

Proposals for BEAD Adjudication Services

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Questions and Answers

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1.	Has funding been established for this project and if so, what is the amount?	Yes – MBI will establish a not to exceed amount of \$200,000.
2.	Is it the intent to award to one consultant firm or multiple firms?	MBI intends to select one consultant firm.
3.	Will the MBI challenge portal training be in-person?	No, meetings with MBI will be held virtually, including portal training.
4.	Will the training be train-the-trainer oriented or will each person who will be working in the portal need the training?	MBI recommends that all team members working in the portal participate in at least one training session to understand the basic functions of the portal.
5.	Will access to the portal be per company or individual?	Users will be granted access to the portal on an individual basis.
6.	Are there any system requirements to access and work in the portal or is it all web based?	There are no system requirements to access the portal, it is a web-based application. You may view the map here: https://mapping.massbroadband.org/map?zoom=9&center=-7983650%2C5171200
7.	While the challenge phase will not yet be closed by the time responses to these questions are created, can you provide an estimate of how many locations have been challenged and how many distinct challengers there have been.	MBI has received approximately 22,000 challenges which include the Cellular Fixed Wireless pre-challenge modification.
8.	When an ISP submits an "existing service" challenge, will MBI accept the ISP's proof that it has recently reported the claimed services to the FCC's most recent Broadband Data Collection (BDC) submission as sufficient, without additional evidence, to allow the challenge to progress to the rebuttal phase?	See section 2.3.2 in the MBI Evidence Submission Guidelines for evidence required for a "service available" challenge.
9.	When an ISP submits evidence demonstrating it currently offers broadband services to certain	Bulk challenges submitted for multiple locations must include evidence that applies to all of the

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	locations in a challenged area (such as screen captures of its own sales platform with associated addresses) but does not provide evidence of every challenged location, would MBI only consider this evidence at the specific addresses or consider applying this evidence to other nearby locations?	locations included to substantiate a valid challenge. Refer to MBI Evidence Submission Guidelines for details on evidence required for each challenge type.
10.	Upon the completion of the challenge process, the post-challenge NTIA reporting process requires that states report challenge process outcomes data to the NTIA. Will this RFP awardee be required to develop, refine, validate, and/or cure the challenge process outcomes NTIA reporting data?	The selected Adjudication Partner will work with MBI and its Challenge Portal vendor Sanborn to prepare the challenge data for submission to NTIA.
11.	The post-challenge NTIA reporting process requires that states integrate all pre-challenge existing service commitments, pre-challenge modifications, and existing service commitment updates into the data sets required by NTIA. Will this RFP awardee be required to revise, integrate, and/or recode the required non-challenge data as "subsequent documentation for MBI final approval"?	The selected Adjudication Partner will work with MBI and its Challenge Portal vendor Sanborn to prepare the challenge data for submission to NTIA.