA State Broadband Office/Erika Henry	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
WA State Broadband Office/Brittany Pouley	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
WA State Broadband Office/Sean Ardussi	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
Tribal Ready/Terry Brockie	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
Tribal Ready/Tom Valandra	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23														x								x	x	x
FCC/Bambi Kraus	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23																								
WSU Extension/Terri Parr	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23								x																
USDA Rural Development/Tim O'Connell	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23	https://www.rd.usda.gov/id																							x
FCC/Bambi Kraus	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23																								
EMD/Joshua Castillo	Community Anchor Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23				x																				
C10-Cowlitz Tribe/Dan Meyer	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23														x								x	x	x
Ziply - Local Partnerships/Chris St. Germaine	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23																								
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes/Mark Couture	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23														x								x	x	x
Nez Perce Tribe/Melissa King	Indian Tribe, Alaska Native Entity, or Native Hawaiian	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23														x								x	x	x
Chief of Staff/Tribal Ready/Tom Valandra	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23														x								x	x	x
Business Development Specialist/Tribal Ready/Terry Brockie	Native American-serving, nontribal Institution	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23														x								x	x	x
Washington State University Extension/Terri Parr	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23								x																
Washington State University Extension/Dan Fagerlin	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom. Chatcolet, ID 5/9/23								x																
Digital Economy Program University of Idaho Extension/S. Guyton	Institutions of Higher Education (if not listed above)	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23								x																
Washington State Department of Revenue/Keri O'Connell	Other	Community Outreach	ATNI Committee Meeting - Tech and Telecom II, Chatcolet, ID 5/10/23																								
FTMC/Blake Seamons	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://fmtc.com/									x														
Intermax Networks/Caitlin Kling	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Blackfoot Communications/Chris Loslovich	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://www.blackfoot.com/									x														
Idaho Department of Commerce/Ewa Szewczyk	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23																								
FMTC/Tyler Laird	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://fmtc.com/									x														
Charity Strong , Public Solutions Northwest (PSNW)	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Ziply Fiber/Chris St. Germaine	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://ziplyfiber.com/									x														
ETS Corps/Curtis Bennett	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Airbridge Broadband/David McKnight	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://airbridgebroadband.com/									x														
Charter Communications/Edward Martinez	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Jon Wheatley	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Tekniam/Kevin Griffith	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Fybercom/George Swanson	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Cambridge Telecom Company/James Wescott	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Vickery Internet/Justin Vickery	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Wi-Fiber, Inc/Kaleb Webb	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Lumen (Century Link)/Maureen McLaughlin	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez, Idaho Dept. of Commerce	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Evergem/Jason Holmes	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	evergem.com									x														
IRON for Idaho/Jaynie Bentz	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Anthem/Kevin Neal	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Wi-Fiber/Michael Crapse	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
CusterTel/Sherry Maestas	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://custertel.net/									x														
Fatbeam/Ty Snyder	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23	https://www.fatbeam.com/									x														
Idaho Department of Commerce/Cody Allred	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23																								
Cox Communications/Guy Cherp	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
ETS Corps/Jess Burns	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Comcast/Kate Sneed	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Priest Lake Broadband, LLC/William Geibel Jr.	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														
Lumen (Century Link)/Zach Carpenter	Other	Plan Development	Idaho Office of Broadband, ISP Roundtable, 5/23/23										x														

Stakeholder Engagement Tracker								Covered Populations Reached									
Engagement Title/Description	Engagement Date (Enter date as MM/DD/YYYY)	Engagement Type *(Use NTIA-provided drop down list for each entry)*	Engagement Location *(Enter the name and address of meeting location)*	Target Audience *(Use NTIA-provided drop down list for each entry)*	Target Audience Location *(Use NTIA-provided drop down list for each entry)*	Target Audience County	# Engaged	Individuals who live in covered households (150% of poverty or less)	Aging Individuals	Incarcerated Individuals	Veterans	Individuals with Disabilities	Individuals with a language barrier	Individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority group	Individuals who primarily reside in a rural area	Meeting Summary (what was discussed, any key themes, or feedback)	Action Items, and Items Requiring Follow Up
Digital Access: Conecting Idahoans to Their Communities *(Pre-start date)*	10/5/2022	Meeting/Presentation	Lewiston city Library	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	49	X					X	X	X	This convening at the Lewiston City Library was held from 1-4:40 p.m. to introcuce the new statewide Digital Access for All Idahoans planning process.	
Idaho Local Coordination Workshop	11/15/2022	Meeting/Presentation	Riverside Holtel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	370		X	X		X	X	X	X	This was a two day program with several speakers addressing topics of BEAD, digital equity, infrastructure, access challenges, and local and regional partnerships.	
Idaho Broadband Capital Projects Fund Executive Summary Public Comments	12/27/2022	Email		BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All	7									Summary of comments received regarding the Capital Projects Fund	
Idaho Broadband Fund Grant Application Comments	1/5/2023	Email		BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All	28								X	Comments received regarding the broadband fund grant	
DAAI Community Coalition Call	2/16/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All										Virtual statewide coalition call to discuss the DAAI plan and give updates on the planning process. Seeking input from individuals about digital inclusion and how communities are affected. ICfL and Boise State University's Idaho Policy Institute will discuss Digital Inclusion 101, what is DAAI, and BSU's strategies for surveys and focus	
Association of Counties	1/30/2023	Meeting/Presentation		BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All											
Idaho Capital Projects Fund Grant Guidelines Public Comments	2/17/2023	Email		BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All	29								X	Comments received regarding the Capital Projects Funds guidelines	
Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	4/13/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Sun Valley	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	54	X	X	X		X			X	More than 50 in-person attendees representing diverse Idaho stakeholder groups gathered at this workshop hosted by iCfL in Sun Valley, ID for a full day of discussion about grassroots approaches to overcoming barriers and bringing better broadband to	
Idaho Rural Success Summit	4/18/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Weiser	BEAD	Local	Washington	298		X		X		X		X	Approximately 300 in-person and online attendees representing Idaho cities, counties, state government agencies and other community organizations attended the second Idaho Rural Success Summit on Tuesday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 19, in Weiser.	
Commissioner Meeting - Magic Valley Tour	4/28/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Jerome, Gooding, Burley, Shoshone, Fairfield	BEAD	Local	Jerome, Gooding, Burley, Shoshone, Fairfield	13										
Commissioners Meetings	5/5/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Grangeville, Cottonwood, Kooskia, Lewis and Idaho Counties	BEAD	Local	Grangeville, Cottonwood, Kooskia, Lewis and Idaho Counties	11										
ATNI - WA State Engagement	5/8/2023	Meeting/Presentation			Local		23									The IBO attended the ATNI Midyear Convention hosted at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley, Idaho. IBO held an afternoon listening session for the Idaho Tribal Nations, organized by NTIA. IBO also participated in the two Telecommunications and Technology Committee meetings held later that week. The stakeholder survey was promoted through discussion with participants, and flyers were distributed. Most importantly, IBO could hear firsthand some of the broadband challenges facing Idaho tribal nations today.	
ATNI - Tech and Telecom II	5/10/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Chatcolet	BEAD/Digital Equity	Local	Benewah	12									" "	
ATNI - Tech and Telecom.	5/9/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Chatcolet	BEAD/Digital Equity	Regional	Benewah	27									" "	
ATNI	5/8/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Coeur d'Alene	BEAD/Digital Equity	Regional	Coeur d'Alene	3									" "	
Association of Idaho Counties (Virtual)	4/26/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD	Local		5									Met with Seth Grigg Executive Director, Sarah Westbrook Director of Government Affirs at IAC, and Jessic Roth Communciations and Marketing Manager at IAC to establish relationship and assess any previous or future engagements in the broadband space and establish partnership. IAC will help promote stakeholder survey through newsletter and upcoming speaking engagements.	
Commissioners Meetings	5/4/2023	Meeting/Presentation	New Meadows	BEAD	Local	New Meadows	2										
Commissioners Meetings	5/8/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Coeur d'Alene	BEAD	Local	Coeur d'Alene	3										
Imagine Idaho	4/27/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD	Local		10									Met with Chistina Culver, Ben Brocksom to understand Image Idaho's role in expanding broadband. Imagine sees itself as "market makers for ISPs" and helps ISPs recognize areas ready for service. Imagine also assists with grants, needs assessments, pre-engineering, cost analysis when counties or cities have been too understaffed to do their own work. With be a great partner to the State. Distributing survey. Potential co-partner for statewide engagements.	
Idaho Association of Cities	4/26/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All	8										
Association of Idaho Counties Annual Conference	6/21/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Boise	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All										Broadband seminar led by PSNW/IBO to stress the importance of partnership in the broadband expansion effort.	
Internet Service Provider (ISP) Roundtable Discussion	5/23/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD	Statewide Engagement	All	43									Engage Idahos ISPs in an in-depth discussion about obstacles, barriers and more, geography and workforce being two concerns for the majority. Future roundtables will be held quarterly.	
Stakeholder Questionnaire	4/14/2023	Survey		BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	18									Ongoing opportunity for stakeholder communications.	
Readying Rural Idaho Workshop	6/28/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Moscow	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	46								X	The University of Idaho Extension's Digital Economy Program, in partnership with the Idaho Commission for Libraries and Idaho Commerce's State Office of Broadband, invites stakeholders to participate in this workshop on: Understanding digital access and impacted populations as part of economic growth opportunities; coalition building to address digital access needs; updates from Idaho Commerce and iCfL on the development of the Five-Year Action Plan; Resources to assist rural communities in taking advantage of future funding opportunities for broadband expansion and digital	
DAAI Community Coalition Call	5/18/2023	Meeting/Presentation	Virtual	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	72									Amanda Bergson-Shilcock, Senior Fellow with the National Skill coalition, shared data from the recent report Closing the Digital Skill Divide.	
Statewide Digital Access Survey	5/1/2023	Survey		BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	1,400							X		The statewide survey engaged 1,000 households and another 400 Spanish-speaking households.	
Digital Access Focus Groups (14 engagements)	3/5/23 - 4/20/23	Meeting/Presentation	**Various:** Burley Public Library, McCall Public Library, Twin Falls Public Librbary, Idaho Falls Public Library, Nampa Public Library, Marshall Public Library, Larsen-Sant Library (Preston), Lemhi County District Library (Salmon), East Bonner County Library District (Sandpoint), Coeur d'Alene Public Library, Grangeville Centennial Library, Hailey Public Library, Clearwater Memorial Public Library	BEAD/Digital Equity	Statewide Engagement	All	93									Researchers from Boise State University and iCfL team visted 14 libraries across the state to ask community members about digital access and affordability. Focus groups served as a time for individuals across Idaho to inform the Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan by giving information on challenges related to access and affordability of the internet, devices, and technical support.	

APPENDIX E

DAAI IPI FOCUS GROUP PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

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DIGITAL ACCESS FOCUS GROUP THEMES, OBJECTIVES, AND METRICS

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OVERVIEW

Idaho Policy Institute (IPI) has conducted 14 regional focus group sessions across 11 Idaho cities with 85 total participants. Four additional focus group sessions are planned. Based on analysis of participant responses across focus group sessions completed to-date, IPI has identified salient themes in six major areas of digital access. These areas are:

1. Broadband Availability and Affordability
2. Online Accessibility and Inclusivity
3. Digital Skills
4. Cybersecurity and Privacy
5. Technical Support
6. Device Availability and Affordability

The following analysis considers each area and briefly describes the ***preliminary*** themes associated with it, objectives related to it, strategies to help mitigate the underlying issue, and some metrics on how best to assess progress relative to those objectives. Due to significant overlap of underlying issues surrounding digital access, some objectives and their resultant metrics may overlap. Note, these findings are subject to change as additional data collection methods (e.g., statewide surveys, stakeholder interviews, etc.) are completed. All findings should be considered ***preliminary***.

BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Key Theme: Expanded Participation in Affordable Connectivity Program

Description: The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) was viewed as an underused resource. Focus group participants familiar with the ACP indicated the need for expanded participation, while others reported having not heard of the program. Some participants indicated they were disqualified from the program because, due to the nature of their community, they only had a P.O. Box address.

Objectives: Increase participation in the ACP.

Strategies:

- Conduct advertising campaigns about the ACP.
- Reduce administrative barriers (red tape) to signing up and maintaining ACP benefits.
- Add additional ways to pre-qualify for the program beyond SNAP, WIC, etc.
- Partner with local school districts to advertise the ACP.

Metrics:

- Number of newly enrolled households per year.
- Total number of enrolled households per year.
- Households reached in marketing campaigns.

Covered Population: Low-income households, those over age 60.

Key Theme: Increased Broadband Transparency

Description: Focus group participants indicate the need for more transparency in the types of internet available in their area (dial-up, broadband, fiber, satellite, etc.) and what speeds are required for different uses of the internet. Participants reported a disconnect between advertised speeds with those actually received in their community, resulting in inconsistent internet connections when multiple users in a household have concurrent professional or school obligations.

Objectives: Increase resources for Idahoans to make informed decisions when choosing broadband service.

Strategies:

- Incentivize or require internet providers to increase transparency of internet speeds available in a region for concurrent users.
- Add information on broadband speeds to State of Idaho resources.
- Track actual broadband speeds throughout the state, thereby relying less on self-reported speeds from internet providers.

Metrics:

- Regular reporting of broadband speeds by community/region.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: High Rural Cost

Description: Telecommunications professionals note the expensive cost of providing internet services to rural areas. Companies, especially larger national ones, do not anticipate enough return-on-investment to provide internet to low-populated areas or maintain enough local technical support staff to service customers in the region.

Objectives: Increase rural access to high speed internet.

Strategies:
- Establish incentive programs–either direct to providers or via local governments– to encourage infrastructure improvements to rural communities.
- Establish incentive programs to encourage greater technical support in rural communities.

Metrics:
- Number and amount of available incentives.
- Cost of internet for rural customers.
- Number of technical support specialists per square mile.
- Number of rural customers served.

Covered Population: Rural residents.

Key Theme: Increased Marketing/Outreach Efforts

Description: Focus group participants expressed a desire for more recognizable marketing/outreach efforts related to broadband/device access programs, as many in their community are unaware of such options. Participants were uncertain what would be the best way to reach specific communities/audiences, but generally agreed that increased efforts were needed.

Objectives: Increase public awareness of broadband and device access programs.

Strategies:
- Develop communication/marketing strategies targeted at both a general statewide audience and also at smaller, rural communities with specific resources and needs.

Metrics:
- Number of households reached in marketing campaigns.
- Number of participants enrolled in the respective programs.

Covered Population: Non-specific

Key Theme: Cost vs. Service

Description: When asked, focus group participants generally expressed a preference for internet costs to be near $50 a month for a basic level of service that could accommodate a small family's concurrent usage needs (e.g., for school, work-from-home, etc.). That said, participants noted a perceived disconnect between advertised service levels and costs, with some prioritizing stability and predictable service levels as a greater concern, noting they would gladly pay more if only to guarantee they receive the advertised speeds.

Objectives: Lower the overall cost of consistent high-speed internet in Idaho.

Strategies:

- Potential tax credit/subsidy to help offset user cost.
- Local government management of infrastructure to offset cost to providers (e.g., Ammon model).

Metrics:

- Average monthly cost for internet service (either self-reported by customers through survey or monitored via potential state-mandated provider reporting).

Covered Population: Low income households.

ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Key Theme: Ensure Access to Necessary Services

Description: Focus group participants noted a need to ensure that Idahoans in remote areas still have adequate access to necessary services in the absence of reliable broadband. For example, one participant noted they no longer have a phone line, only unreliable internet. Consequently, when the internet is down they are unable to access basic emergency services such as calling 911.

Objectives: Ensure rural communities that only have access to necessary state services through the internet have reliable access.

Strategies:

- Evaluate and/or confirm necessary state services to identify any instances where they are only available to a community online.
- Partner with the Idaho Department of Emergency Management to evaluate systemic redundancies in place to continue service provision in the event of localized or widespread internet outages.
- Incentivize internet providers to expand broadband access to households in remote areas.

Metrics:

- Number of reported instances where necessary services could not be accessed (annual statewide survey question).
- Number of providers participating in incentive programs.
- Number of zero-redundancy services identified.

Covered Population: Rural populations.

Key Theme: Digital Exclusion

Description: As more government services and daily life (e.g., school, work, healthcare) move online, Idahoans may not be able to use these services, even if they have an active internet connection, due to a disability, confusing website design, or a lack of human support. This is especially true in instances where digitally-based services (e.g., Uber, Lyft with an app-based requirement) replace or reduce access to more traditional services (e.g., taxi services bookable via phone call).

Objectives: Ensure digital content remains accessible to as wide a range of Idaho's population as possible.

Strategies:

- Make more government services accessible to screen readers and other disability-aiding programs.

- Improve the functionality of government websites and provide tutorials on how to use them.
- Provide a customer service hotline for residents who need assistance navigating online services.

Metrics:
- Recurring review of state and local government websites for compatibility with disability-aiding programs.
- Number of government agencies with customer service support.

Covered Population: Seniors, individuals with disabilities, non-English speakers.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Key Theme: High Need for Basic Digital/Computer Skills

Description: Many Idahoans need assistance with basic digital skills to participate in work, government services, and modern life. While most viewed basic computer skills (e.g., using a computer, common programs, and checking email) as the greatest need, many expressed a preference for a variety of options to address the needs of all skill levels. An increase in internet-connected home devices (e.g., smart TVs) underscore the importance of basic digital skills in everyday life.

Objectives: Increase digital skill levels among Idaho's adult population.

Strategies:

- Create a Digital Navigator program.
- Establish targeted marketing campaigns designed to help increase digital skill levels.
- Apply for capacity building grants.

Metrics:

- Annual measurement of Idahoans digital skills (via annual statewide survey).
- Number of digital navigators employed per year.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Fear of Social Stigma Surrounding Digital Illiteracy

Description: Multiple focus group participants spoke of individuals' recognition that they need instruction on how to use a computer or access the internet, but being reluctant to admit such need in a public setting, such as a formal class or program offered. Participants who had past experience with such programs reported low and/or inconsistent attendance at the courses offered.

Objectives: Normalize the image of users of all ages receiving instruction/training on how to use computers and/or the internet.

Strategies:

- Marketing campaign.
- One-on-one, on-demand course offerings.

Metrics:

- Households reached in marketing campaigns.
- Computer/internet course enrollment.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Bridging Generational Divide

Description: Focus group participants viewed harnessing the digital skills of Idaho's youth as an opportunity to increase access for all, by offering school credit or extracurricular options to incentivize community youth to tutor or help less technologically-savvy residents become more comfortable using a computer.

Objectives: Increase digital skills of Idaho senior citizens.

Strategies:

- Create programming that compensates high school and college students for working with seniors and others on improving digital skills.
- Partner with University of Idaho extension agents on programming opportunities (such as 4H).
- Partner with school districts and institutions of higher education to offer credit for participating in programs.
- Establish paid internship programs.

Metrics:

- Age 60+ digital skill levels as reported through annual/bi-annual statewide surveys.
- Number of high school programs offered.
- Number of school credits earned under prospective programs.

Covered Population: Those over age 60.

Key Theme: User Fear and Feelings of Intimidation about Technology

Description: Focus group participants express fear and intimidation regarding their lack of digital literacy leading to network/system-wide issues. They report that this fear of "breaking something" on either their own computer or network makes them reluctant to engage with technology.

Objectives: Teach individuals about the extent to which their internet and device use affects greater broadband systems (including the degree to which it does not).

Strategies:

- Marketing/instruction campaign.
- Tutorial videos.
- Computer/internet use course offerings.

Metrics:

- Households reached in marketing campaigns (if applicable).
- Video views.
- Course enrollment.
- Self-reported fear assessment (such as through an annual/bi-annual survey).

Covered Population: Non-specific.

CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY

Key Theme: Personal Security a General Concern

Description: Focus group participants expressed a general concern over their personal cybersecurity, aware that there are numerous threats and scams on the internet, although this threat did not deter their overall internet usage.

Objectives: Increase Idahoans cybersecurity training ("Every Idahoan becomes a human firewall").

Strategies:

- Education/marketing campaign about password security and scam detection.
- Leveraging State of Idaho's existing cybersecurity employee training program and opening that training up to residents throughout the state.

Metrics:

- Measure cybersecurity skills over-time (annual survey).
- Percent of the population that reports they are confident they are able to protect their information online (annual survey).
- Public training sessions/modules completed.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Trust vs. Risk

Description: There is a broad range of privacy awareness levels in the community, spanning from residents who are too trusting in anything and anyone they encounter online to those who refuse to use a device at all out of fear that being connected to the internet is too dangerous. The former group engages in **risky behavior** while the latter's **distrust** keeps them from accessing the internet. By providing training and education to both groups, Idahoans' awareness of online dangers can be increased while also equipping them with the skills they need to feel confident in their ability to avoid them.

Objectives: Balance Idahoans' trust levels and risk assessment to encourage safe internet use.

Strategies:

- Cybersecurity and privacy marketing campaign materials shared through public channels.
- Provide training in each region of the state.

Metrics:

- Number of cybersecurity and privacy campaign materials shared through public channels.
- Number of trainings provided in each region of the state/enrollment numbers
- Questions assessing both trust and risk as components of an annual survey instrument.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Outside of Work, Cybersecurity Mostly Word-of-Mouth

Description: Most focus group participants reported receiving no specific cybersecurity training outside of their employment (if any) and only becoming aware of potential threats or data breaches through media coverage.

Objectives: Increase Idahoans’ cybersecurity training opportunities outside of a standard work environment.

Strategies:
- Leveraging State of Idaho’s existing cybersecurity employee training program and opening it up to residents throughout the state.
- Multi-channel marketing campaign (TV, radio, direct-mail, etc.) to raise awareness of cybersecurity best practices.

Metrics:
- Public training sessions/modules completed.
- Marketing campaign reach (impressions, views, households, etc.).

Covered Population: Non-specific.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Key Theme: Reliable Technical Support Not Widely Available

Description: Focus group participants report that professional technical support is not a widely available service, so the burden either falls to internet providers, to Idahoans' own friends and family, to public entities like libraries and schools, or to their own ability to problem-solve on the internet (e.g., Google and YouTube).

Objectives: Increase technical support options for Idaho communities.

Strategies:

- Provide funding to internet providers to hire or cover salaries of tech support specialists.
- Create a grant program for local governments to hire tech support specialists.
- Create a tech support center for each region of Idaho.
- Establish a statewide technical support toll-free hotline.

Metrics:

- Number of public technical support options available.
- Number of technical support centers opened.
- Calls received/issues addressed by toll-free hotline.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Desire for Trusted Resource for Common Issues

Description: Focus group participants expressed a strong desire for some trusted resources, be it an online repository of instructions (text or video) explaining how to set-up common devices (computers, smart phones, smart TVs, routers, etc.) or address common issues, or a toll-free hotline where they would be able to speak to someone live to help walk through their issue.

Objectives: Have a technical support option in Idaho residents know is reliable and will be able to help them.

Strategies:

- Establish an online technical support repository with instructions for common devices and/or technical issues.
- Establish a statewide technical support toll-free hotline.

Metrics:

- Number of devices/issues covered.
- Website impressions.
- Calls received/issues addressed.
- Satisfaction surveys among users of the resource.

Covered Population: Non-specific

Key Theme: Needs Cross Strict Boundaries of Responsibility

Description: Focus group participants– both residents and broadband industry representatives– note that technical support needs in communities typically cross boundaries of responsibility. For instance, internet providers note they have a responsibility to deliver internet service to a house and provide technical support for issues related to that delivery, but are not responsible for addressing issues within the house (e.g., adding smart TVs or other home devices to the WiFi network). Similarly, residents expressed frustration at not always having a resource to help them deal with those issues.

Objectives: Increase technical support options beyond strict spheres of responsibility.

Strategies:
- Create a single resource for all technical support related issues.
- Create a program or incentive for service providers to help troubleshoot issues beyond the existing scope of their responsibilities.

Metrics:
- Resource usage numbers (e.g., calls, website impressions, tickets opened, etc.).
- Program participation numbers.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

DEVICE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Key Theme: Need for Refurbished Devices

Description: Focus group participants indicate the need for more refurbished devices, as device costs can leave them reliant upon those provided by their employer and/or schools, or publicly available resources through libraries or school computer labs.

Objectives: Increase affordability of devices through investment in refurbished devices.

Strategies:

- Create a program incentivizing businesses and/or communities to establish device refurbishment opportunities.
- Equip potential technical support centers with device repair shops and/or second-hand markets.
- Explore establishment of state tax credit for device donation to these programs.

Metrics:

- Number of devices refurbished.
- Number of program participants.

Covered Population: Low income households.

Key Theme: Lack of Awareness of Programs That Can Help

Description: Some focus group participants noted a general lack of awareness of existing programs that can help individuals and/or families purchase a device. Programs could be offered via private businesses, non-profits, school districts, or student-led initiatives (fulfilling a service requirement). The existence of programs varied from region to region, with no universally available option. Even within communities where programs existed, not all residents were aware they were an option.

Objectives: Improve awareness of assistance programs for device purchase.

Strategies:

- Central coordination of statewide device program options (potentially in conjunction with technical support resource efforts).
- Structural coordination through existing library networks to help publicize device program options.
- Targeted marketing campaigns to raise awareness of device program options in that region.
- Public meetings to raise awareness of program offerings within that community.

Metrics:

- Number of programs participating in statewide awareness efforts.
- Number of participants in public meetings (city/town councils, schools, libraries).

- Number of promotional materials printed and distributed.
- Length of exposure of promotional materials online.

Covered Population: Non-specific.

Key Theme: Libraries Viewed as Important Device Resource

Description: Most focus group participants agreed that devices offered by public libraries– including computers, printers, and mobile hotspots– were a valuable resource that was well used by their respective communities.

Objectives: Increase Idahoans' access to digital devices, as well as the range of devices offered, through public libraries.

Strategies:

- Develop libraries as anchor institutions of local communities to improve device availability and affordability.

Metrics:

- Number of devices available for loan
- Type of devices available for loan
- Number of device loans

Covered Population: Non-specific

CONCLUSION

The preceding analysis considered six areas of digital access and explored the recurring themes related to each area following 14 regional focus groups conducted across the state. The identified themes were associated with a larger digital access objective and supplemented with potential strategies to help accomplish those objectives, as well as potential metrics to evaluate progress accomplishing those objectives.

While these themes represent the major takeaways of focus groups up to this point, note that four additional focus groups are still planned and will be supplemented with additional data collection methods (including a statewide survey of Idahoans, a statewide survey of Spanish-speaking households in Idaho, and key stakeholder interviews). As such, this analysis should be considered ***preliminary*** and subject to change as additional data is incorporated.

APPENDIX F

IDAHO BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN

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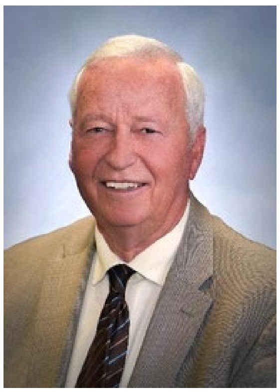
01 A Message from Idaho Rep. John Vander Woude & Sen. Carl Crabtree



Dear Idahoans,

We are honored to lead Idaho's Broadband Advisory Board. This board was created by the Legislature through House Bill 127. Our board consists of three members of the Idaho House of Representatives, three from the Idaho Senate, and three appointed by the Governor. Together, our board is proud to deliver this statewide strategic plan to expand broadband in Idaho.

We recognize that access to affordable, accessible, and reliable broadband is one of the most critical infrastructure challenges of our time. Many of our Idaho communities lack adequate internet service or they simply don't have access at all which creates a "digital divide" between rural and urban Idaho communities. Inadequate access to high-speed internet disadvantages Idahoans who choose to live in rural parts of our state. This is an issue that transcends political beliefs- all Idahoans want and need connectivity.

Expansion of broadband to rural Idaho is critical for several reasons including economic growth, educational opportunities, business growth and increased access to telemedicine, improved public safety and services. **It is our commitment to close this digital divide in our state.**

We are fortunate to have many prospering industries which form a strong statewide employment base. A continued effort to expand access to reliable and redundant broadband infrastructure will create more employment options for Idahoans. We want our citizens to have both the opportunity and access to launch online businesses, expand their customer reach, or even work remotely for the organization anywhere in the world. By investing in the key pillars outlined in this strategic plan, we can achieve digital equity for all Idahoans.

02 Executive Summary

What is broadband and why is it important in Idaho?

Broadband has revolutionized the way services are provided and the way business is conducted. By improving communications and the flow of information, broadband enhances efficiency. This allows for significant advances in Idaho's ability to compete in the global economy. Idaho is one of the fastest growing states in the United States. People and companies are moving to Idaho not only for the lifestyle it provides but also because it's a great place to work and operate businesses. We need to level the playing field between urban and rural areas of the State, and one of the biggest imbalances is broadband access.

What is the current state of broadband data?

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the State of Idaho is home to 67 terrestrial broadband providers, however, connectivity is uneven for the residents of Idaho. Determining the number of unserved households in Idaho varies widely depending on the source cited. The FCC estimates that nearly 18,000 households lack access to fixed terrestrial broadband service at 25/3Mbps. Conversely, BroadbandNow and the US Census estimate the number of unserved households is closer to 100,000. Connecting Idahoans who are underserved, or lack access to 100/20Mbps, to high-speed broadband, is an even larger task, estimated by the FCC to be 150,000 households.

What is Idaho's long-term goal for broadband?

By 2027, Idaho will strive to serve 100% of Idaho's businesses and homes with access to high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of at least 20 megabits per second. The value of investing in this level of connection is about the future of Idaho. Ultimately, the goal is to prepare citizens, businesses, and all Idaho communities to be able to compete for jobs in the next twenty to thirty years. Idaho will continue to grow economically, retain our businesses, create jobs, and attract entrepreneurs.

03 Key Terms & Abbreviations

Broadband: High-speed reliable Internet delivered via multiple technologies including fiber, fixed wireless, digital subscriber line (DSL), Hybrid Fiber Coaxial, cable modem, or satellite.

Broadband Infrastructure: Networks of deployed telecommunications equipment, conduit, and technologies necessary to provide broadband and other advanced telecommunications services to wholesalers or end users, including but not limited to private homes, businesses, commercial establishments, schools, or public institutions.

Unserved: U.S. Treasury, NTIA, and USDA define unserved at 25/3Mbps and will use this benchmark for future grant funding. FCC currently defines an area that lacks access to broadband infrastructure speeds of 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload.

Underserved: U.S. Treasury, NTIA, and USDA define underserved as 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload and benchmark for future grant funding. FCC currently defines an area that lacks access to broadband infrastructure speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

Last Mile: Infrastructure that serves as the final leg connecting the broadband service provider's network to the end-use customer's on-premises telecommunications equipment.

Middle Mile: Infrastructure that links a broadband service provider's core network infrastructure to last-mile infrastructure.

Internet Service Provider: A company that provides individuals, businesses, anchor institutions, etc. with a connection to the internet. ISPs can include telephone and cable companies, wireless ISPs, electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and mobile wireless providers. They use different technologies, including fiber, cable, DSL, and fixed wireless, to deliver internet service to their customers.

Internet Backbone: The primary data routes on the internet, including those that transport internet traffic between countries. It consists of high-capacity fiber-optic lines that carry large amounts of data. Local or regional networks can connect to the backbone for long-distance data transmission.

03 Key Terms & Abbreviations

Take Rate: The percentage of customers within an ISP's service area who subscribe to, or "take" the service.

Fixed Terrestrial Service: Broadband services provided by terrestrial-based non-mobile services such as Cable, DSL, Fiber, and Fixed Wireless from fixed points such as a central office or telecommunications equipment on a tower to a home or business and connected to a device within the property.

Indefeasible Right of Use: An agreement between a provider and a public sector partner for shared use of fiber.

Community Anchor Institutions: Schools, libraries, medical, and health care providers, public safety entities, institutes of higher education, local government facilities, and other community centers.

Open Access Network: Physical broadband network infrastructure that provides dark fiber access to municipalities, community institutions, rural cooperatives, and nonprofit and communications companies utilizing a cost recovery-based model of operations and maintenance.

Municipal Network: Broadband network owned fully or partially by local governments.

Speed: The rate at which a device can send or receive data. Speed is defined for both download (the rate at which data are sent from the internet to a device) and upload (the rate at which data are sent from a device to the internet), conveyed in megabits per second.

Public/Private Partnership: A group of public and private entities, i.e., government, business, and non-profit, that form a consortium to provide affordable, sustainable, and reliable broadband infrastructure and service.

03 Key Terms & Abbreviations

Lifeline: FCC program that provides low-income households a discount on internet service.

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP): FCC program that provides eligible households with subsidized broadband service and connected devices. Capital Projects Fund and BEAD Program require subgrantees to participate in the program.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC): Regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The Commission is an independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress and is the primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation in the U.S.

National Telecommunications and Information Association (NTIA): The Executive Branch agency that is principally responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA will oversee the BEAD program which is the broadband section of the Infrastructure Bill.

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF): RDOF is an FCC reverse auction utilizing Universal Service Funds to bring broadband infrastructure to unserved census blocks in the United States. Started in 2019, awards began in late 2020 and the FCC is still in process of finalizing grants.

USDA Reconnect: Program from USDA offering loans, grants, and loan combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas that do not have sufficient broadband access.

04 Vision, Mission, & Guiding Principles

Vision

Idahoans have access to affordable and reliable broadband infrastructure by 2027.

Mission

We will deliver a roadmap to close the digital divide in Idaho. We commit to providing equal access to economic development, public safety, telehealth, and education opportunities with investments in broadband infrastructure. We will prioritize funding for our most needed areas identified as households, businesses, and communities in unserved and underserved areas.

Guiding Principles

Access: Barriers to access for all Idahoans are removed ensuring that underserved and unserved locations receive broadband services.

Affordable: Committed to affordable broadband service for Idahoans.

Alignment: Stakeholders are committed to achieving the vision in this plan. Key decisions support the outlined long-term goals.

Competition: Support middle mile and last mile infrastructure investments that support and build off existing infrastructure and provider networks, increase competition, efficiency, and redundancy to communities.

Data-Driven: Plan is delivered with close attention to metrics. Data is continuously gathered and acted upon.

Responsive: Strategic agility is deployed in the execution of this plan and regular adaptation to the rapidly changing environment occurs.

05 Roles & Responsibilities

Roles

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board: "...three (3) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, three (3) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, and three (3) members of the public appointed by the governor." (Idaho Statute 67-4761, 2021). The Board is responsible for creating a statewide broadband plan that determines the manner of structure, prioritization, and disbursement of the funds under the Broadband Fund.

Idaho Office of Broadband: Under the Idaho Department of Commerce, the team administers grants that follow the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board's Statewide Broadband Plan and any additional requirements. Supports and coordinates efforts of the Advisory Board and Idaho Broadband Fund.

Partners: All Internet Service Providers, local and state governments, schools and libraries, tribal entities, businesses, organizations, and entities that financially support broadband infrastructure and technology deployment in Idaho.

Community: Consumers and users of the internet in Idaho, including citizens, businesses, and organizations, that have a vested interest in more reliable and better broadband infrastructure.

Responsibilities

Prioritize & Direct State Funding
Prioritize & Direct Federal Funding
Administer & Distribute State & Federal Funding
Solicit the Participation and Assistance of State Agencies
Ensure Compliance with State & Federal Guidelines
Strategic Broadband Decisions
Tactical Broadband Decisions
Technology & Infrastructure Objective
Business Development Objective
Educational Access Objective
Operations& Data Objective

05 Roles & Responsibilities

Accountable (A) Outcome-oriented designation that applies to a single person/board who reports on the work.

Responsible (R) Task-oriented designation that applies to the person (or people) completing the work.

Consulted (C) Provide input based on either how it will impact future work or their domain of expertise on the deliverable itself, and with whom there is often two-way communication.

Informed (I) Kept up to date on progress, often only on completion of the task or deliverable; and with whom there is just one-way communication.

Task	Board	Commerce	Partners	Community
Direct State Funding	A/R	C	C/I	I
Direct Federal Funding	A/R	C	C/I	I
Administer & Distribute Funding	A	R	C/I	I
Solicit Participation from State Agencies	A	R	I	I
Compliance with State & Federal Guidelines	C	A/R	I/R	I
Strategic Decisions	A/R	C	C/I	I
Tactical Decisions	A	R	R/C	C/I
Technology & Infrastructure Deployment Standards	A/I	R	A/R	C/I
Business Development	I	R	C	C/I
Educational Access	I	R	C	C/I
Operations, Data	A	R	C	C/I

06 Strategic Objectives

Infrastructure & Technology

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize middle mile and last mile infrastructure investments to connect residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions that are unserved and underserved in the State of Idaho.

Economic Development

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize broadband investments that strengthen the economic ecosystem for businesses in our state and ensure access to broadband infrastructure that is reliable and affordable.

Educational Access

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize that both students and educators have access to affordable and reliable broadband services in their homes as well as across Idaho in schools, libraries, and communities in unserved and underserved locations.

Operations & Data

The Idaho Office of Broadband will manage the deployment of funding for capital projects, grant programs, and other established projects, to support data-driven broadband infrastructure investments in Idaho.

Public Safety & Communications

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize broadband investments that strengthen access to reliable, resilient, scalable, and redundant broadband services to the Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs) locations in the State of Idaho.

06 Strategic Objectives

Infrastructure & Technology

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize middle mile and last mile infrastructure investments to connect residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions that are unserved and underserved in the State of Idaho.

- Implement grant programs that focus on unserved and underserved communities
- Approve grant programs focused on delivery to locations or last mile, middle mile, community anchor institutions, public safety, telehealth, or other priorities deemed lacking sufficient broadband infrastructure by the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board
- Engage in partnerships with internet service providers, local governments, state agencies, and experts.
- Promote Dig Once principles and Right of Way policies in building out broadband infrastructure.

06 Strategic Objectives

Economic Development

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize broadband investments that strengthen the economic ecosystem for businesses in our state and ensure access to broadband infrastructure that is both reliable and affordable.

- Provide broadband infrastructure opportunities to previously unserved areas.
- Increase the potential economic diversification through enhanced connectivity.
- Identify remote work and learning, telehealth, and public safety opportunities in Idaho.
- Expand the utilization of broadband to low-income users through the use of the Affordable Connectivity Program/Lifeline subsidy.
- Partner with appropriate state agencies to avoid duplication of service and support the varying needs of rural community infrastructure.

06 Strategic Objectives

Educational Access

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will ensure that students and educators have access to affordable and reliable broadband services across Idaho in their homes as well as across schools, libraries, and unserved and underserved locations.

- Engage with the Idaho State Board of Education, independent school districts, libraries, and institutions of higher learning to identify broadband infrastructure gaps.
- Prioritize broadband infrastructure investments to project areas where students, their families, and teachers reside in unserved and underserved locations. This is in partnership with state agencies, business and industry, and education non-profit organizations to improve digital access, literacy, and usage.

06 Strategic Objectives

Operations & Data

The Idaho Office of Broadband will manage the deployment of funding for capital projects, grant programs, and other established projects, to support data-driven broadband infrastructure investments in Idaho.

- Collaborate with other state agencies on broadband infrastructure projects.
- Propose and implement standard operating procedures for grant programs, capital projects, and community engagement.
- Facilitate collaboration between state agencies, stakeholder groups, and overlapping service providers.
- The Idaho Department of Commerce will provide the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board with relevant data and information as necessary.

06 Strategic Objectives

Public Safety & Communications

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will prioritize broadband investments that provide access to reliable, resilient, scalable, and redundant broadband service to the Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs) locations in the State of Idaho.

- Encourage the identification of ECC locations in Idaho that are unserved and underserved with current standards (100/20 Mbps) of broadband service and prioritize connecting those facilities in grant applications.
- Encourage the identification of broadband service single points of failure to ECC locations.
- Encourage the development of map layers that identify ECC locations that are unserved and underserved and share them with other state agencies so the state can incorporate those into grant applications.
- Identify and include primary and redundant connectivity to ECCs via middle and last-mile projects.

07 Recommendations

1 Create a Technical Plan

Feedback from the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board and the Office of Broadband indicates the need to create a separate technical plan that will assist with federal grant awards and identify the specific processes, tactics, and details of each strategic objective. This plan will determine how Idaho will strive to achieve the goal of connecting 100% of Idaho locations to high-speed broadband and how to leverage all sources of funding.

2 Streamline Decision Making

To ensure that the Advisory Board is consistent in prioritizing and awarding grants and projects, a decision-making matrix should be used.

3 Broadband Funding

Considering the influx of federal dollars into the State Broadband Fund, a conversation around allocation for each grant fund should be had. In addition, an ongoing source of funding should be identified.

4 Clarify Reporting Structure

There needs to be clarity around reporting structure, and legislative and executive functions of this plan. Write an annual operating plan.

Appendix B: Acknowledgements

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board

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APPENDIX G

DEAR TRIBAL LEADERS LETTERS

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April 24, 2023

Chief Allan, Chairman
Tribal Council
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
P.O. Box 408
Plummer, ID 83851

Dear Chairman Allan,

It is with great respect that I invite you, on behalf of the Idaho Department of Commerce and the Idaho Office of Broadband, to consult with us on the Federal Government's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Through BEAD, the federal government is preparing to allocate billions of dollars toward broadband infrastructure expansion and adoption. Tribal nations stand to benefit from these investments. The first step in this process is to engage in formal consultation with tribal governments. Through this letter, we would like to commence meaningful consultation with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. My representative, Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez, the state's Broadband Program Manager, has been duly authorized to engage in this government-to-government consultation.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has allocated $42.5 billion for the BEAD program, and tribal nations are eligible as subgrantees. Also, under the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), a total of $3 billion has been allocated to Indian Country, with the second round of TBCP funding to be announced soon.

We intend to approach the deployment of the BEAD funding equitably and seek your formal consultation regarding Idaho's Five-Year Action Plan for broadband expansion that is due to NTIA on June 28, 2023. To this end, we propose a number of potential opportunities for consultation and engagement with your leadership.

- The upcoming ATNI Midyear Convention from May 7-11 would be an opportunity to begin the consultation process. Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez will attend that conference and would welcome a meeting with your tribal nation.
- We are also available to meet with you in person in your community.
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To meet project timeframes, please let us know your interest in initiating government-to-government consultation by contacting Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager, Idaho Department of Commerce by phone at 208-287-3153 or by email at ramon.hobdey-sanchez@commerce.idaho.gov by May 31.

We look forward to your input on future broadband investments in Idaho. Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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April 24, 2023

Brian Mason
Tribal Chairman
Shoshone-Paiute Tribal Business Council
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
1036 Idaho State Highway 51
Owyhee County, ID 83604

Dear Chairman Mason,

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April 24, 2023

Samuel N. Penney, Chairman
Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee
Nez Perce Tribe
P.O. Box 305
Lapwai, ID 83540

Dear Chairman Penney,

It is with great respect that I invite you, on behalf of the Idaho Department of Commerce and the Idaho Office of Broadband, to consult with us on the Federal Government's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

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April 24, 2023

Jennifer Porter, Tribal Chairwoman
Tribal Council
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
P.O. Box 1269
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Dear Chairwoman Porter,

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April 24, 2023

Nathan Small, Chairman
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P.O. Box 306
Fort Hall, ID 83203

Dear Chairman Small,

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