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Complying with Illinois Requirements

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Agenda

- Welcome & Recap
- What are Illinois compliance requirements?
- Illinois Requirements & the Grantee Journey
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Webinar Progress

All webinars will be held at every Wednesday, 11 am – 12 pm CT.

Tentative schedule of topics, subject to change:

- Sept 16 | BEAD Grantee Orientation Part 1 ✓
- Sept 23 | BEAD Grantee Orientation Part 2 ✓
- Sept 30 | Complying with Illinois Requirements ***Today!***
- Oct 7 | Complying with Federal BEAD Requirements
- Oct 14 | Disbursement Approach & Fixed Amount Subawards (FASA)
- Oct 21 | Permitting Part 1 – Right-of-Way and Railroad Permits
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- Nov 4 | Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 1
- Nov 11| Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 2
- Nov 18 | Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 3

Registration Link: https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/bead-orientation-webinars-1

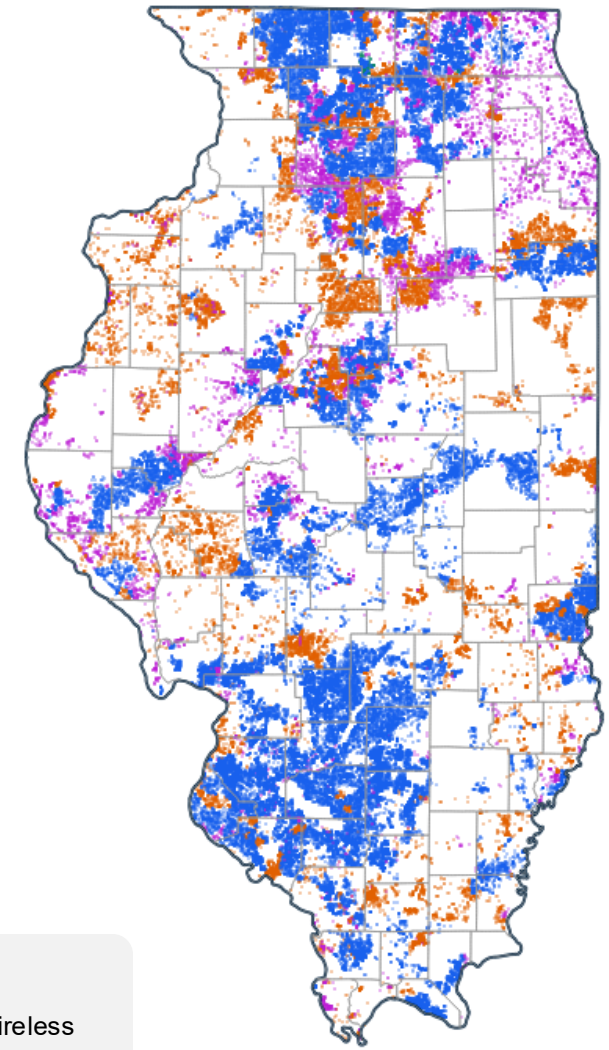
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Purpose of Today's Webinar

By the end of this webinar, grantees should understand…

- What State of Illinois compliance requirements are
- How to determine their application to grantee's projects
- What to do now versus later
- What can hold up payments or closeout

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Illinois was allocated $1.04B to connect 142,000+ locations

$831M

BEAD outlay for grantees

$5,830

Average federal cost per location

$500M

Total match amount from internet service providers

~142K

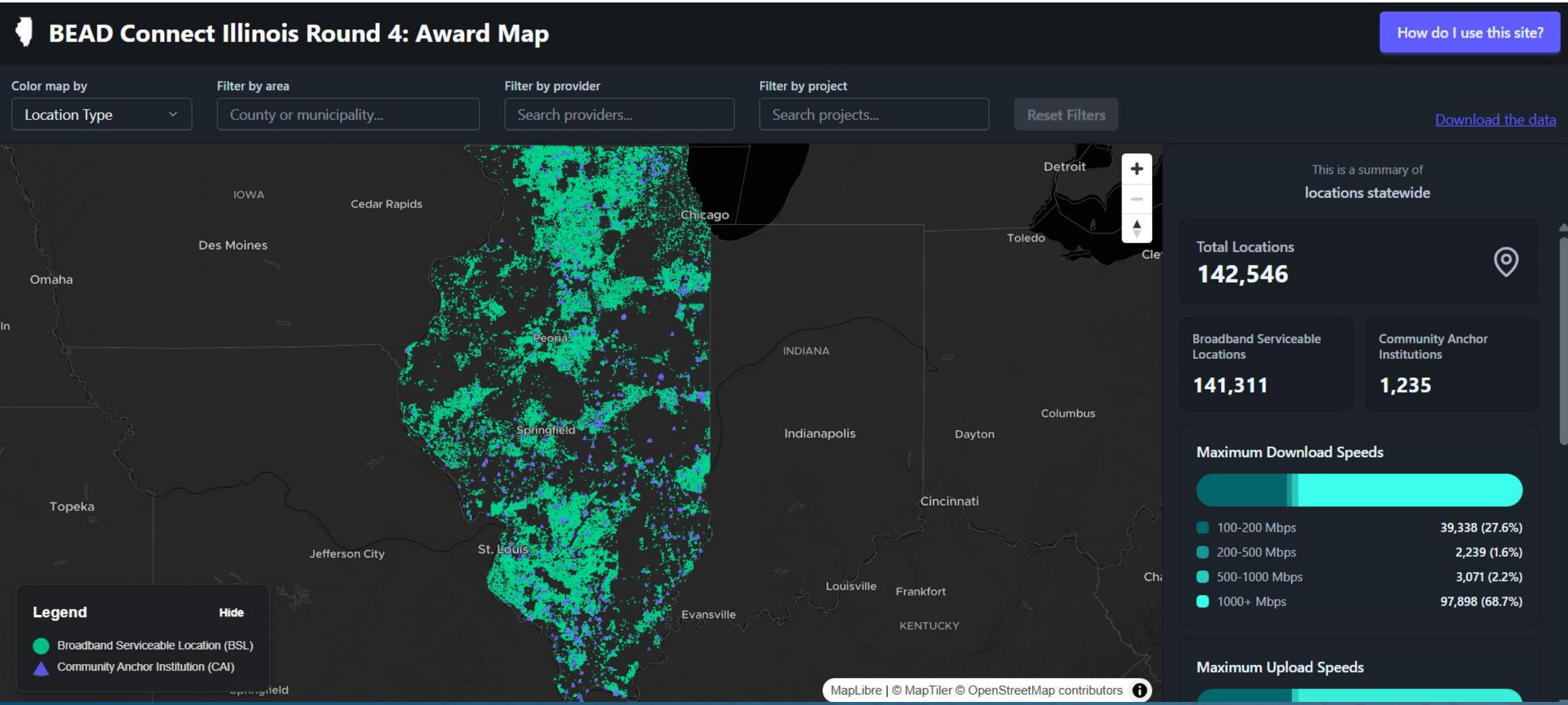
Locations covered through BEAD

- 141,311 households and businesses
- 1,235 Community Anchor Institutions

Over $1.5B

Total investment in Illinois broadband

View Awards at IllinoisBEAD.org



Latest Updates

***New* documents posted on BEAD Grantee Resource Hub:**

- **Updated FAQs** – Includes Q&A from webinars
- **BEAD Reference Document** – A guide to IOB BEAD resources and what to expect and plan for in grant agreement execution

Recap: Notice of Award – received!

- Illinois received its Notice of Award (NoA) from NIST on September 22, 2026
  - ➢NIST signed it on Sept. 18, 2026
- This starts the 6-month timeline to execute grant agreements
- **Deadline for grant agreement execution**: March 18, 2027

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What are Illinois Compliance Requirements?

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Overview of IL Requirements

There are four key state requirements that Connect Illinois grantees must follow:

IL Requirement	Brief Description
Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)	GATA is Illinois' statewide framework for managing grants, ensuring accountability, transparency, and consistent oversight of public funds.
Business Enterprise Program (BEP)	BEP is an Illinois program that increases participation of minority-, women-, and disability-owned businesses in state contracting opportunities.
Illinois Works	Illinois Works helps create pathways to construction careers by supporting apprenticeships, workforce training, and diversity in Illinois infrastructure projects.
Prevailing Wage	Prevailing Wage ensures workers on public projects receive wages and benefits consistent with local industry standards.

Important Notes on IL Requirements

Programs facilitate compliance with Illinois laws:

- GATA establishes **uniform administrative requirements**, cost principles, and audit requirements for State and federal pass-through awards.
- GATA promotes **consistency, accountability, transparency and public reporting** of grant-funded activities.
- State agencies **cannot impose additional or inconsistent requirements** unless specifically authorized by State or Federal law.

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Important Notes on IL Requirements

Set up is required in pre-deployment, and **should not wait** until the end of the grant period

- Complete **all** required GATA pre-qualification steps before implementation.
- Establish financial management systems, internal control, and documentation processes **early**.
- Ensure required registrations, certifications, and audit requirements are met **before requesting disbursement**.

If requirements are not met or maintained, payments and closeout **will be impacted**

- Maintain **complete** financial and programmatic records **throughout** the grant period.
- Follow **all** applicable State and federal cost principles and procurement requirements.
- Submit required financial and performance reports **on time.**
- **Be prepared** for monitoring visits and audits and retain supporting documentation as required.

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Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)

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About Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)

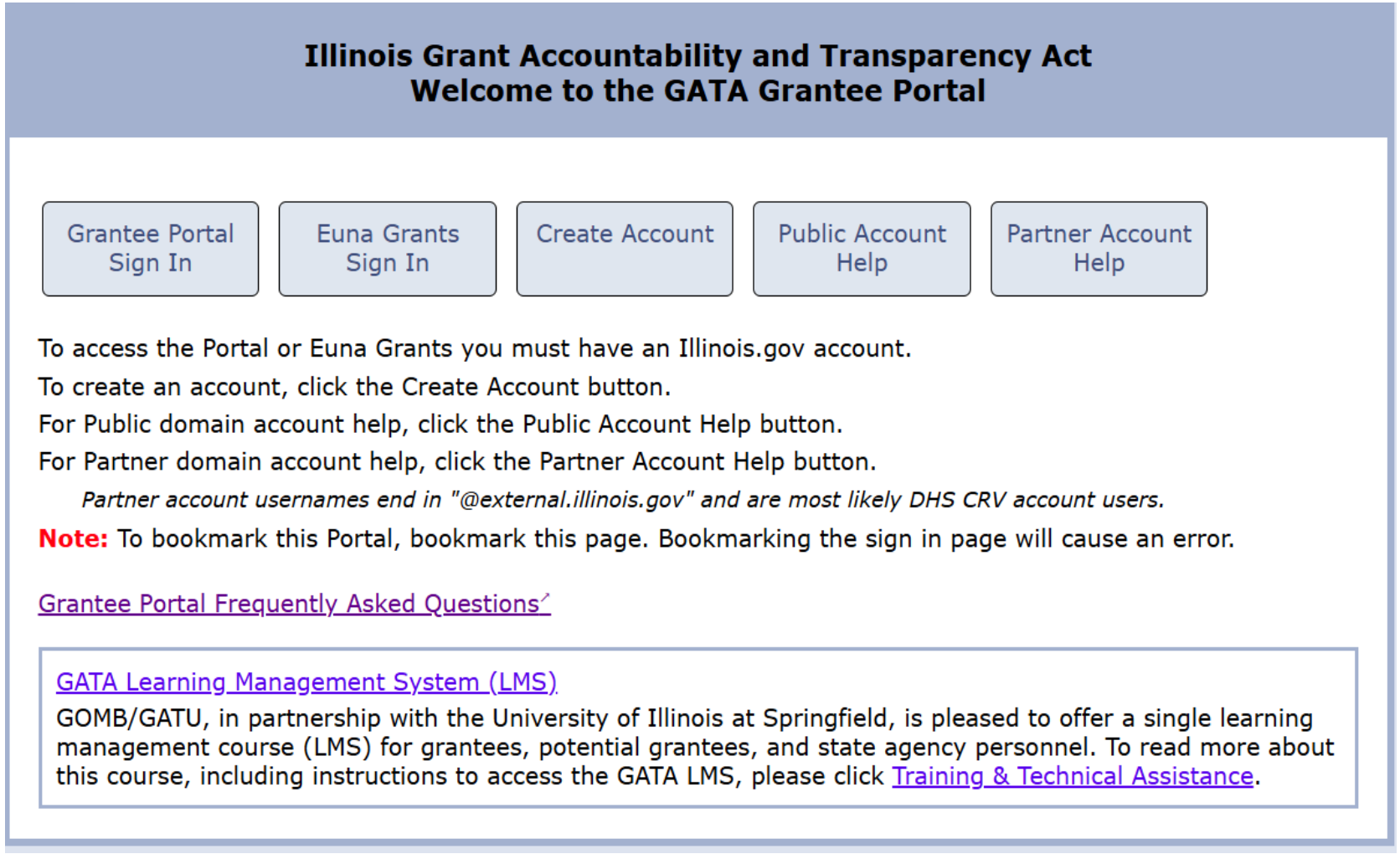
What is GATA?

- GATA is IL statewide framework for managing grants, ensuring accountability, transparency, and consistent oversight of public funds
- GATA…
  - Requires grantees to submit the GATA Audit Requirements
  - Complies with the General Assembly's directives to develop effective and efficient oversight of the selection and monitoring of grant recipients.
  - Ensures quality programs and limiting fraud, waste, and abuse, and define the purpose, scope, applicability, and responsibilities in the life cycle of a grant.
  - Requires grantees remain in pre-qualification status throughout the life of the grant agreement

Required Steps & Deadlines

- During the grant agreement execution process, authentication, registration, and the Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) must be completed before Notice of State Award (NOSA) is issued
- SAM.gov registration must remain current (Link: instructional video)
- Must be in pre-qualified status for grant agreement to be executed (Link: instructional video)
- Must be pre-qualified status to receive grant disbursements
- Audit requirements are submitted annually based on the organization's audit threshold

GATA Portal



Use the GATA Grantee Portal to:

- Complete Authentication and Registrations
- Submit ICQ and audit requirements
- Review organization compliance status
- Access and sign Notice of State Award (NOSA), when available

Link to GATA Instructional Video

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Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

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About Business Enterprise Program (BEP)

The State of Illinois Business Enterprise Program (BEP) is designed to foster an inclusive, equitable and competitive business environment and support underrepresented businesses to increase their capacity, grow revenue, and enhance their credentials as businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

When is BEP required?

- BEP participation is required for projects receiving a BEAD award **greater than $250,000** (not including match)
- BEP-certified vendors are vendors certified by the State of Illinois Commission on Equity & Inclusion (CEI) as:
  - Minority Business Enterprises (MBE);
  - Women Business Enterprises (WBE);
  - Women/Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE) or,
  - Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises (PBE)
- Only businesses certified by the State of Illinois as MBE, WBE, WMBE, or PBE count toward BEP goals
  - Certification must be valid at the time of bid and during performance of the contract
  - The goal can be met by the primary contractor, sub-contractors, or vendors, so long as they are BEP-certified through CEI

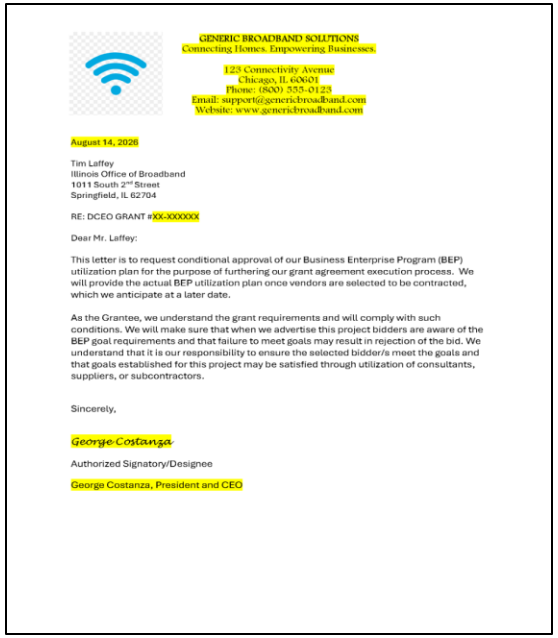
Required Steps & Deadlines

- Provide IOB with a conditional approval request letter (using this template) indicating the grantee's understanding of BEP requirements and intent to comply with the program's requirements, which will allow IOB to proceed with the grant agreement process
- During the grant agreement execution process, IOB determines and provides BEP participation goals
- Grantee develops a BEP Utilization Plan identifying the BEP-certified vendors to be used in the grantee's project(s)
  - **Note:** Vendors do not yet need to be under contract for inclusion in the Utilization Plan
- An approved Utilization Plan is required to receive disbursement of the fixed amount subaward milestone "All Contractor contracts signed" (and must remain in place for the following deployment milestones)

BEP Documents

Conditional Approval Letter

Reflects grantee's understanding of BEP requirements and intent to comply with the program's requirements



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August 14, 2026

Tim Laffey
Illinois Office of Broadband
1011 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704

RE: DCEO GRANT #XX-XXXXXX

Dear Mr. Laffey:

This letter is to request conditional approval of our Business Enterprise Program (BEP) utilization plan for the purpose of furthering our grant agreement execution process. We will provide the actual BEP utilization plan once vendors are selected to be contracted, which we anticipate at a later date.

As the Grantee, we understand the grant requirements and will comply with such conditions. We will make sure that when we advertise this project bidders are aware of the BEP goal requirements and that failure to meet goals may result in rejection of the bid. We understand that it is our responsibility to ensure the selected bidder/s meet the goals and that goals established for this project may be satisfied through utilization of consultants, suppliers, or subcontractors.

Sincerely,

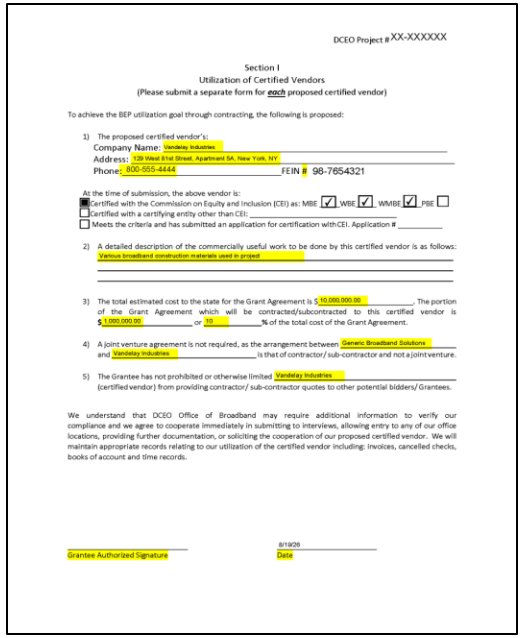
George Costanza

Authorized Signatory/Designee

George Costanza, President and CEO

Utilization Plan

Documents grantee's understanding of the requirements of the BEP Act and specifies the vendors the grantee intends to utilize to complete the participation requirement



DCEO Project # XX-XXXXXX

Section I
Utilization of Certified Vendors
(Please submit a separate form for *each* proposed certified vendor)

To achieve the BEP utilization goal through contracting, the following is proposed:

1) The proposed certified vendor's:
Company Name: Vandelay Industries
Address: 129 West 81st Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY
Phone: 800-555-4444 FEIN # 98-7654321

At the time of submission, the above vendor is:
☑ Certified with the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) as: MBE ☑ WBE ☑ WMBE ☑ PBE ☐
☐ Certified with a certifying entity other than CEI: _____
☐ Meets the criteria and has submitted an application for certification with CEI. Application # _____

2) A detailed description of the commercially useful work to be done by this certified vendor is as follows:
Various broadband construction materials used in project

3) The total estimated cost to the state for the Grant Agreement is $ 10,000,000.00 . The portion of the Grant Agreement which will be contracted/subcontracted to this certified vendor is $ 1,000,000.00 or 10 % of the total cost of the Grant Agreement.

4) A joint venture agreement is not required, as the arrangement between Generic Broadband Solutions and Vandelay Industries is that of contractor/ sub-contractor and not a joint venture.

5) The Grantee has not prohibited or otherwise limited Vandelay Industries (certified vendor) from providing contractor/ sub-contractor quotes to other potential bidders/ Grantees.

We understand that DCEO Office of Broadband may require additional information to verify our compliance and we agree to cooperate immediately in submitting to interviews, allowing entry to any of our office locations, providing further documentation, or soliciting the cooperation of our proposed certified vendor. We will maintain appropriate records relating to our utilization of the certified vendor including: invoices, cancelled checks, books of account and time records.

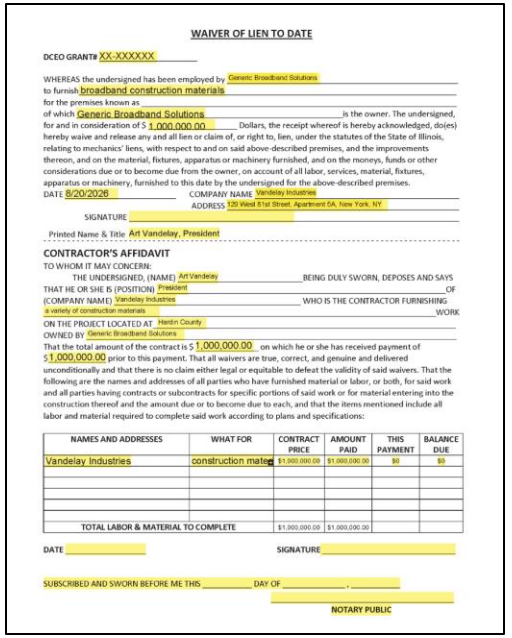
Grantee Authorized Signature

8/19/26
Date

Section 1 of the Utilization Plan shown as example

Lien Waiver

Used to verify the BEP-certified vendor has received payment in exchange for goods or services provided on the project



WAIVER OF LIEN TO DATE

DCEO GRANT# XX-XXXXXX

WHEREAS the undersigned has been employed by Generic Broadband Solutions to furnish broadband construction materials for the premises known as of which Generic Broadband Solutions is the owner. The undersigned, for and in consideration of $ 1,000,000.00 Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do(es) hereby waive and release any and all lien or claim of, or right to, lien, under the statutes of the State of Illinois, relating to mechanics' liens, with respect to and on said above-described premises, and the improvements thereon, and on the material, fixtures, apparatus or machinery furnished, and on the moneys, funds or other considerations due or to become due from the owner, on account of all labor, services, material, fixtures, apparatus or machinery, furnished to this date by the undersigned for the above-described premises.

DATE 8/20/2026 COMPANY NAME Vandelay Industries
ADDRESS 129 West 81st Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY
SIGNATURE _____
Printed Name & Title Art Vandelay, President

CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
THE UNDERSIGNED, (NAME) Art Vandelay BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT HE OR SHE IS (POSITION) President OF (COMPANY NAME) Vandelay Industries WHO IS THE CONTRACTOR FURNISHING a variety of construction materials WORK ON THE PROJECT LOCATED AT Hardin County OWNED BY Generic Broadband Solutions
That the total amount of the contract is $ 1,000,000.00 on which he or she has received payment of $ 1,000,000.00 prior to this payment. That all waivers are true, correct, and genuine and delivered unconditionally and that there is no claim either legal or equitable to defeat the validity of said waivers. That the following are the names and addresses of all parties who have furnished material or labor, or both, for said work and all parties having contracts or subcontracts for specific portions of said work or for material entering into the construction thereof and the amount due or to become due to each, and that the items mentioned include all labor and material required to complete said work according to plans and specifications:

NAMES AND ADDRESSES	WHAT FOR	CONTRACT PRICE	AMOUNT PAID	THIS PAYMENT	BALANCE DUE
Vandelay Industries	construction mater	$1,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$0	$0
TOTAL LABOR & MATERIAL TO COMPLETE		$1,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00		

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

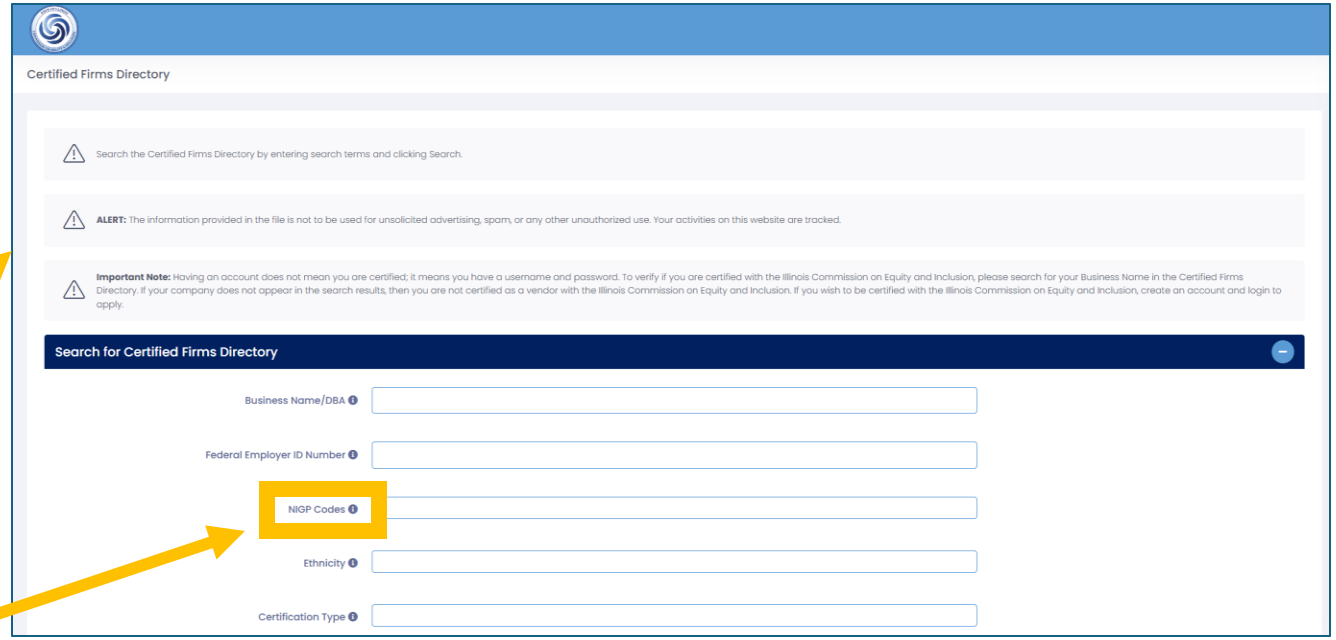
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

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BEP Next Steps

How to Use the Vendor Portal

- Navigate to the Certified Firms Directory on the CEI website (linked here)



- To help find potential vendors, the IOB can provide the grantee some of the commonly used **NIGP codes** from Connect IL Round 3 to input into the search function. Any NIGP code related to the project may be utilized.



- The Directory may also include vendors certified in other programs, such as the Veterans Business Program. Use of these will not count toward the BEP participation goal.
  - Only BEP certifications count toward the BEP Act. These include **MBE, WBE, WMBE, and PBE**

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BEP Next Steps

"Good Faith Efforts" Waiver

In the event that finding sufficient BEP vendors is not possible, the IOB may consider reducing of completely waiving the BEP participation goal as a **last resort**.

"Good Faith Efforts" involve:	Required Documentation
• Early and meaningful outreach • Broad solicitation of potential vendors • Breaking work down into feasible units • Fair evaluations of quotes • Assistance to potential vendors where appropriate	• Lists of certified firms contacted including dates, methods, and name of person contacted • Copies of emails, letters, advertisements and solicitations • Quotes received from both BEP-certified and non-certified vendors, with comparison summaries of those quotes • Written explanations for rejected or unavailable BEP firms • Evidence of efforts to substitute or increase BEP participation

BEP Next Steps

Consequences for Non-compliance:

Failure to meet the BEP goal without a fully approved waiver may result in the following:

- Withholding of payments equal to the BEP goal participation amount
- Grant Agreement termination
- Suspension or debarment from future state grants/contracts
- Referral for civil or criminal enforcement in cases of fraud

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Illinois Works Goals

The Illinois Works Apprenticeship Program ensures qualified construction and building trades apprentices participate in state-funded projects to gain experience which prepares them to enter full-time careers in the construction and building trades industry.

The apprentice goal is set at **10% of the hours projected to complete the project for each job classification**.

Meaning, the **grantee** must ensure that 10% of the hours worked for each job classification are completed by apprentices from U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL)-certified apprenticeship programs, including:

IL Works Pre-Apprenticeship Programs	Union Programs	Non-Union Programs	Grantee-Sponsored Programs

Of this 10%:

- A minimum of 5% **must** come from graduates of an Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program
- The remaining 5% can come from any of the approved program options listed above

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Illinois Works Impact of Project Amounts

Project dollar amount thresholds impact requirements:

Projects Over $500,000	Illinois Works participation is **required** for projects where the award and match totals more than $500,000
Projects Over $500,000 with Over 50% match	Projects that exceed $500,000 with a match of more than 50% of the project total will have a **reduced** Illinois Works goal
Projects Under $500,000	Projects under $500,000 are **not subject** to Illinois Works requirements

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Illinois Works Requirements & Steps

The Illinois Works Apprenticeship Program ensures qualified construction and building trades apprentices participate in state-funded projects to gain experience which prepares them to enter full-time careers in the construction and building trades industry.

When is this required?

- Once the grant agreement is executed by both parties, the **grantee has 90 days to submit the Illinois Works Budget Supplement** to the IOB.
- The grantee's assigned grant manager will send the Budget Supplement form to the grantee to complete with information regarding the project workforce.
- The Budget Supplement establishes:
    - The Prevailing Wage job classification titles involved in the project; and
    - The number of hours of work for each wage classification estimated for the project.
- Apprentice goal is set at 10% of the hours projected to complete the project for each job classification. Meaning…
    - Grantee must ensure that 10% of the hours worked **for each job classification** are completed by apprentices from U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL)-certified apprenticeship programs

Required Steps & Deadlines

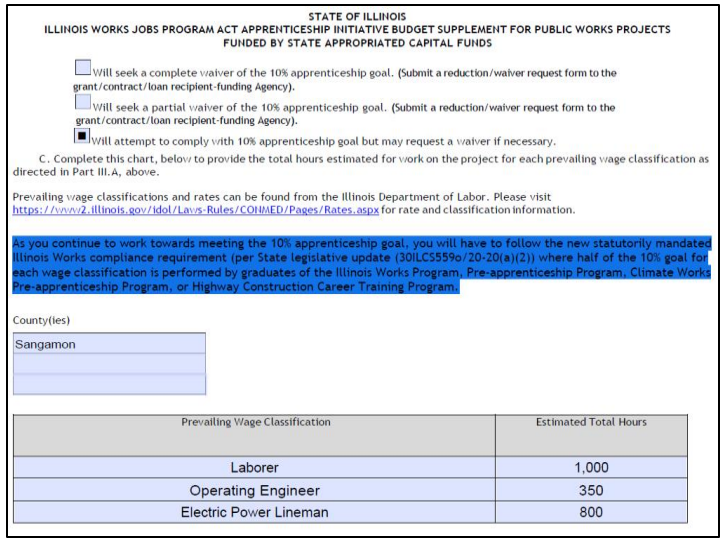
The Illinois Works program will require thorough documentation throughout the project, including completion of the following IOB-provided templates:

- **Budget Supplement** - Establishes the projected work hours for each classification title along with the apprenticeship goals. May be modified if projections change.
- **Periodic Report** - Reports quarterly hours worked on the project for each classification title. Reviewed by IOB and Illinois Works to determine if the project is on track to meet the goals.
- **Certification to Close Out Project** - Submit when the apprenticeship goals have been met for all classification titles. Once this is approved, a grantee has completed the Illinois Works requirement.

Illinois Works Documents

Budget Supplement

Establishes the classification titles to be used on the project along with an estimated number of hours; Also determines if Illinois Works applies to total grant funds or only state dollars*



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ILLINOIS WORKS JOBS PROGRAM ACT APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FUNDED BY STATE APPROPRIATED CAPITAL FUNDS

☐ Will seek a complete waiver of the 10% apprenticeship goal. (Submit a reduction/waiver request form to the grant/contract/loan recipient-funding Agency).

☐ Will seek a partial waiver of the 10% apprenticeship goal. (Submit a reduction/waiver request form to the grant/contract/loan recipient-funding Agency).

■ Will attempt to comply with 10% apprenticeship goal but may request a waiver if necessary.

C. Complete this chart, below to provide the total hours estimated for work on the project for each prevailing wage classification as directed in Part III.A, above.

Prevailing wage classifications and rates can be found from the Illinois Department of Labor. Please visit https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/Rates.aspx for rate and classification information.

As you continue to work towards meeting the 10% apprenticeship goal, you will have to follow the new statutorily mandated Illinois Works compliance requirement (per State legislative update (30ILCS559o/20-20(a)(2)) where half of the 10% goal for each wage classification is performed by graduates of the Illinois Works Program, Pre-apprenticeship Program, Climate Works Pre-apprenticeship Program, or Highway Construction Career Training Program.

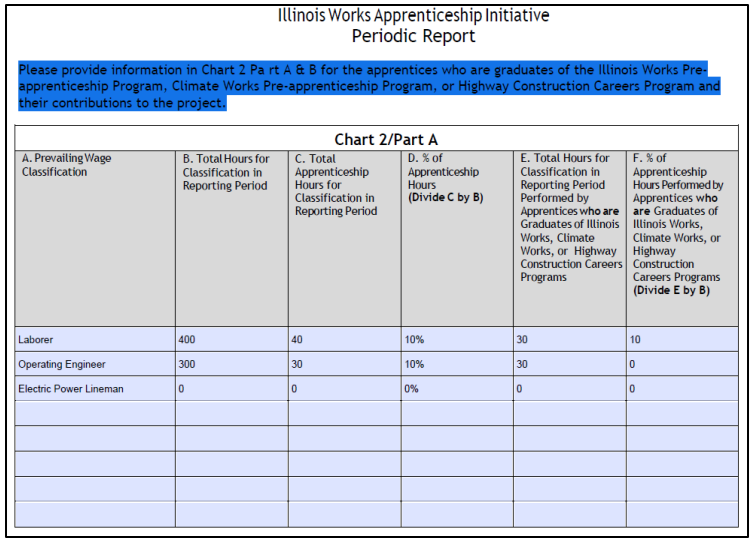
County(ies)

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Prevailing Wage Classification	Estimated Total Hours
Laborer	1,000
Operating Engineer	350
Electric Power Lineman	800

Periodic Report

Used quarterly to report the number of hours worked in each classification title



Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative
Periodic Report

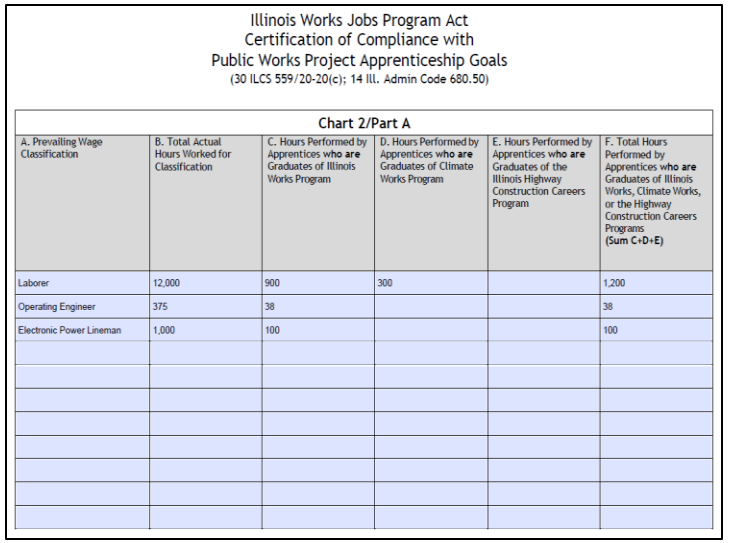
Please provide information in Chart 2 Pa rt A & B for the apprentices who are graduates of the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program, Climate Works Pre-apprenticeship Program, or Highway Construction Careers Program and their contributions to the project.

Chart 2/Part A

A. Prevailing Wage Classification	B. Total Hours for Classification in Reporting Period	C. Total Apprenticeship Hours for Classification in Reporting Period	D. % of Apprenticeship Hours (Divide C by B)	E. Total Hours for Classification in Reporting Period Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of Illinois Works, Climate Works, or Highway Construction Careers Programs	F. % of Apprenticeship Hours Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of Illinois Works, Climate Works, or Highway Construction Careers Programs (Divide E by B)
Laborer	400	40	10%	30	10
Operating Engineer	300	30	10%	30	0
Electric Power Lineman	0	0	0%	0	0

Certification to Closeout Project Form

Form used to document total hours worked in each classification title, once construction is complete



Illinois Works Jobs Program Act
Certification of Compliance with
Public Works Project Apprenticeship Goals
(30 ILCS 559/20-20(c); 14 Ill. Admin Code 680.50)

Chart 2/Part A

A. Prevailing Wage Classification	B. Total Actual Hours Worked for Classification	C. Hours Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of Illinois Works Program	D. Hours Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of Climate Works Program	E. Hours Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of the Illinois Highway Construction Careers Program	F. Total Hours Performed by Apprentices who are Graduates of Illinois Works, Climate Works, or the Highway Construction Careers Programs (Sum C+D+E)
Laborer	12,000	900	300		1,200
Operating Engineer	375	38			38
Electronic Power Lineman	1,000	100			100

*If the matching dollars exceed the grant dollars, then IL Works only applies to the apprentice hours worked and paid for by grant dollars. When match is less than 50%, IL Works applies to all apprentice hours.

Illinois Works Next Steps

- Determine **whether your project is subject to** Illinois Works apprenticeship requirements
- **Register** with Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative and identify approved apprenticeship program
- **Coordinate with contractors and subcontractors** to ensure apprentices are utilized
- Plan at least **10% of labor hours to be performed by apprentices**, with half of those hours completed by Illinois Works graduates or graduates of comparable approved apprenticeship programs
- Maintain **documentation** of apprenticeship participation and labors hours throughout the project

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About Prevailing Wage

When is this required?

Prevailing wage applies to **all fixed works constructed by any public body** or paid in whole or in part with public funds, including all projects **funded or financed** in whole or in part with bonds, grants, loans or other funds made available by or through the State or any of its political subdivisions, or undertaken by an institution supported in whole or in part by public funds.

All Connect Illinois projects are subject to prevailing wage requirements.

A project does not have to be intended for public use for prevailing wage to apply.

Prevailing Wage Next Steps

There are no waivers or exemptions from Prevailing Wage requirements for covered public works projects

How to Get Started

- Visit Current Prevailing Rates to review wages
- Select the applicable county and effective wage determination date (rate may change monthly)
- Identify the correct worker classification and calculate total compensation, include fringe benefits.
- Include prevailing wage requirements in contract and notify all subcontractors before work begins.

Recordkeeping Requirements

Maintain documentation such as:

- Certified payroll records
- Employee timecards and payroll records
- Wage rate determination
- Fringe Benefit documentation
- Contracts and subcontractor compliance records

Reporting Requirements

- **IDOL**: Oversees prevailing wage compliance, investigations, and enforcement
- **Illinois Office of Broadband (IOB)**: Requires recipients to certify and document prevailing wage compliance as part of grant reporting

Consequences of Non-Compliance

- Withholding of grant or contract payments
- Repayment of underpaid wages to workers
- Civil penalties and potential debarment from future public projects
- Audits, investigations, and possible legal actions

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Learnings from the Past

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Learnings from the Past

Below are tips to avoid common mistakes that can hold up compliance and payments…

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)	• Track when **annual financial reports (or audits) are due** based on the grantee's fiscal year • Ensure all elements of GATA **stay up to date** (i.e., SAM.gov registration) • Submit quarterly PPR and PFR reports **in a timely manner** to avoid placement on the stop pay list
Business Enterprise Program (BEP)	• **Identify potential BEP-certified vendors** early in the project schedule • Remember that BEP utilization can be through consultants, suppliers, or subcontractors – essentially **any vendor involved in the project** receiving grant dollars • Ensure that vendors selected to meet the BEP goal must be **included in the CEI directory** as of the submission of the Utilization Plan. The directory is ever changing and may even exclude vendors certified by CEI; however, this is the source of truth for the IOB's BEP UP approval process. • Attempting to obtain a "Good Faith Efforts" waiver for the BEP participation goals involves a high level of effort and determination on the Grantee's part, including **extensive documentation, outreach, and a "leave no stone unturned" approach**; Last-minute, passive outreach efforts won't be accepted
Illinois Works	• Take time to **understand the forms** and ask your Assistant Grants Manager questions to confirm understanding • Discuss with your contractor(s) **which classification titles are needed** for the entire project • Remember that the goal is for **10% of hours to be completed by apprentices for each classification**; not 10% of hours for the project as a whole
Prevailing Wage	• Become familiar with Department of Labor's **portal for wage reporting** • **Check on prevailing wage rates** regularly, as they may increase without notice • **Maintain records** so they are available if requested by IDOL as part of an investigation

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Next Steps

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What Grantees Can Do Now

Grantees can begin preparing to comply now by initiating the following activities:

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)	• Review staff access to the portal • Review qualification status • Mark calendar for when items will expire
Business Enterprise Program (BEP)	• Search through the CEI directory using applicable NIGP codes for vendors that may meet the project's needs • Begin initial outreach to potential vendors • Ensure the internal procurement process includes the BEP requirements in relevant documentation
Illinois Works	• Discuss with contractor what classification titles will be used • Research which organizations have apprenticeship programs that may provide workers
Prevailing Wage	• Review Dept of Labor website for more detailed information

3 months later: How Requirements Work Together in Practice

Grantee FiberMaxx is 3 months into their grant agreement. They are working on:

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)	• Monitoring the GATA portal to ensure contact information remains up-to-date
Business Enterprise Program (BEP)	• Searching for Illinois certified BEP Vendors through the CEI vendor directory • Drafting and submitting their BEP Utilization Plan • Beginning communication with BEP-certified firms
Illinois Works	• Completing first Illinois Works Budget Supplement • Working with unions and DCEO's Office of Illinois Works to ensure apprentices meet the Illinois Works requirement
Prevailing Wage	• Ensuring Prevailing Wage guidelines are included within Requests for Proposal and contracts with vendors or procurements • Directing any questions and concerns to the Illinois Department of Labor

Upcoming Webinars

All webinars will be held at every Wednesday, 11 am – 12 pm CT.

Tentative schedule of topics, subject to change:

- Sept 16 | BEAD Grantee Orientation Part 1
- Sept 23 | BEAD Grantee Orientation Part 2
- Sept 30 | Complying with Illinois Requirements
- Oct 7 | Complying with Federal BEAD Requirements
- Oct 14 | Disbursement Approach & Fixed Amount Subawards (FASA)
- Oct 21 | Permitting Part 1 – Right-of-Way and Railroad Permits
- Oct 28 | Permitting Part 2 – Pole Attachments & Fixed Wireless Permits
- Nov 4 | Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 1
- Nov 11| Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 2
- Nov 18 | Environmental & Historic Preservation Webinar 3

Registration Link: https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/bead-orientation-webinars-1

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Resources

IOB Website: dceo.illinois.gov/broadband

BEAD Grantee Resource Hub: dceo.illinois.gov/broadband/bead/bead-grantee-resource-hub

Resources Available:

- Federal Requirements
  - Pre-Award Expenses & Request Letter Template
  - Matching Funds and In-Kind Contributions
  - Build America, Buy America (BABA)
  - Letter of Credit Guidance
  - Performance Measures Testing
  - Fixed Amount Subaward Milestones, Required Documentation, and Disbursement Process
- State Requirements
  - Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)
  - Illinois Works
  - Prevailing Wage
  - Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
  - Quarterly Reporting *(coming soon)*
- Permitting
  - Permitting Resources, including:
    - Broadband in Illinois Starter Guide
    - Illinois Broadband Permitting Directory
    - Guide to Hosting Permitting Round Tables
    - Illinois Broadband Permitting Map

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Requirements & the Grantee Journey

Begins during pre-deployment, & continues throughout build

1) Onboarding

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Become familiar with requirements

Illinois Works
- Become familiar with requirements

Prevailing Wage
- Become familiar with requirements

2) Grant Agreement Execution

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Populate Conditional Approval letter template to continue grant agreement execution process
- Start building BEP Utilization Plan

Illinois Works
- Plan for compliance with requirements

Prevailing Wage
- Plan for compliance with requirements

3) Pre-Deployment

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Populate and submit BEP Utilization Plan
- Begin to report BEP expenses and provide lien waivers from BEP vendors

Illinois Works
- Establish classification titles

Prevailing Wage
- Build in Prevailing Wage requirements to procurement of contractors

4) Reporting

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Report BEP expenses and provide lien waivers from BEP vendors

Illinois Works
- Report classification hours worked

Prevailing Wage
- Report prevailing rate wages to IL Department of Labor

5) Build

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Report BEP expenses and provide lien waivers from BEP vendors

Illinois Works
- Report classification hours worked

Prevailing Wage
- Procure Prevailing Wage-compliant contractors, monitor compliance, and report Prevailing Rate wages to IL Department of Labor

6) Outreach & Adoption

GATA
- Monitor status to remain in pre-qualified status

BEP
- Submit outstanding lien waivers

Illinois Works
- Submit Certification to Closeout Project Form

Prevailing Wage
- Report Prevailing Rate wages to IL Department of Labor

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