



**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
AND
«CompanyName»**

The parties to this Grant Agreement (Agreement) are the State of Illinois (State), acting through the undersigned agency (Grantor) and «CompanyName» (Grantee) (collectively, the "Parties" and individually, a "Party"). The Agreement, consisting of the signature page, the parts listed below, and any additional exhibits or attachments referenced in this Agreement, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. No promises, terms, or conditions not recited, incorporated or referenced herein, including prior agreements or oral discussions, are binding upon either Grantee or Grantor.

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The Parties or their duly authorized representatives hereby execute this Agreement.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

«COMPANYNAME»

By: _____
Signature of Kristin A. Richards, Director

Date: _____

By: _____
Signature of Designee

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Title: _____
Designee

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: _____

Printed Name: «SignatorName»

Printed Title: «SignatorTitle»

Email: «SignatorEmail»

By: _____
Signature of Second Grantor Approver, if applicable

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Title: _____
Second Grantor Approver

By: _____
Signature of Second Grantee Approver, if applicable

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Title: _____
Second Grantee Approver
(optional at Grantee's discretion)

By: _____
Signature of Third Grantor Approver, if applicable

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Title: _____
Third Grantor Approver

**Note from the Illinois Office of Broadband:
Part I applies to all State grants. The IOB does not have the power to amend this.**

PART ONE – THE UNIFORM TERMS

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

I.1. Definitions. Capitalized words and phrases used in this Agreement have the meanings stated in 2 CFR 200.1 unless otherwise stated below.

“Allowable Costs” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Award” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Budget” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Catalog of State Financial Assistance” or “CSFA” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Close-out Report” means a report from the Grantee allowing Grantor to determine whether all applicable administrative actions and required work have been completed, and therefore closeout actions can commence.

“Conflict of Interest” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Cooperative Research and Development Agreement” has the same meaning as in 15 USC 3710a.

“Direct Costs” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Financial Assistance” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“GATU” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Grant Agreement” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Grantee Compliance Enforcement System” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Grant Funds” means the Financial Assistance made available to Grantee through this Agreement.

“Grantee Portal” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Indirect Costs” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Indirect Cost Rate” means a device for determining in a reasonable manner the proportion of Indirect Costs each Program should bear. It is a ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the Indirect Costs to a Direct Cost base. If reimbursement of Indirect Costs is allowable under an Award, Grantor will not reimburse those Indirect Costs unless Grantee has established an Indirect Cost Rate covering the applicable activities and period of time, unless Indirect Costs are reimbursed at a fixed rate.

“Indirect Cost Rate Proposal” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Obligations" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Period of Performance" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Prior Approval" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Profit" means an entity's total revenue less its operating expenses, interest paid, depreciation, and taxes.
"Profit" is synonymous with the term "net revenue."

"Program" means the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. "Program" is used interchangeably with "Project."

"Program Costs" means all Allowable Costs incurred by Grantee and the value of the contributions made by third parties in accomplishing the objectives of the Award during the Term of this Agreement.

"Related Parties" has the meaning set forth in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 850-10-20.

"SAM" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"State-issued Award" means the assistance that a grantee receives directly from a State agency. The funding source of the State-issued Award can be federal pass-through, State or a combination thereof.

"State-issued Award" does not include the following:

- contracts issued pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code that a State agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate State government-owned, contractor-operated facilities;
- agreements that meet the definition of "contract" under 2 CFR 200.1 and 2 CFR 200.331, which a State agency uses to procure goods or services but are exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code due to an exemption listed under 30 ILCS 500/1-10, or pursuant to a disaster proclamation, executive order, or any other exemption permitted by law;
- amounts received for services rendered to an individual;
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreements;
- an agreement that provides only direct cash assistance to an individual;
- a subsidy;
- a loan;
- a loan guarantee; or
- insurance.

"Illinois Stop Payment List" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Unallowable Cost" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

"Unique Entity Identifier" or "UEI" has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

ARTICLE II AWARD INFORMATION

II.1. Term. This Agreement is effective on «GrantBeginDate» and expires on «GrantEndDate» (the Term), unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

II.2. Amount of Agreement. Grant Funds must not exceed \$«GrantAmount», of which \$«FederalGrantAmount» are federal funds. Grantee accepts Grantor's payment as specified in this ARTICLE.

II.3. Payment. Payment will be made as follows (see additional payment requirements in ARTICLE IV; additional payment provisions specific to this Award may be included in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**):

The Award amount listed in Paragraph 2.2 is not a guarantee of payment, and Grantee's receipt of Grant Funds is contingent upon all terms and conditions of this Agreement.

«PaymentProvisionTitle»
«PaymentProvisionDescription»

II.4. Award Identification Numbers. If applicable, the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) is «AwardNumber», the federal awarding agency is «FederalAgencyName», and the Federal Award date is «FederalAwardDate». If applicable, the Assistance Listing Program Title is «CFDATitle» and Assistance Listing Number is «CFDAId». The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) Number is **CSFA Number** and the CSFA Name is **CSFA Name**. If applicable, the State Award Identification Number (SAIN) is **SAIN**.

ARTICLE III GRANTEE CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

III.1. Registration Certification. Grantee certifies that: (i) it is registered with SAM and «UEI» is Grantee's correct UEI; (ii) it is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if applicable; and (iii) Grantee has successfully completed the annual registration and prequalification through the Grantee Portal.

Grantee must remain current with these registrations and requirements. If Grantee's status with regard to any of these requirements changes, or the certifications made in and information provided in the uniform grant application changes, Grantee must notify Grantor in accordance with ARTICLE XV.

III.2. Tax Identification Certification. Grantee certifies that: «FeinSsn» is Grantee's correct federal employer identification number (FEIN) or Social Security Number. Grantee further certifies, if applicable: (a) that Grantee is not subject to backup withholding because (i) Grantee is exempt from backup withholding, or (ii) Grantee has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that Grantee is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (iii) the IRS has notified Grantee that Grantee is no longer subject to backup withholding; and (b) Grantee is a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person. Grantee is doing business as a (check one):

☐ Individual	☐ Pharmacy-Non Corporate
☐ Sole Proprietorship	☐ Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery Corp.
☐ Partnership	☐ Tax Exempt
☐ Corporation (includes Not For Profit)	☐ Limited Liability Company (select applicable tax classification)
☐ Medical Corporation	☐ P = partnership
☐ Governmental Unit	☐ C = corporation
☐ Estate or Trust	

If Grantee has not received a payment from the State of Illinois in the last two years, Grantee must submit a W-9 tax form with this Agreement.

III.3. Compliance with Uniform Grant Rules. Grantee certifies that it must adhere to the applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, which are published in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR Part 200) and are incorporated herein by reference. 44 III. Admin. Code 7000.40(c)(1)(A). The requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 apply to the Grant Funds awarded through this Agreement, regardless of whether the original source of the funds is State or federal, unless an exception is noted in federal or State statutes or regulations. 30 ILCS 708/5(b).

III.4. Representations and Use of Funds. Grantee certifies under oath that (1) all representations made in this Agreement are true and correct and (2) all Grant Funds awarded pursuant to this Agreement must be used only for the purpose(s) described herein. Grantee acknowledges that the Award is made solely upon this certification and that any false statements, misrepresentations, or material omissions will be the basis for immediate termination of this Agreement and repayment of all Grant Funds.

III.5. Specific Certifications. Grantee is responsible for compliance with the enumerated certifications in this Paragraph to the extent that the certifications apply to Grantee.

(a) **Bribery.** Grantee certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.

(b) **Bid Rigging.** Grantee certifies that it has not been barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of Paragraph 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 720 ILCS 5/33E-4, respectively).

(c) **Debt to State.** Grantee certifies that neither it, nor its affiliate(s), is/are barred from receiving an Award because Grantee, or its affiliate(s), is/are delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State, unless Grantee, or its affiliate(s), has/have entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt.

(d) **International Boycott.** Grantee certifies that neither it nor any substantially owned affiliated company is participating or will participate in an international boycott in violation of the provision of the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018, Part II of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 USC 4841 through 4843), and the anti-boycott provisions set forth in Part 760 of the federal Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR Parts 730 through 774).

(e) **Discriminatory Club Dues or Fees.** Grantee certifies that it is not prohibited from receiving an Award because it pays dues or fees on behalf of its employees or agents, or subsidizes or otherwise reimburses employees or agents for payment of their dues or fees to any club which unlawfully discriminates (775 ILCS 25/2).

(f) **Pro-Children Act.** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with the Pro-Children Act of 2001 in that it prohibits smoking in any portion of its facility used for the provision of health, day care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of eighteen (18) (except such portions of the facilities which are used for inpatient substance abuse treatment) (20 USC 7181-7184).

(g) **Drug-Free Workplace.** If Grantee is not an individual, Grantee certifies it will provide a

drug free workplace pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act. 30 ILCS 580/3. If Grantee is an individual and this Agreement is valued at more than \$5,000, Grantee certifies it will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance during the performance of the Agreement. 30 ILCS 580/4. Grantee further certifies that if it is a recipient of federal pass-through funds, it is in compliance with the government-wide requirements for a drug-free workplace as set forth in 41 USC 8103.

(h) **Motor Voter Law.** Grantee certifies that it is in full compliance with the terms and provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 USC 20501 *et seq.*).

(i) **Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 USC 1251 *et seq.*).

(j) **Debarment.** Grantee certifies that it is not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or permanent inclusion on the Illinois Stop Payment List, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any federal department or agency (2 CFR 200.205(a)), or by the State (30 ILCS 708/25(6)(G)).

(k) **Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension.** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 376, Subpart C.

(l) **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (Public Law No. 104-191, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164, and the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1320d-2 through 1320d-7), in that it may not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by law and agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the protected health information. Grantee must maintain, for a minimum of six (6) years, all protected health information.

(m) **Criminal Convictions.** Grantee certifies that:

(i) Neither it nor a managerial agent of Grantee (for non-governmental grantees only, this includes any officer, director or partner of Grantee) has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, nor a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under Illinois Securities Law of 1953, or that at least five (5) years have passed since the date of the conviction; and

(ii) It must disclose to Grantor all violations of criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity violations potentially affecting this Award. Failure to disclose may result in remedial actions as stated in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. 30 ILCS 708/40. Additionally, if Grantee receives over \$10 million in total federal Financial Assistance, during the period of this Award, Grantee must maintain the currency of information reported to SAM regarding civil, criminal or administrative proceedings as required by 2 CFR 200.113 and Appendix XII of 2 CFR Part 200, and 30 ILCS 708/40.

(n) **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA).** Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with the terms and requirements of 31 USC 6101 with respect to Federal Awards greater than or equal to \$30,000. A FFATA subaward report must be filed by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.

(o) **Illinois Works Review Panel.** For Awards made for public works projects, as defined in the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act, Grantee certifies that it and any contractor(s) or subcontractor(s) that

performs work using funds from this Award, must, upon reasonable notice, appear before and respond to requests for information from the Illinois Works Review Panel. 30 ILCS 559/20-25(d).

(p) **Anti-Discrimination.** Grantee certifies that its employees and subcontractors under subcontract made pursuant to this Agreement, must comply with all applicable provisions of State and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to: Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*), including, without limitation, 44 Ill. Admin. Code 750- Appendix A, which is incorporated herein; Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*); Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a - 2000h-6); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended) (42 USC 12101 *et seq.*); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101 *et seq.*).

(q) **Internal Revenue Code and Illinois Income Tax Act.** Grantee certifies that it complies with all provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 1), the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5), and all regulations and rules promulgated thereunder, including withholding provisions and timely deposits of employee taxes and unemployment insurance taxes.

ARTICLE IV PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

IV.1. Availability of Appropriation; Sufficiency of Funds. This Agreement is contingent upon and subject to the availability of sufficient funds. Grantor may terminate or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if (i) sufficient funds for this Agreement have not been appropriated or otherwise made available to Grantor by the State or the federal funding source, (ii) the Governor or Grantor reserves funds, or (iii) the Governor or Grantor determines that funds will not or may not be available for payment. Grantor must provide notice, in writing, to Grantee of any such funding failure and its election to terminate or suspend this Agreement as soon as practicable. Any suspension or termination pursuant to this Paragraph will be effective upon the date of the written notice unless otherwise indicated.

IV.2. Pre-Award Costs. Pre-award costs are not permitted unless specifically authorized by Grantor in **Exhibit A, PART TWO** or **PART THREE** of this Agreement. If they are authorized, pre-award costs must be charged to the initial Budget Period of the Award, unless otherwise specified by Grantor. 2 CFR 200.458.

IV.3. Return of Grant Funds. Grantee must liquidate all Obligations incurred under the Award within forty-five (45) days of the end of the Period of Performance, or in the case of capital improvement Awards, within forty-five (45) days of the end of the time period the Grant Funds are available for expenditure or obligation, unless Grantor permits a longer period in **PART TWO** OR **PART THREE**. Grantee must return to Grantor within forty-five (45) days of the end of the applicable time period as set forth in this Paragraph all remaining Grant Funds that are not expended or legally obligated.

IV.4. Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990. Unless notified otherwise in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**, Grantee must manage federal funds received under this Agreement in accordance with the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (31 USC 6501 *et seq.*) and any other applicable federal laws or regulations. 2 CFR 200.305; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.120.

IV.5. Payments to Third Parties. Grantor will have no liability to Grantee when Grantor acts in good faith to redirect all or a portion of any Grantee payment to a third party. Grantor will be deemed to have acted in good faith when it is in possession of information that indicates Grantee authorized Grantor to intercept or redirect payments to a third party or when so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

IV.6. Modifications to Estimated Amount. If the Agreement amount is established on an estimated basis, then it may be increased by mutual agreement at any time during the Term. Grantor may decrease the estimated amount of this Agreement at any time during the Term if (i) Grantor believes Grantee will not use the funds during the Term, (ii) Grantor believes Grantee has used Grant Funds in a manner that was not authorized by this Agreement, (iii) sufficient funds for this Agreement have not been appropriated or otherwise made available to Grantor by the State or the federal funding source, (iv) the Governor or Grantor reserves funds, or (v) the Governor or Grantor determines that funds will or may not be available for payment. Grantee will be notified, in writing, of any adjustment of the estimated amount of this Agreement. In the event of such reduction, services provided by Grantee under Exhibit A may be reduced accordingly. Grantor must pay Grantee for work satisfactorily performed prior to the date of the notice regarding adjustment. 2 CFR 200.308.

IV.7. Interest.

(a) All interest earned on Grant Funds held by a Grantee or a subrecipient will be treated in accordance with 2 CFR 200.305(b)(12), unless otherwise provided in PART TWO or PART THREE. Grantee and its subrecipients must remit annually any amount due in accordance with 2 CFR 200.305(b)(12) or to Grantor, as applicable.

(b) Grant Funds must be placed in an insured account, whenever possible, that bears interest, unless exempted under 2 CFR 200.305(b)(10), (b)(11).

IV.8. Timely Billing Required. Grantee must submit any payment request to Grantor within fifteen (15) days of the end of the quarter, unless another billing schedule is specified in ARTICLE II, PART TWO, or PART THREE. Failure to submit such payment request timely will render the amounts billed Unallowable Costs which Grantor cannot reimburse. In the event that Grantee is unable, for good cause, to submit its payment request timely, Grantee shall timely notify Grantor and may request an extension of time to submit the payment request. Grantor's approval of Grantee's request for an extension shall not be unreasonably withheld.

IV.9. Certification. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.415, each invoice and report submitted by Grantee (or subrecipient) must contain the following certification by an official authorized to legally bind Grantee (or subrecipient):

By signing this report [or payment request or both], I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report [or payment request] is true, complete, and accurate; that the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the State or federal pass-through award; and that supporting documentation has been submitted as required by the grant agreement. I acknowledge that approval for any other expenditure described herein is considered conditional subject to further review and verification in accordance with the monitoring and records retention provisions of the grant agreement. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise (U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812; 30 ILCS 708/120).

ARTICLE V
SCOPE OF AWARD ACTIVITIES/PURPOSE OF AWARD

V.1. Scope of Award Activities/Purpose of Award. Grantee must perform as described in this Agreement, including as described in **Exhibit A** (Project Description), **Exhibit B** (Deliverables or Milestones), and **Exhibit D** (Performance Measures and Standards), as applicable. Grantee must further comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of State Award (44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.360) which is incorporated herein by reference. All Grantor-specific provisions and programmatic reporting required under this Agreement are described in **PART TWO** (Grantor-Specific Terms). All Project-specific provisions and reporting required under this Agreement are described in **PART THREE** (Project-Specific Terms).

V.2. Scope Revisions. Grantee must obtain Prior Approval from Grantor whenever a scope revision is necessary for one or more of the reasons enumerated in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.370(b)(2). All requests for scope revisions that require Grantor approval must be signed by Grantee's authorized representative and submitted to Grantor for approval. Expenditure of funds under a requested revision is prohibited and will not be reimbursed if expended before Grantor gives written approval. 2 CFR 200.308.

V.3. Specific Conditions. If applicable, specific conditions required after a risk assessment are included in **Exhibit E**. Grantee must adhere to the specific conditions listed therein. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.340(e).

ARTICLE VI BUDGET

VI.1. Budget. The Budget submitted by Grantee at application, or a revised Budget subsequently submitted and approved by Grantor, is considered final and is incorporated herein by reference.

VI.2. Budget Revisions. Grantee must obtain Prior Approval, whether mandated or discretionary, from Grantor whenever a Budget revision is necessary for one or more of the reasons enumerated in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.370(b). All requests for Budget revisions that require Grantor approval must be signed by Grantee's authorized representative and submitted to Grantor for approval. Expenditure of funds under a requested revision is prohibited and will not be reimbursed if expended before Grantor gives written approval.

VI.3. Notification. Within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the request for Budget revisions, Grantor will review the request and notify Grantee whether the Budget revision has been approved, denied, or the date upon which a decision will be reached. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.370(b)(7).

ARTICLE VII ALLOWABLE COSTS

VII.1. Allowability of Costs; Cost Allocation Methods. The allowability of costs and cost allocation methods for work performed under this Agreement will be determined in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E and Appendices III, IV, V, and VII.

VII.2. Indirect Cost Rate Submission.

(a) All grantees, except for Local Education Agencies (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1), must make an Indirect Cost Rate election in the Grantee Portal, even grantees that do not charge or expect to charge Indirect Costs. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.420(e).

(i) Waived and de minimis Indirect Cost Rate elections will remain in effect until Grantee elects a different option.

(b) Grantee must submit an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal in accordance with federal and State regulations, in a format prescribed by Grantor. For grantees who have never negotiated an Indirect Cost Rate before, the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal must be submitted for approval no later than three months after the effective date of the Award. For grantees who have previously negotiated an Indirect Cost Rate, the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal must be submitted for approval within 180 days of Grantee's fiscal year end, as dictated in the applicable appendices, such as:

- (i) Appendix VII to 2 CFR Part 200 governs Indirect Cost Rate Proposals for state and Local Governments and Indian Tribes,
- (ii) Appendix III to 2 CFR Part 200 governs Indirect Cost Rate Proposals for public and private institutions of higher education,
- (iii) Appendix IV to 2 CFR Part 200 governs Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment, and Rate Determination for Nonprofit Organizations, and
- (iv) Appendix V to 2 CFR Part 200 governs state/Local Government-wide Central Service Cost Allocation Plans.

(c) A grantee who has a current, applicable rate negotiated by a cognizant federal agency must provide to Grantor a copy of its Indirect Cost Rate acceptance letter from the federal government and a copy of all documentation regarding the allocation methodology for costs used to negotiate that rate, e.g., without limitation, the cost policy statement or disclosure narrative statement. Grantor will accept that Indirect Cost Rate, up to any statutory, rule-based or programmatic limit.

(d) A grantee who does not have a current negotiated rate, may elect to charge a *de minimis* rate up to 15 percent of modified total direct costs, which may be used indefinitely. No documentation is required to justify the *de minimis* Indirect Cost Rate. 2 CFR 200.414(f).

VII.3. Transfer of Costs. Cost transfers between Grants, whether as a means to compensate for cost overruns or for other reasons, are unallowable. 2 CFR 200.451.

VII.4. Commercial Organization Cost Principles. The federal cost principles and procedures for cost analysis and the determination, negotiation and allowance of costs that apply to commercial organizations are set forth in 48 CFR Part 31.

VII.5. Financial Management Standards. The financial management systems of Grantee must meet the following standards:

(a) **Accounting System.** Grantee organizations must have an accounting system that provides accurate, current, and complete disclosure of all financial transactions related to each state- and federally-funded Program. Accounting records must contain information pertaining to State and federal pass-through awards, authorizations, Obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, and income. These records must be maintained on a current basis and balanced at least quarterly. Cash contributions to the Program from third parties must be accounted for in the general ledger with other Grant Funds. Third party in-kind (non-cash) contributions are not required to be recorded in the general ledger, but must be under accounting control, possibly through the use of a memorandum ledger. To comply with 2 CFR 200.305(b)(9) and 30 ILCS 708/97, Grantee must use reasonable efforts to ensure that funding streams are delineated within Grantee's accounting system. 2 CFR 200.302.

(b) **Source Documentation.** Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as canceled checks, bank statements, invoices, paid bills, donor letters, time and attendance records, activity reports, travel reports, contractual and consultant agreements, and subaward documentation. All supporting documentation must be clearly identified with the Award and general ledger accounts which are to be charged or credited.

(i) The documentation standards for salary charges to Grants are prescribed by 2 CFR 200.430, and in the cost principles applicable to the Grantee's organization.

(ii) If records do not meet the standards in 2 CFR 200.430, then Grantor may notify Grantee in **PART TWO**, **PART THREE** or **Exhibit E** of the requirement to submit personnel activity reports. 2 CFR 200.430(g)(8). Personnel activity reports must account on an after-the-fact basis for one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's actual time, separately indicating the time spent on the Award, other grants or projects, vacation or sick leave, and administrative time, if applicable. The reports must be signed by the employee, approved by the appropriate official, and coincide with a pay period. These time records must be used to record the distribution of salary costs to the appropriate accounts no less frequently than quarterly.

(iii) Formal agreements with independent contractors, such as consultants, must include a description of the services to be performed, the period of performance, the fee and method of payment, an itemization of travel and other costs which are chargeable to the agreement, and the signatures of both the contractor and an appropriate official of Grantee.

(iv) If third party in-kind (non-cash) contributions are used for Award purposes, the valuation of these contributions must be supported with adequate documentation.

(c) **Internal Control.** Grantee must maintain effective control and accountability for all cash, real and personal property, and other assets. Grantee must adequately safeguard all such property and must provide assurance that it is used solely for authorized purposes. Grantee must also have systems in place that provide reasonable assurance that the information is accurate, allowable, and compliant with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. 2 CFR 200.303.

(d) **Budget Control.** Grantee must maintain records of expenditures for each Award by the cost categories of the approved Budget (including Indirect Costs that are charged to the Award), and actual expenditures are to be compared with budgeted amounts at least quarterly.

(e) **Cash Management.** Requests for advance payment must be limited to Grantee's immediate cash needs. Grantee must have written procedures to minimize the time elapsing between the receipt and the disbursement of Grant Funds to avoid having excess funds on hand. 2 CFR 200.305.

VII.6. **Profits.** It is not permitted for any person or entity to earn a Profit from an Award. *See, e.g.,* 2 CFR 200.400(g); *see also* 30 ILCS 708/60(a)(7).

VII.7. **Management of Program Income.** Grantee is encouraged to earn income to defray Program Costs where appropriate, subject to 2 CFR 200.307.

ARTICLE VIII LOBBYING

VIII.1. **Improper Influence.** Grantee certifies that it will not use and has not used Grant Funds to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any government agency or a member or employee of the State or federal legislature in connection with the awarding of any agreement, the making of any grant, the making of any loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any agreement, grant, loan or cooperative agreement. Additionally, Grantee certifies that it has filed the required certification under the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352), if applicable.

VIII.2. **Federal Form LLL.** If any federal funds, other than federally-appropriated funds, were paid or will

be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any of the above persons in connection with this Agreement, the undersigned must also complete and submit Federal Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form, in accordance with its instructions.

VIII.3. Lobbying Costs. Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with the restrictions on lobbying set forth in 2 CFR 200.450. For any Indirect Costs associated with this Agreement, total lobbying costs must be separately identified in the Program Budget, and thereafter treated as other Unallowable Costs.

VIII.4. Procurement Lobbying. Grantee warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its subrecipients have complied and will comply with Illinois Executive Order No. 1 (2007) (EO 1-2007). EO 1-2007 generally prohibits grantees and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor's family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments, if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over \$25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year period preceding the procurement lobbying activity.

VIII.5. Subawards. Grantee must include the language of this ARTICLE in the award documents for any subawards made pursuant to this Award at all tiers. All subrecipients are also subject to certification and disclosure. Pursuant to Appendix II(I) to 2 CFR Part 200, Grantee must forward all disclosures by contractors regarding this certification to Grantor.

VIII.6. Certification. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed to enter into this transaction and is a prerequisite for this transaction, pursuant to 31 USC 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certifications will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

ARTICLE IX MAINTENANCE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF RECORDS; MONITORING

IX.1. Records Retention. Grantee must maintain for three (3) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report, adequate books, all financial records and, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to this Award, adequate to comply with 2 CFR 200.334, unless a different retention period is specified in 2 CFR 200.334, 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.430(a) and (b) or **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the retention period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims or audit exceptions involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

IX.2. Accessibility of Records. Grantee, in compliance with 2 CFR 200.337 and 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.430(f), must make books, records, related papers, supporting documentation and personnel relevant to this Agreement available to authorized Grantor representatives, the Illinois Auditor General, Illinois Attorney General, any Executive Inspector General, Grantor's Inspector General, federal authorities, any person identified in 2 CFR 200.337, and any other person as may be authorized by Grantor (including auditors), by the State of Illinois or by federal statute. Grantee must cooperate fully in any such audit or inquiry.

IX.3. Failure to Maintain Books and Records. Failure to maintain adequate books, records and supporting documentation, as described in this ARTICLE, will result in the disallowance of costs for which there is insufficient supporting documentation and also establishes a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any Grant Funds paid by the State under this Agreement for which adequate books, records and supporting documentation are not available to support disbursement.

IX.4. Monitoring and Access to Information. Grantee must monitor its activities to assure compliance

with applicable state and federal requirements and to assure its performance expectations are being achieved. Grantor will monitor the activities of Grantee to assure compliance with all requirements, including applicable programmatic rules, regulations, and guidelines that the Grantor promulgates or implements, and performance expectations of the Award. Grantee must timely submit all financial and performance reports, and must supply, upon Grantor's request, documents and information relevant to the Award. Grantor may make site visits as warranted by Program needs. 2 CFR 200.329; 200.332. Additional monitoring requirements may be in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**.

ARTICLE X FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

X.1. **Required Periodic Financial Reports.** Grantee must submit financial reports as requested and in the format required by Grantor no later than the due date(s) specified in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**. Grantee must submit reports to Grantor describing the expenditure(s) of the funds related thereto at the intervals specified by Grantor, which must be no less frequent than annually and no more frequent than quarterly, unless otherwise specified in either **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** (approved as an exception by GATU) or on **Exhibit E** pursuant to specific conditions. 2 CFR 200.328(b). Any report required by 30 ILCS 708/125 may be detailed in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**.

X.2. **Financial Close-out Report.**

(a) Grantee must submit a financial Close-out Report, in the format required by Grantor, by the due date specified in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**, which must be no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the end of the Period of Performance for this Agreement or Agreement termination. The format of this financial Close-out Report must follow a format prescribed by Grantor. 2 CFR 200.344; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.440(b).

(b) If an audit or review of Grantee occurs and results in adjustments after Grantee submits a Close-out Report, Grantee must submit a new financial Close-out Report based on audit adjustments, and immediately submit a refund to Grantor, if applicable. 2 CFR 200.345; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.450.

X.3. **Effect of Failure to Comply.** Failure to comply with the reporting requirements in this Agreement may cause a delay or suspension of funding or require the return of improper payments or Unallowable Costs, and will be considered a material breach of this Agreement. Grantee's failure to comply with ARTICLE X, ARTICLE XI, or ARTICLE XVII will be considered prima facie evidence of a breach and may be admitted as such, without further proof, into evidence in an administrative proceeding before Grantor, or in any other legal proceeding. Grantee should refer to the State Grantee Compliance Enforcement System for policy and consequences for failure to comply. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.80.

ARTICLE XI PERFORMANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

XI.1. **Required Periodic Performance Reports.** Grantee must submit performance reports as requested and in the format required by Grantor no later than the due date(s) specified in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.410. Grantee must report to Grantor on the performance measures listed in **Exhibit D**, **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** at the intervals specified by Grantor, which must be no less frequent than annually and no more frequent than quarterly, unless otherwise specified in either **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** (approved as an exception by GATU), or on **Exhibit E** pursuant to specific conditions. For certain construction-related Awards, such reports may be exempted as identified in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**. 2 CFR 200.329.

XI.2. Performance Close-out Report. Grantee must submit a performance Close-out Report, in the format required by Grantor by the due date specified in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**, which must be no later than 60 calendar days following the end of the Period of Performance or Agreement termination. 2 CFR 200.344; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.440(b).

XI.3. Content of Performance Reports. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.329(b) and (c), all performance reports must relate the financial data and project or program accomplishments to the performance goals and objectives of this Award and also include the following: a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives of the Award established for the reporting period (for example, comparing costs to units of accomplishment); computation of the cost and demonstration of cost effective practices (e.g., through unit cost data); performance trend data and analysis if required; the reasons why established goals were not met, if appropriate; and additional information, analysis, and explanation of any cost overruns or higher-than-expected unit costs. Additional content and format guidelines for the performance reports will be determined by Grantor contingent on the Award's statutory, regulatory and administrative requirements, and are included in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

XII.1. Audits. Grantee is subject to the audit requirements contained in the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507), Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules and policies set forth by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. 30 ILCS 708/65(c); 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90. Grantor, NTIA and any authorized Federal agency may request audit documents or conduct an audit of the award at any time

XII.2. Consolidated Year-End Financial Reports (CYEFR). All grantees must complete and submit a CYEFR through the Grantee Portal, except those exempted by federal or State statute or regulation, as set forth in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**. The CYEFR is a required schedule in Grantee's audit report if Grantee is required to complete and submit an audit report as set forth herein.

(a) Grantee's CYEFR must cover the same period as the audited financial statements, if required, and must be submitted in accordance with the audit schedule at 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90. If Grantee is not required to complete audited financial statements, the CYEFR must cover Grantee's fiscal year and must be submitted within 6 months of the Grantee's fiscal year-end.

(b) The CYEFR must include an in relation to opinion from the auditor of the financial statements included in the audit.

(c) The CYEFR must follow a format prescribed by Grantor.

XII.3. Entities That Are Not "For-Profit".

(a) This Paragraph applies to Grantees that are not "for-profit" entities.

(b) Single and Program-Specific Audits. If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends at least \$1,000,000 in federal Awards (direct federal and federal pass-through awards combined), Grantee must have a single audit or program-specific audit conducted for that year as required by 2 CFR 200.501 and other applicable sections of Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200. The audit report packet must be completed as described in 2 CFR 200.512 (single audit) or 2 CFR 200.507 (program-specific audit), 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90(h)(1) and the current GATA audit manual and submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, as

required by 2 CFR 200.512. The results of peer and external quality control reviews, management letters issued by the auditors and their respective corrective action plans if significant deficiencies or material weaknesses are identified, and the CYEFR(s) must be submitted to the Grantee Portal at the same time the audit report packet is submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. The due date of all required submissions set forth in this Paragraph is the earlier of (i) thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or (ii) nine (9) months after the end of Grantee's audit period.

(c) Financial Statement Audit. If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal Awards, Grantee is subject to the following audit requirements:

(i) If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends at least \$750,000 in State-issued Awards, Grantee must have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Grantee may be subject to additional requirements in **PART TWO, PART THREE** or **Exhibit E** based on Grantee's risk profile.

(ii) If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends less than \$750,000 in State-issued Awards, but expends at least \$500,000 in State-issued Awards, Grantee must have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

(iii) If Grantee is a Local Education Agency (as defined in 34 CFR 77.1), Grantee must have a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with GAGAS, as required by 23 Ill. Admin. Code 100.110, regardless of the dollar amount of expenditures of State-issued Awards.

(iv) If Grantee does not meet the requirements in subsections 12.3(b) and 12.3(c)(i-iii) but is required to have a financial statement audit conducted based on other regulatory requirements, Grantee must submit those audits for review.

(v) Grantee must submit its financial statement audit report packet, as set forth in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90(h)(2) and the current GATA audit manual, to the Grantee Portal within the earlier of (i) thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or (ii) six (6) months after the end of Grantee's audit period.

XII.4. "For-Profit" Entities.

(a) This Paragraph applies to Grantees that are "for-profit" entities.

(b) Program-Specific Audit. If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends at least \$1,000,000 in federal pass-through funds from State-issued Awards, Grantee must have a program-specific audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.507. The auditor must audit federal pass-through programs with federal pass-through Awards expended that, in the aggregate, cover at least 50 percent (0.50) of total federal pass-through Awards expended. The audit report packet must be completed as described in 2 CFR 200.507 (program-specific audit), 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90 and the current GATA audit manual, and must be submitted to the Grantee Portal. The due date of all required submissions set forth in this Paragraph is the earlier of (i) thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or (ii) nine (9) months after the end of Grantee's audit period.

(c) Financial Statement Audit. If, during its fiscal year, Grantee expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal pass-through funds from State-issued Awards, Grantee must follow all of the audit requirements in Paragraphs 12.3(c)(i)-(v), above.

(d) Publicly-Traded Entities. If Grantee is a publicly-traded company, Grantee is not subject to the single audit or program-specific audit requirements, but must submit its annual audit conducted in accordance with its regulatory requirements.

XII.5. Performance of Audits. For those organizations required to submit an independent audit report, the audit must be conducted by the Illinois Auditor General (as required for certain governmental entities only), or a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Public Accounting Firm licensed in the State of Illinois or in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Illinois Public Accounting Act (225 ILCS 450/5.2). For all audits required to be performed subject to GAGAS or Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Grantee must request and maintain on file a copy of the auditor's most recent peer review report and acceptance letter. Grantee must follow procedures prescribed by Grantor for the preparation and submission of audit reports and any related documents.

XII.6. Delinquent Reports. When audit reports or financial statements required under this ARTICLE are prepared by the Illinois Auditor General, if they are not available by the above-specified due date, they must be provided to Grantor within thirty (30) days of becoming available. Grantee should refer to the State Grantee Compliance Enforcement System for the policy and consequences for late reporting. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.80.

ARTICLE XIII TERMINATION; SUSPENSION; NON-COMPLIANCE

XIII.1. Termination.

(a) Either Party may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, upon thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to the other Party.

(b) If terminated by the Grantee, Grantee must include the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of a partial termination, the portion to be terminated. If Grantor determines in the case of a partial termination that the reduced or modified portion of the Award will not accomplish the purposes for which the Award was made, Grantor may terminate the Agreement in its entirety. 2 CFR 200.340(a)(3).

(c) This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, by Grantor:

(i) Pursuant to a funding failure under Paragraph 4.1;

(ii) If Grantee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this or any Award, application or proposal, including any applicable rules or regulations, or has made a false representation in connection with the receipt of this or any Award; or

(iii) If the Award no longer effectuates the Program goals or agency priorities and if this termination is permitted in the terms and conditions of the Award, which must be detailed in **Exhibit A, PART TWO** or **PART THREE**.

XIII.2. Suspension. Grantor may suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, pursuant to a funding failure under Paragraph 4.1 or if the Grantee fails to comply with terms and conditions of this or any Award. If suspension is due to Grantee's failure to comply, Grantor may withhold further payment and prohibit Grantee from incurring additional Obligations pending corrective action by Grantee or a decision to terminate this Agreement by Grantor. Grantor may allow necessary and proper costs that Grantee could not reasonably avoid during the period of suspension.

XIII.3. Non-compliance. If Grantee fails to comply with the U.S. Constitution, applicable statutes, regulations or the terms and conditions of this or any Award, Grantor may impose additional conditions on Grantee, as described in 2 CFR 200.208. If Grantor determines that non-compliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, Grantor may take one or more of the actions described in 2 CFR 200.339. The

Parties must follow all Grantor policies and procedures regarding non-compliance, including, but not limited to, the procedures set forth in the State Grantee Compliance Enforcement System. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.80 and 7000.260.

XIII.4. Objection. If Grantor suspends or terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for cause, or takes any other action in response to Grantee's non-compliance, Grantee may avail itself of any opportunities to object and challenge such suspension, termination or other action by Grantor in accordance with any applicable processes and procedures, including, but not limited to, the procedures set forth in the State Grantee Compliance Enforcement System. 2 CFR 200.342; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.80 and 7000.260.

XIII.5. Effects of Suspension and Termination.

(a) Grantor may credit Grantee for allowable expenditures incurred in the performance of authorized services under this Agreement prior to the effective date of a suspension or termination.

(b) Except as set forth in subparagraph (c), below, Grantee must not incur any costs or Obligations that require the use of Grant Funds after the effective date of a suspension or termination, and must cancel as many outstanding Obligations as possible.

(c) Costs to Grantee resulting from Obligations incurred by Grantee during a suspension or after termination of the Agreement are not allowable unless Grantor expressly authorizes them in the notice of suspension or termination or subsequently. However, Grantor may allow costs during a suspension or after termination if:

(i) The costs result from Obligations properly incurred before the effective date of suspension or termination, are not in anticipation of the suspension or termination, and the costs would be allowable if the Agreement was not suspended or terminated prematurely. 2 CFR 200.343.

XIII.6. Close-out of Terminated Agreements. If this Agreement is terminated, in whole or in part, the Parties must comply with all close-out and post-termination requirements of this Agreement. 2 CFR 200.340(d).

ARTICLE XIV SUBCONTRACTS/SUBAWARDS

XIV.1. Subcontracting/Subrecipients/Delegation. Grantee must not subcontract nor issue a subaward for any portion of this Agreement nor delegate any duties hereunder without Prior Approval of Grantor. The requirement for Prior Approval is satisfied if the subcontractor or subrecipient has been identified in the uniform grant application, such as, without limitation, a Project description, and Grantor has approved. Grantee must follow all applicable requirements set forth in 2 CFR 200.332.

XIV.2. Application of Terms. If Grantee enters into a subaward agreement with a subrecipient, Grantee must notify the subrecipient of the applicable laws and regulations and terms and conditions of this Award by attaching this Agreement to the subaward agreement. The terms of this Agreement apply to all subawards authorized in accordance with Paragraph 14.1. 2 CFR 200.101(b).

XIV.3. Liability as Guaranty. Grantee will be liable as guarantor for any Grant Funds it obligates to a subrecipient or subcontractor pursuant to this ARTICLE in the event Grantor determines the funds were either misspent or are being improperly held and the subrecipient or subcontractor is insolvent or otherwise fails to return the funds. 2 CFR 200.345; 30 ILCS 705/6; 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.450(a).

ARTICLE XV NOTICE OF CHANGE

XV.1. Notice of Change. Grantee must notify Grantor if there is a change in Grantee's legal status, FEIN, UEI, SAM registration status, Related Parties, senior management (for non-governmental grantees only) or address. If the change is anticipated, Grantee must give thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Grantor. If the change is unanticipated, Grantee must give notice as soon as practicable thereafter. Grantor reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action as a result of such change(s).

XV.2. Failure to Provide Notification. To the extent permitted by Illinois law (see Paragraph 21.2), Grantee must hold harmless Grantor for any acts or omissions of Grantor resulting from Grantee's failure to notify Grantor as required by Paragraph 15.1.

XV.3. Notice of Impact. Grantee must notify Grantor in writing of any event, including, by not limited to, becoming a party to litigation, an investigation, or transaction that may have a material impact on Grantee's ability to perform under this Agreement. Grantee must provide notice to Grantor as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) days after Grantee becomes aware that the event may have a material impact.

XV.4. Effect of Failure to Provide Notice. Failure to provide the notice described in this ARTICLE is grounds for termination of this Agreement and any costs incurred after the date notice should have been given may be disallowed.

ARTICLE XVI STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP

XVI.1. Effect of Reorganization. This Agreement is made by and between Grantor and Grantee, as Grantee is currently organized and constituted. Grantor does not agree to continue this Agreement, or any license related thereto, should Grantee significantly reorganize or otherwise substantially change the character of its corporate structure, business structure or governance structure. Grantee must give Grantor prior notice of any such action or changes significantly affecting its overall structure or, for non-governmental grantees only, management makeup (for example, a merger or a corporate restructuring), and must provide all reasonable documentation necessary for Grantor to review the proposed transaction including financial records and corporate and shareholder minutes of any corporation which may be involved. Grantor reserves the right to terminate the Agreement based on whether the newly organized entity is able to carry out the requirements of the Award. This ARTICLE does not require Grantee to report on minor changes in the makeup of its board membership or governance structure, as applicable. Nevertheless, **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** may impose further restrictions. Failure to comply with this ARTICLE constitutes a material breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVII CONFLICT OF INTEREST

XVII.1. Required Disclosures. Grantee must immediately disclose in writing any potential or actual Conflict of Interest to Grantor. 2 CFR 200.112; 30 ILCS 708/35.

XVII.2. Prohibited Payments. Payments made by Grantor under this Agreement must not be used by Grantee to compensate, directly or indirectly, any person currently holding an elective office in this State including,

but not limited to, a seat in the General Assembly. In addition, where Grantee is not an instrumentality of the State of Illinois, as described in this Paragraph, Grantee must request permission from Grantor to compensate, directly or indirectly, any officer or any person employed by an office or agency of the State of Illinois. An instrumentality of the State of Illinois includes, without limitation, State departments, agencies, boards, and State universities. An instrumentality of the State of Illinois does not include, without limitation, units of Local Government and related entities.

XVII.3. Request for Exemption. Grantee may request written approval from Grantor for an exemption from Paragraph 17.2. Grantee acknowledges that Grantor is under no obligation to provide such exemption and that Grantor may grant any such exemption subject to additional terms and conditions as Grantor may require.

ARTICLE XVIII EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY

XVIII.1. Purchase of Equipment. For any equipment purchased in whole or in part with Grant Funds, if Grantor determines that Grantee has not met the conditions of 2 CFR 200.439, the costs for such equipment will be disallowed. Grantor must notify Grantee in writing that the purchase of equipment is disallowed.

XVIII.2. Prohibition against Disposition/Encumbrance. Any equipment, material, or real property that Grantee purchases or improves with Grant Funds must not be sold, transferred, encumbered (other than original financing) or otherwise disposed of during the Award Term without Prior Approval of Grantor unless a longer period is required in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE** and permitted by 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D. Use or disposition of real property acquired or improved using Grant Funds must comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.311. Real property, equipment, and intangible property that are acquired or improved in whole or in part using Grant Funds are subject to the provisions of 2 CFR 200.316. Grantor may require the Grantee to record liens or other appropriate notices of record to indicate that personal or real property has been acquired or improved with this Award and that use and disposition conditions apply to the property.

XVIII.3. Equipment and Procurement. Grantee must comply with the uniform standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.310–200.316 governing the management and disposition of property, the cost of which was supported by Grant Funds. Any waiver from such compliance must be granted by either the President’s Office of Management and Budget, the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget, or both, depending on the source of the Grant Funds used. Additionally, Grantee must comply with the standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.317-200.327 to establish procedures to use Grant Funds for the procurement of supplies and other expendable property, equipment, real property and other services.

XVIII.4. Equipment Instructions. Grantee must obtain disposition instructions from Grantor when equipment, purchased in whole or in part with Grant Funds, is no longer needed for their original purpose. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Grantor may require transfer of any equipment to Grantor or a third party for any reason, including, without limitation, if Grantor terminates the Award or Grantee no longer conducts Award activities. Grantee must properly maintain, track, use, store and insure the equipment according to applicable best practices, manufacturer’s guidelines, federal and state laws or rules, and Grantor requirements stated herein.

XVIII.5. Domestic Preferences for Procurements. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.322, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, Grantee must, under this Award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this Paragraph must be included in all subawards and in all contracts and purchase orders under this Award.

ARTICLE XIX PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS; PRIOR NOTIFICATION

XIX.1. Promotional and Written Materials. Use of Grant Funds for promotions is subject to the prohibitions for advertising or public relations costs in 2 CFR 200.421(e). To use Grant Funds in whole or in part to produce any written publications, announcements, reports, flyers, brochures or other written materials, these uses must be allowable under 2 CFR 200.421 and 200.467 and Grantee must include in these publications, announcements, reports, flyers, brochures and all other such material, the phrase "Funding provided in whole or in part by the [Grantor]." 2 CFR 200.467. Exceptions to this requirement must be requested, in writing, from Grantor and will be considered authorized only upon written notice thereof to Grantee.

XIX.2. Prior Notification/Release of Information. Grantee must notify Grantor ten (10) days prior to issuing public announcements or press releases concerning work performed pursuant to this Agreement, or funded in whole or in part by this Agreement, and must cooperate with Grantor in joint or coordinated releases of information.

ARTICLE XX INSURANCE

XX.1. Maintenance of Insurance. Grantee must maintain in full force and effect during the Term of this Agreement casualty and bodily injury insurance, as well as insurance sufficient to cover the replacement cost of any and all real or personal property (including equipment), or both, purchased or, otherwise acquired, or improved in whole or in part, with funds disbursed pursuant to this Agreement. 2 CFR 200.310. Additional insurance requirements may be detailed in **PART TWO** or **PART THREE**.

XX.2. Claims. If a claim is submitted for real or personal property, or both, purchased in whole with funds from this Agreement and such claim results in the recovery of money, such money recovered must be surrendered to Grantor.

ARTICLE XXI LAWSUITS AND INDEMNIFICATION

XXI.1. Independent Contractor. Neither Grantee nor any employee or agent of Grantee acquires any employment rights with Grantor by virtue of this Agreement. Grantee must provide the agreed services and achieve the specified results free from the direction or control of Grantor as to the means and methods of performance. Grantee must provide its own equipment and supplies necessary to conduct its business; provided, however, that in the event, for its convenience or otherwise, Grantor makes any such equipment or supplies available to Grantee, Grantee's use of such equipment or supplies provided by Grantor pursuant to this Agreement is strictly limited to official Grantor or State of Illinois business and not for any other purpose, including any personal benefit or gain.

XXI.2. Indemnification and Liability.

(a) **Non-governmental entities.** This subparagraph applies only if Grantee is a non-governmental entity. Grantee must hold harmless Grantor against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising from the intentional torts, negligence or breach of contract of Grantee, with the exception of acts performed in conformance with an explicit, written directive of Grantor. Indemnification by Grantor is

governed by the State Employee Indemnification Act (5 ILCS 350/.01 *et seq.*) as interpreted by the Illinois Attorney General. Grantor makes no representation that Grantee, an independent contractor, will qualify or be eligible for indemnification under said Act.

(b) **Governmental entities.** This subparagraph applies only if Grantee is a governmental unit as designated in Paragraph 3.2. Neither Party shall be liable for actions chargeable to the other Party under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the negligent acts and omissions of the other Party's agents, employees or subcontractors in the performance of their duties as described under this Agreement, unless such liability is imposed by law. This Agreement is not construed as seeking to enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one Party against the other or against a third party.

ARTICLE XXII MISCELLANEOUS

XXII.1. Gift Ban. Grantee is prohibited from giving gifts to State employees pursuant to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/10-10) and Illinois Executive Order 15-09.

XXII.2. Assignment Prohibited. This Agreement must not be sold, assigned, or transferred in any manner by Grantee, to include an assignment of Grantee's rights to receive payment hereunder, and any actual or attempted sale, assignment, or transfer by Grantee without the Prior Approval of Grantor in writing renders this Agreement null, void and of no further effect.

XXII.3. Copies of Agreements upon Request. Grantee must, upon request by Grantor, provide Grantor with copies of contracts or other agreements to which Grantee is a party with any other State agency.

XXII.4. Amendments. This Agreement may be modified or amended at any time during its Term by mutual consent of the Parties, expressed in writing and signed by the Parties.

XXII.5. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid, its other provisions will remain in effect.

XXII.6. No Waiver. The failure of either Party to assert any right or remedy pursuant to this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver of either Party's right to assert such right or remedy at a later time or constitute a course of business upon which either Party may rely for the purpose of denial of such a right or remedy.

XXII.7. Applicable Law; Claims. This Agreement and all subsequent amendments thereto, if any, are governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. Any claim against Grantor arising out of this Agreement must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims. 705 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.* Grantor does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement.

XXII.8. Compliance with Law. Grantee is responsible for ensuring that Grantee's Obligations and services hereunder are performed in compliance with all applicable federal and State laws, including, without limitation, federal regulations, State administrative rules, including but not limited to 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000, laws and rules which govern disclosure of confidential records or other information obtained by Grantee concerning persons served under this Agreement, and any license requirements or professional certification provisions.

XXII.9. Compliance with Freedom of Information Act. Upon request, Grantee must make available to Grantor all documents in its possession that Grantor deems necessary to comply with requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 ILCS 140/7(2).

XXII.10. Compliance with Whistleblower Protections. Grantee must comply with the Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/1 *et seq.*) and the whistleblower protections set forth in 2 CFR 200.217, including but not limited to, the requirement that Grantee and its subrecipients inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

XXII.11. Precedence.

(a) Except as set forth in subparagraph (b), below, the following rules of precedence are controlling for this Agreement: In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and any of the exhibits or attachments hereto, this Agreement controls. In the event there is a conflict between PART ONE and PART TWO or PART THREE of this Agreement, PART ONE controls. In the event there is a conflict between PART TWO and PART THREE of this Agreement, PART TWO controls. In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and relevant statute(s) or rule(s), the relevant statute(s) or rule(s) controls.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a), above, if a relevant federal or state statute(s) or rule(s) requires an exception to this Agreement's provisions, or an exception to a requirement in this Agreement is granted by GATU, such exceptions must be noted in PART TWO or PART THREE, and in such cases, those requirements control.

XXII.12. Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act. In the event of a conflict between the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, the provisions of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act control. 30 ILCS 708/80.

XXII.13. Headings. Articles and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and are not intended to define or limit the scope, extent or intent of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

XXII.14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which are considered to be one and the same agreement, binding on all Parties hereto, notwithstanding that all Parties are not signatories to the same counterpart. Duplicated signatures, signatures transmitted via facsimile, or signatures contained in a Portable Document Format (PDF) document are deemed original for all purposes.

XXII.15. Attorney Fees and Costs. Unless prohibited by law, if Grantor prevails in any proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement, including any administrative hearing pursuant to the Grant Funds Recovery Act or the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, Grantor has the right to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses associated with such proceedings.

XXII.16. Continuing Responsibilities. The termination or expiration of this Agreement does not affect: (a) the right of Grantor to disallow costs and recover funds based on a later audit or other review; (b) the obligation of the Grantee to return any funds due as a result of later refunds, corrections or other transactions, including, without limitation, final Indirect Cost Rate adjustments and those funds obligated pursuant to ARTICLE XIV; (c) the CYEFR(s); (d) audit requirements established in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.90 and ARTICLE XII ; (e) property management and disposition requirements established in 2 CFR 200.310 through 2 CFR 200.316 and ARTICLE XVIII; or (f) records related requirements pursuant to ARTICLE IX. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.440.

By signing this report [or payment request or both], I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report [or payment request] is true, complete, and accurate; that the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the State or federal pass-through award; and that supporting documentation has been submitted as required by the grant agreement. I acknowledge that approval for

any other expenditure described herein is considered conditional subject to further review and verification in accordance with the monitoring and records retention provisions of the grant agreement. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812; 30 ILCS 708/120).

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EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Grantee must complete the Award Activities described on this Exhibit A, the Deliverables and Milestones listed on Exhibit B and the Performance Measures listed on Exhibit D within the term of this Agreement, as provided in Paragraph 2.1, herein.

AUTHORITY:

The Grantor is authorized to make this Award pursuant to 20 ILCS 605/605-55 and/or 20 ILCS 605/605-30. The purpose of this authority is as follows: "To make and enter into contracts, including grants, as authorized pursuant to appropriations by the General Assembly and/or to use the State and federal programs, grants, and subsidies that are available to assist in the discharge of the provisions of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois."

DEFINITIONS:

The following terms are defined accordingly for the purposes of this grant agreement and the BEAD-Funded Connect Illinois Round 4 projects:

"**BEAD**" means the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title I, Section 60102, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (November 15, 2021) (Infrastructure Act or Act), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

“BEAD NOFO” herein refers to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity posted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to describe the requirements under which it will award grants for the BEAD Program.

“BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice” (also abbreviated as “RPN”) refers to the Policy Notice published by NTIA on June 6, 2025 modifying and replacing certain requirements outlined in the BEAD NOFO. It is available at <https://www.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/bead-restructuring-policy-notice.pdf>.

“Broadband Serviceable Location” (also abbreviated as “BSL” or “location”) means a business or residential location in the United States at which fixed broadband Internet access service is, or can be, installed.

“Community Anchor Institution” (CAI) means an entity such as a school, library, health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity, institution of higher education, public housing organization, or community support organization that facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals, unemployed individuals, and aged individuals.

“DCEO” or “State” refers to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

“Eligible Community Anchor Institution” means a Community Anchor Institution that lacks access to gigabit-level broadband service. The list of Eligible Community Anchor Institutions is subject to final review by NTIA.

“GATA” refers to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act [30 ILCS 708].

“Illinois Stop Payment List” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Period of Performance” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30. Specifically for LEO Capacity grants, the period of performance begins on the date of the grant execution and concludes ten years from the date upon which the grantee certifies to the IOB that broadband internet service is available to every location covered by the project.

“Prior Approval” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Profit” means an entity’s total revenue less its operating expenses, interest paid, depreciation, and taxes. “Profit” is synonymous with the term “net revenue.”

“Program” means the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. “Program” is used interchangeably with “Project.”

“Program Costs” means all Allowable Costs incurred by Grantee and the value of the contributions made by third parties in accomplishing the objectives of the Award during the Term of this Agreement.

“Project” means an undertaking by a Grantee to construct and deploy infrastructure for the provision of broadband service.

“Related Parties” has the meaning set forth in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 850-10-20.

“SAM” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Served location” means a broadband-serviceable location (BSL) with reliable broadband service featuring (i) a speed of 100 Mbps or above for downloads, (ii) a speed of 20 Mbps or above for uploads, and (iii) latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds. For a community anchor institution (CAI), this means service with (i) a speed of not less than 1 Gbps for downloads and uploads alike and (ii) latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds, unless otherwise noted.

“State-issued Award” means the assistance that a Grantee receives directly from a state agency. The funding source of the State-issued Award can be federal pass-through, State or a combination thereof.

“State-issued Award” does not include the following:

- contracts issued pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code that a state agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate State government-owned, contractor operated facilities;
- agreements that meet the definition of "contract" under 2 CFR 200.1 and 2 CFR 200.331, which a State agency uses to procure goods or services but are exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code due to an exemption listed under 30 ILCS 500/1-10, or pursuant to a disaster proclamation, executive order, or any other exemption permitted by law;
- amounts received for services rendered to an individual;
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreements; an agreement that provides only direct cash assistance to an individual;
- a subsidy;
- a loan;
- a loan guarantee; or
- insurance.

“Unallowable Cost” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

“Underserved location” means a broadband-serviceable location that is (a) not an unserved location, and (b) shown by the NTIA-approved challenge process dataset as lacking access to reliable broadband service with (i) a speed of 100 Mbps or above for download, (ii) a speed of 20 Mbps or above for upload, and (iii) latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds.

“Unserved location” means a broadband-serviceable location that the NTIA-approved challenge process dataset shows as (a) having no access to broadband service, or (b) lacking access to reliable broadband service offered with (i) a speed of 25 Mbps or above for download, (ii) a speed of 3 Mbps or above for upload, and (iii) latency less than or equal to 100 milliseconds.

“Unique Entity Identifier” or “UEI” has the same meaning as in 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30.

BACKGROUND:

Connect Illinois represents an integral and strategic component of both the comprehensive 2019 Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program and the State’s five-year economic plan to expand economic opportunity and reduce socio-economic gaps through equity investment.

Through multiple rounds of competitive matching grants, Connect Illinois aims to achieve ubiquitous, statewide broadband access for homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. At the same time, Connect Illinois has sought progress in digital access and inclusion while leveraging investment in new broadband infrastructure to advance use and innovation in such areas as agriculture, economic development, education, and telehealth. The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, also known as Connect Illinois Round 4, is administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), through the Broadband,

Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title I, Section 60102, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (November 15, 2021) (Infrastructure Act or Act), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, appropriated by the General Assembly. Illinois was awarded \$1.04 billion under BEAD to connect all eligible homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions to high-speed internet. Connect Illinois Round 4 uses this BEAD funding to support the deployment of broadband service to unserved and underserved Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) and eligible Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs).

The Grantee must perform its obligations under this Agreement in a manner that complies, and enables the Office to comply, with all applicable requirements contained in 47 U.S.C. § 1702, the BEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), as modified by the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (RPN), the General Terms and Conditions for the BEAD program, the Specific Award Conditions applicable to Illinois' BEAD award, and all Federal and State Laws. The Grantee shall deploy qualifying broadband service to BSLs as described in Grantee's Application, and at the speed, latency, and performance standards articulated therein. The grantee shall perform a standard installation of qualifying broadband service, at a standard installation charge, within 10 business days of the date a BSL requests service. In addition, passings connected through this grant agreement will be:

- a. served under the conditions and subject to pricing stated in the grant application (as documented in Exhibit A);
- b. not denied last-mile network connectivity and/or service, including connection to all units in a multi-dwelling unit (MDU), if the project contains BSLs that are MDUs; and
- c. served within a reasonable time frame (within 10 business days of request, with no charges or delays attributable to extension of the service). 10 business days starts on the date a prospective customer formally requests service from the Grantee and this request is documented.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Project Narrative: [Insert description(s) of Grantee's project(s), such as project footprint, geographic areas served, type of technology, and other project-specific characteristics]

Total Award: [Insert total grant award amount]

Total Project Cost: [Insert total cost of project(s), which is a sum of grant award and Grantee match]

Count of BSLs: [Insert count of Location IDs across grant recipient's awarded projects]

Count of CAIs: [Insert count of CAI IDs across grant recipient's awarded projects]

Count of BSLs that are Multi-Dwelling Units (MDUs): [Insert count of BSLs that are MDUs across grant recipient's awarded projects]

Technology: [Insert technology or technologies proposed in application]

Timeline: [If applicant elected to make a binding commitment to complete the project within two years of grant agreement execution, insert 24 months; if more than 24 months, insert number of years and months]

Low-Cost Service Option: [Insert the low-cost service option the applicant included in their application, in the format of download speed / upload speed and monthly price]

Price for 100/20 Mbps: [Insert the monthly price commitment for a 100/20 Mbps offering]

Price for 1 gig symmetrical: [Insert the monthly price commitment for a 1/1 gig symmetrical offering, if applicable]

List of Location IDs: [Insert Location IDs across grant recipient's awarded projects]

List of CAI IDs: [Insert CAI IDs across grant recipient's awarded projects]

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

Eligible Costs: Grant recipients may only use federal award funds, and any non-federal cost share committed to an award to pay for allowable costs under the BEAD program. Grantee is not aware of any other funding sources contributing to this project (including other federal, state or local commitments) except for what is disclosed in the grantee's project budget. Costs must be reasonable, necessary, allocable, and allowable for the proposed project and conform to generally accepted accounting principles. Funds committed to an award may only be used to cover allowable costs incurred during the period of performance, in addition to eligible pre-award expenses and allowable closeout costs incurred during the grant closeout process. Such pre-award and closeout costs must be included in the Grantee's proposed project budget for the BEAD-Funded Connect Illinois Round 4 to be considered. The State will apply NTIA's guidance on the implementation of exceptions, adjustments, and clarifications to certain provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), codified at 2 CFR Part 200, and the application of related provisions of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD program.

Eligible uses of funding in connection with last-mile broadband deployment projects include the following:

- Construction, improvement, and/or acquisition of the facilities and telecommunications equipment required to provide qualifying broadband service, including infrastructure for backhaul, middle- and last-mile networks, and multi-tenant buildings.
- Long-term leases (for terms greater than one year) of facilities required to provide qualifying broadband service, including indefeasible right-of-use (IRU) agreements.
- Deployment of internet and Wi-Fi infrastructure within an eligible multi-family residential building.
- Engineering design, permitting, and work related to environmental, historical, and cultural reviews.
- Personnel costs, including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants who provide services directly connected to the implementation of the BEAD program (such as project managers, program directors, and subject-matter experts).
- Network software upgrades, including but not limited to cybersecurity solutions.
- Per the RPN, subject to review and approval by NTIA:
 - Training for cybersecurity professionals who will work on BEAD-funded networks.
 - Workforce development – including Registered Apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships – and community college and/or vocational training for broadband-related occupations to support deployment, maintenance, and upgrades.
- Reasonable financing costs that meet the definitions of 2 C.F.R. 200.

Pre-award and Closeout Costs:

- *Pre-award Costs:* In line with 2 C.F.R. 200.458, pre-award costs shall be allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the BEAD award and only with the written approval of the NTIA. If charged to the award, these costs must be charged to the initial budget period of the award, unless otherwise specified by the NTIA or the State. The State will consider eligible costs for last-mile broadband deployment projects outlined above as allowable.
- *Closeout Costs:* The State will allow reasonable closeout costs in line with the below guidance from the Department of Commerce's Standard Terms and Conditions as of November 12, 2020: Reasonable, necessary, allowable and allocable administrative award closeout costs are authorized for a period of up to 120 calendar days following the end of the period of performance. For this purpose, award closeout costs are those strictly associated with close-out activities and are typically limited to the preparation of

final progress, financial, and required project audit reports, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Grants Officer. A non-Federal entity may request an extension of the 120-day closeout period, as provided in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344 (Closeout).

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

Costs that are ineligible for the BEAD program may not be paid for with matching funds committed to an award. The following costs are specifically identified as prohibited under the BEAD program:

- **Use of grant funds for covered communications equipment or services under the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act.** The Grantee (including their contractors and subcontractors) may not use grant funds received under the BEAD program to purchase or support any covered communications equipment or service, as defined in Section 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. § 1608) or 2 CFR 200.216 (Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment).
- **Profit and fees.** A profit, fee, or other incremental charge above the actual cost incurred by the Grantee is not an allowable cost under this Program.
- **Use of grant funds to support or oppose collective bargaining.** The Grantee may not use grant funds – whether directly or indirectly – to support or oppose collective bargaining.

Additionally, indirect costs may not be included in this opportunity.

SCOPE AND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

The following types of scope changes require NTIA approval prior to the IOB implementing the change:

- Grantee change or project termination
- Technology changes, even if just partial for the project
- New “No BEAD” locations involving reason codes 4 to 7 that results in removing 200 BSLs or more than 20% of BSLs (whichever number is smaller) from a single BEAD project. Reason code 4 and 5 can only be applied upon mutual agreement of the IOB and the Grantee.
- Budget modifications that alter 10% or more of the total approved grant award across cost categories

All scope changes must comply with the terms of 2 CFR 200.308, the BEAD Program General Terms and Conditions, and all project-specific requirements.

CLOSEOUT TIMEFRAME:

The end date of this grant agreement can be no later than 120 days prior to the end of Illinois’ BEAD federal award period of performance end date.

EXHIBIT B**DELIVERABLES OR MILESTONES**

Within thirty (30) days of the execution of the Agreement, the Grantee will provide a detailed, updated timeline of projected deliverables, which must be approved by Grantor, using the template provided by the Illinois Office of Broadband (IOB). The timeline and any subsequent revisions shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement. The timeline will be submitted in conjunction with the initial Periodic Performance Report (PPR). The timeline will be used to measure performance throughout the life of the Award and will be updated and reported on each PPR reporting due date. If the Grantee made a binding commitment during the application process to complete a project within a two-year timeframe, the Grantor will not accept changes that extend this timeline.

REPORTING:

Grantee will file required reports using form(s) provided by the IOB. As part of this reporting, Grantee will send any requested mapping data updates to the state broadband mapping contractor, copying the IOB on the submission.

Grantee must adhere to the reporting requirements of the BEAD program established by NTIA. Grantee is required to submit regular reports, at least quarterly, for the duration of the period of performance to document the progress of the project. Each report shall describe each type of project and/or other eligible activities carried out using the subgrant, in addition to progress and risks. These reports must include metrics required by NTIA and DCEO, as captured in reporting templates.

Grantee is required to adhere to future reporting requirements should NTIA update or modify reporting requirements.

Grantee must maintain sufficient records to substantiate all information above upon request. Grantee will meet with the State no less than quarterly to review progress and address challenges. More frequent meetings may be required at the request of the Grantor.

Any audit findings attributed to the Grantee specifically related to the BEAD award will be monitored for corrective action by the IOB until resolution. The IOB, as Grantor, will issue a management decision for any such audit findings as required by 2 CFR 200.521 and 2 CFR 200.332.

FUNDING DISBURSEMENT:*Payment terms and use of fixed amount subawards*

Funds will be disbursed through fixed amount subawards based on the milestones defined in this Grant Agreement and in compliance with the NTIA's guidance on the implementation of exceptions, adjustments, and clarifications to certain provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), codified at 2 CFR Part 200, and the application of related provisions of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program. Distribution of funding to Grantees for all deployment projects will happen on a reimbursable basis and in accordance with the "LEO Capacity subgrants" section of the RPN.

Total disbursements will be aligned with the Grantee's approved project budget(s), available as an attachment to this agreement. Grantee match included in the budget must be spent at the same general rate to the awarded funds or faster, in line with the project budget. The valuation of in-kind contributions used for matching funds must be in accordance with NTIA and IOB guidance and will be examined during the monitoring process. As part of the IOB's monitoring process, the Grantee must submit financial reports each quarter. These will include a Periodic Financial Report (PFR) to document expenses incurred during the period. This report will be supported by a General Ledger

(GL) listing that identifies each expense, along with the related invoice and payment, within each budget category. The actual invoices themselves are not required except to the extent IOB requests a sample of the source documentation to audit these expenses.

Disbursements through fixed amount subawards will be attributed to project milestones. Grantees must submit evidence that they have reached milestones to request reimbursement, subject to IOB review and approval. The IOB reserves the right to request additional documentation.

Upon the completion of a project, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.201, Grantees must certify in writing to the State at the end of the BEAD award that the broadband infrastructure project funded under the fixed amount subaward was completed. Accordingly, a Grantee receiving a fixed amount subaward must certify to the State that the broadband infrastructure project was placed into service (reserved LEO capacity) – as defined in 47 USC 1702(h)(4)(C) for last-mile broadband deployment projects or in the grant agreement for all other broadband infrastructure projects – by the end of the State’s period of performance. For projects where total costs exceed the amount listed in the project budget, the Grantee is still obligated to complete the full scope of the project. For projects where the full scope of the project was not completed, the amount of the fixed amount subaward will be reduced proportionately by modification of the grant agreement. For projects where the full scope of the project is completed under budget, the Grantee is still entitled to the full amount of the fixed amount subaward applicable to the project.

The IOB conducts its own field validation (this is in addition to performance testing required of the Grantee) throughout deployment and before closeout to ensure compliance and completion of milestones as communicated by the Grantee. Field validation involves visiting the broadband deployment site and conducting on-site speed testing, visual checks (i.e., for vaults in the ground, cabinets, towers, etc.), and other verification methods. The field validation process is intended to provide assurance that the Grantee’s project meets speed, latency, and other performance requirements in this agreement. It will also include verification of connection to all units in a MDU, if the project includes BSLs that are MDUs. Grantee attendance during field validation and other site visits may be necessary, including relevant personnel and contractors. The IOB retains the right to inspect or test the grantee’s BEAD project-related equipment and materials at any time during the period of performance without prior notice.

Once a Grantee has submitted its final expenses and certifies the project is complete and placed into service, the IOB will schedule its own final field validation. These site visits are to be completed in a timely manner, before the final closeout of each grant project. In the case a field validation yields findings that a Grantee has not executed services to the terms and conditions of their grant agreement, the IOB will implement corrective action measures up to and including recoupment of funding.

Final payment will not disbursed until:

- 1) The IOB conducts its own field validation to verify that all work has been completed in line with the grant agreement;
- 2) The IOB confirms that expenses align to funding disbursed; and
- 3) The Grantee has satisfied all BEAD requirements set forth by NTIA as well as State of Illinois specific terms and conditions included in this grant agreement.

Fixed-amount subaward milestones:

In accordance with the RPN, the Grantee will be advanced up to 50% of the BEAD award based on a combination of the Grantee certifying that BEAD-qualifying service is available to all locations in the project area (capacity reservation) and customer subscription milestones as a percentage of the project’s total BEAD-eligible locations. Customer subscriptions refer to locations enrolling in the Grantee’s broadband service. The remaining funds will

be distributed in equal installments across the remaining period of performance (the 10-year period of performance after the Grantee certifies capacity reservation.)

Milestone	Payment Percentage Attributed to Milestone
Certification that BEAD-qualifying service is available to all locations in the project area	20%
10% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
20% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
30% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
40% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
50% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
60% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
70% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
80% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
90% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
100% of eligible locations subscribed	3%
Semi-annual payments in equal installments during the period of performance beginning when grantee certifies that capacity is reserved for all locations (over the course of 10 years). Payments will occur after submission of periodic reports and completion of monitoring process for periods ending March 31 and September 30.	50%*

**In the event subscriber milestones are not met, those payment percentages will be included in the final payment. Final four semi-annual payments are subject to change based on Grantee compliance with state requirements throughout the grant cycle. In the event that requirements have not been met, Grantor may withhold final payment(s).*

NTIA LETTER OF CREDIT REQUIREMENT:

Prior to entering into any Grantee agreement, Grantee must provide the State with an irrevocable standby letter of credit in the required form, acceptable in all respects to the State, in a value of no less than 25 percent of the subaward amount. The Grantee may reduce its Letter of Credit by 50% at the point of certification that service is available to each location in the project area. The Letter of Credit can be reduced by an additional 25% of the original amount after the subscription rate reaches at least 25% of all locations in the project area and may be closed out once the subscription rate reaches 50 percent. Regardless of the subscription rate, the Letter of Credit may be terminated four years after the Grantee certifies that it can initiate broadband service within 10 business days of a request to any covered BSL in the project area.

EXHIBIT C

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACTS FOR NOTIFICATION AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION:

Unless specified elsewhere, all notices required or desired to be sent by either Party must be sent to the persons listed below. Grantee must notify Grantor of any changes in its contact information listed below within five (5) business days from the effective date of the change, and Grantor must notify Grantee of any changes to its contact information as soon as practicable. The Party making a change must send any changes in writing to the contact for the other Party. No amendment to this Agreement is required if information in this Exhibit is changed.

FOR OFFICIAL GRANT NOTIFICATIONS

GRANTOR CONTACT

Name: Kristin A. Richards

Title: Director

Address: 1011 S 2ND ST
SPRINGFIELD IL 62704-3004

GRANTEE CONTACT

Name: «SignatorName»

Title: «SignatorTitle»

Address: «CompanyAddress»
«CompanyCity», «CompanyState»
«CompanyZip»

GRANTEE PAYMENT ADDRESS

(If different than the address above)

Address: N/A

FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION

GRANTOR CONTACT

Name: «GrantManagerName»
Title: Grant Manager
Address: 1011 S 2ND ST
SPRINGFIELD IL 62704-3004
Phone: «GrantManagerPhone»
TTY#: (800) 785-6055
Email: «GrantManagerEmail»
Address:

GRANTEE CONTACT

Name: «PrimaryName»
Title: «PrimaryTitle»
Address: «CompanyAddress»
«CompanyCity», «CompanyState»
«CompanyZip»
Phone: «PrimaryContactPhone»
TTY#: N/A
Email: «PrimaryEmailAddress»
Address:

Grantee Designees

The following are designated as Authorized Designee(s) for the Grantee (See **PART TWO**, ARTICLE XXIII):

Authorized Designee: «AuthorizedDesigneeName»
Authorized Designee Title: «AuthorizedDesigneeTitle»
Authorized Designee Phone: «AuthorizedDesigneePhone»
Authorized Designee Email: «AuthorizedDesigneeEmail»

Authorized Designee Signature: _____

Authorized Signatory Approval: _____

Authorized Designee: _____
Authorized Designee Title: _____
Authorized Designee Phone: _____
Authorized Designee Email: _____

Authorized Designee Signature: _____

Authorized Signatory Approval: _____

Authorized Designee: _____
Authorized Designee Title: _____
Authorized Designee Phone: _____
Authorized Designee Email: _____

Authorized Designee Signature: _____

Authorized Signatory Approval: _____

The following is designated as administrator for the Grantee:

«CloseCoordCompanyName»
«CloseCoordAddress»
«CloseCoordCity», «CloseCoordState»
«CloseCoordZip»

Please indicate any address changes below

Auth. Signatory: «CloseCoordName»
Phone: «CloseCoordPhone»

GRANTOR CONTACT FOR AUDIT OR CONSOLIDATED YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTS QUESTIONS—AUDIT UNIT

Email: externalauditunit@illinois.gov

GRANTOR CONTACT FOR FINANCIAL CLOSEOUT AND REFUNDS—PROGRAM ACCOUNTANT

Name: «AccountantName»

Email: «AccountantEmail»

Phone: «AccountantPhone»

Fax#: N/A

Address: IDCEO-ACCOUNTING OFFICE
1011 S 2ND ST
SPRINGFIELD IL 62704-3004

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EXHIBIT D

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS

The initial period of performance is two (2) years from the date the grant agreement is executed. By the end of this initial period of performance, the Grantee must certify to the Grantor that qualifying broadband service is available to every location covered by the project scope. An extended period of performance will then commence and conclude ten (10) years from this date of certification. Grantee must continue to offer access to broadband service to each BSL served by the project throughout this period of performance. Execution of grant agreements and the subsequent release of funds to awardees is subject to the NTIA's approval of Illinois's BEAD Final Proposal.

BEAD GRANTEE OBLIGATIONS:

Per NTIA and State requirements, BEAD-Funded Connect Illinois Round 4 awardees receiving BEAD funds must comply with BEAD Grantee Obligations as outlined in the relevant documents. Specifically, the State shall ensure the following, among others:

Network Capabilities: Speed and latency. Funded networks shall deliver Reliable Broadband Service with speeds of not less than 100 Mbps for downloads and 20 Mbps for uploads. In addition, 95 percent of latency measurements during testing windows must fall at or below 100 milliseconds round-trip time. Funded network connections to Eligible Community Anchor Institutions shall be capable of delivering service at speeds not less than 1 Gigabit per second for downloads and 1 Gigabit per second for uploads. The State shall ensure that such connections can be used to provide business data services. Grantee should deploy robust network infrastructure and schedule and perform regular performance testing to ensure that the network can consistently meet or exceed the performance standards. See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.a.i, for details.

Network Outages: Each funded network's outages should not exceed, on average, 48 hours over any 365-day period except in the case of natural disasters or other force majeure occurrence. Grantee should develop a comprehensive outage management plan that includes preventive maintenance schedules, quick response teams for outage resolution, and clear communication channels for informing customers about outages and expected restoration times. See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.a.ii, for details.

Deployment Requirements: Deployment Deadlines and Benchmarks. Grantees must deploy their funded networks and begin providing broadband service to each customer that desires broadband service not later than four years after the date of the fully executed subgrant for the applicable network. Grantees must meet interim buildout milestones established by the State to ensure progress. Grantees are required to adhere to specific deployment schedules, ensuring the network is operational within the stipulated time. Grantees should regularly report progress to the State in alignment with the monitoring requirements detailed by the State in the Grantee agreements. Extensions to the four-year deployment deadline may be granted by the Assistant Secretary as described in the BEAD NOFO. However, it is the general intent of NTIA not to waive any of the provisions set forth in the BEAD NOFO. See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.b.i, for details.

Customer Premise Equipment (CPE): Grantees must provide all necessary CPE at no cost as part of the standard installation for each new subscriber (i.e., for each new resident or group of residents) at the BEAD-funded location throughout the period of performance. If the same subscriber requests additional CPE after installation, the LEO Capacity Subgrantee may charge customary rates unless the request is made due to equipment malfunction or damage caused by a weather event.

Service Obligations Affordability and Low-Cost Plans: The Infrastructure Act requires that each Grantee receiving BEAD funding to deploy network infrastructure offer at least one low-cost broadband service option as defined by the RPN. The low-cost broadband service option must be made available to eligible subscribers for the useful life of the network asset (i.e., the federal interest period, which is 10 years after the year in which the subgrant for a project has been closed out). See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.c.i, for details. Low-cost broadband service option must offer

speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps and latency performance of no more than 100 milliseconds. The Grantee's low-cost service option is documented in Exhibit A of this grant agreement.

Per the NTIA's BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice, the State will apply the eligibility criteria used for the FCC's Lifeline Program to define Eligible Subscribers for the low-cost broadband service option. 47 CFR §54.409 defines eligibility for the Lifeline Program as the following:

- (a) To constitute a qualifying low-income consumer:
 1. A consumer's household income as defined in § 54.400(f) must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or
 2. The consumer, one or more of the consumer's dependents, or the consumer's household must receive benefits from one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Supplemental Security Income; Federal Public Housing Assistance; or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit.
 3. Consumers that are survivors can qualify to receive emergency communications support from the Lifeline program without regard to whether the survivor meets the otherwise applicable eligibility requirements of the Lifeline program in this part, if:
 - i. The survivor suffers from financial hardship as defined by § 54.400(s); and
 - ii. The survivor requested a line separation as required under 47 U.S.C. 345(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934.
- (b) A consumer who lives on Tribal lands is eligible for Lifeline service as a "qualifying low-income consumer" as defined by § 54.400(a) and as an "eligible resident of Tribal lands" as defined by § 54.400(e) if that consumer meets the qualifications for Lifeline specified in paragraph (a) of this section or if the consumer, one or more of the consumer's dependents, or the consumer's household participates in one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (only those households meeting its income qualifying standard); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

In addition to meeting the qualifications provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, in order to constitute a qualifying low-income consumer, a consumer must not already be receiving a Lifeline service, and there must not be anyone else in the subscriber's household subscribed to a Lifeline service.

Any low-cost broadband service option advertisements must be accessible by targeted jurisdictions.

Access to Service: Operators of funded networks shall provide access to broadband service to each customer served by the project that desires broadband service on terms and conditions that are reasonable and non-discriminatory. Grantee must initiate service at standard installation charges within 10 business days of a request from any consumer in the BEAD-funded network's service. Grantees should establish reasonable, feasible timelines and procedures for customer installations, ensuring that these processes are not overly complicated, unnecessarily delayed, or discriminatory. Grantees must provide equitable access to all individuals regardless of economic or demographic factors. See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.c.iii, for details.

Performance Measures Testing: As required under the "NTIA BEAD policy notice: Performance Measures for BEAD Last-Mile Networks", grantees are required to perform speed, latency, and reliability testing annually during the period of performance once locations are determined to be served. Summary reporting of testing outcomes will be due to the IOB by November 30 each year during the period of performance. Following the sampling and testing methodology requirements described in the policy notice, the grantee must document and provide to the IOB in the annual report their specific methodology, standards, parameters, and measurement data, including detailed per-location testing results.

Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management: Grantees must ensure the reliability and resilience of the broadband infrastructure and network through establishing cybersecurity and supply chain risk management plans that reflect the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cybersecurity and supply chain risk management framework. The Infrastructure Act directs the Assistant Secretary to specify prudent cybersecurity and supply-chain risk management practices for Grantees deploying or upgrading broadband networks using BEAD funds. Toward this goal, prior to receiving any fund allocations, all prospective Grantees will be required to attest that they will comply with cybersecurity and supply chain risk management practices as defined by NTIA for the purposes of the BEAD Program, including providing a plan. To the extent a Grantee relies in whole or in part on network facilities owned or operated by a third party (e.g., purchases wholesale carriage on such facilities), the same attestations from its network provider with respect to both cybersecurity and supply chain risk management practices. Prospective Grantees should implement robust cybersecurity measures and manage supply chain risks to protect the integrity, reliability, and security of the broadband infrastructure. This includes adhering to national cybersecurity standards and ensuring that all hardware and software components are secure and sourced from reputable suppliers. See BEAD NOFO, IV.C.2.c.vi, for details. The Grantor retains the right to receive new versions of the cybersecurity and supply chain risk management plans within 30 days of the Grantee making updates. The Grantor retains the right to require the plans to be reevaluated on a periodic basis and updated as events warrant.

Pre-award Notification Requirements: The Department of Commerce will apply the Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements dated December 30, 2014 (79 FR 78390).

Non-Compliance: The Grantor reserves the right to deny any voucher request(s) at its discretion, based on lack of progress toward meeting completion goals. If the Grantee fails to meet any of the performance measures/goals, and if deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Grantor, the Grant Funds may be decreased by an amount proportionate to the size of the shortfall, and/or the Grantee may be responsible for the return of the Grant Funds in the amount specified by the Grantor. Grantor may initiate a grant modification(s) to de-obligate Grant Funds based on non-performance.

Public Notice: Grantee must carry out public awareness campaigns in order to increase the adoption of broadband service by consumers, including information about low-cost broadband service options for eligible subscribers. Once a BEAD funded network has been deployed, the grantee shall provide public notice, online and through other means, of that fact to individuals residing in the locations to which broadband service has been provided and share the public notice with the IOB.

JULIE Certification: If Grantee project will include construction, Grantee must ensure all contractors involved in excavating complete the following no-cost trainings available at <https://www.julieessentials.com/training> and provide documentation of completion to the Grantor:

- New JULIE Law Changes
- Positive Response System for Excavators
- JULIE Essentials for Excavators (for excavators instate)
- JULIE Out of State Excavator (for excavators out of state)

EXHIBIT E

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Grantor may remove (or reduce) a Specific Condition included in this Exhibit by providing written notice to the Grantee, in accordance with established procedures for removing a Specific Condition.

Note from the Illinois Office of Broadband:

The following section is auto populated based on results of the Internal Control Questionnaire.

INTERNAL CONTROL QUESTIONNAIRE (ICQ):

The ICQ Sections required for completion per the Programmatic Risk Assessment are determined based on the Grantee's level of risk.

The result of the Grantee's Internal Control Questionnaire indicated that the Grantee must complete the following specific conditions pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Section 200.302:

ICQ Section: 02 - Quality of Management System (2 CFR 200.302)
Conditions: Requires more detailed reporting
Timeframe: One Year

PROGRAMATIC RISK ASSESSMENT (PRA):

PRA Section: 01 – Financial Stability
Conditions: Requires financial report training
Timeframe: Six months

**Note from the Illinois Office of Broadband:
Part II applies to all State grants. The IOB does not have the power to amend this.**

PART TWO – GRANTOR-SPECIFIC TERMS

In addition to the uniform requirements in **PART ONE**, Grantor has the following additional requirements for its Grantee:

ARTICLE XXIII AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

23.1. Authorized Signatory. In processing this Award and related documentation, Grantor will only accept materials signed by the Authorized Signatory or Designee of this Agreement, as designated or prescribed in the Grantee's signature block or on **Exhibit C**. If the Authorized Signatory chooses to assign a designee to sign or submit materials required by this Agreement to Grantor, the Authorized Signatory must either send written notice to Grantor indicating the name of the designee, or provide notice as set forth in **Exhibit C**. Without this notice, Grantor will reject any materials signed or submitted on the Grantee's behalf by anyone other than the Authorized Signatory. The Authorized Signatory must approve each Authorized Designee separately by signing as indicated on **Exhibit C** or on the appropriate form provided by Grantor. If an Authorized Designee(s) appears on **Exhibit C**, the Grantee should verify the information and indicate any changes as necessary. Signatures of both the Authorized Signatory and the Authorized Designee are required in order for the Authorized Designee to have signature authority under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV ADDITIONAL AUDIT PROVISIONS

24.1. Discretionary Audit. The Grantor may, at any time and in its sole discretion, require a program-specific audit, or other audit, SAS 115/AU-C265 letters (Auditor's Communication of Internal Control Related Matters) and SAS 114/AU-C260 letters (Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance).

ARTICLE XXV ADDITIONAL MONITORING PROVISIONS

25.1. Cooperation with Audits and Inquiries, Confidentiality. Pursuant to ARTICLE IX, above, the Grantee is obligated to cooperate with the Grantor and other legal authorities in any audit or inquiry related to the Award. The Grantor or any other governmental authority conducting an audit or inquiry may require the Grantee to keep confidential any audit or inquiry and to limit internal disclosure of the audit or inquiry to those Grantee personnel who are necessary to support the Grantee's response to the audit or inquiry. This confidentiality requirement does not limit Grantee's right to discuss an audit or inquiry with its legal counsel. If a third party seeks to require the Grantee, pursuant to any law, regulation, or legal process, to disclose an audit or inquiry that has been deemed confidential by the Grantor or other governmental authority, the Grantee must promptly notify the entity that is conducting the audit or inquiry of such effort so that the entity that is conducting the audit or inquiry may seek a protective order, take other appropriate action, or waive compliance by the Grantee with the confidentiality requirement.

ARTICLE XXVI ADDITIONAL INTEREST PROVISIONS

26.1. Interest Earned on Grant Funds. Interest earned on Grant Funds in an amount up to \$500 per year may be retained by the Grantee for administrative expenses unless otherwise provided in **PART THREE**. Any additional interest earned on Grant Funds above \$500 per year must be returned to the Grantor pursuant to Paragraphs 4.3 and 29.2 herein, or as otherwise instructed by the Grant Manager or as set forth in **PART THREE**. All

interest earned must be expended prior to Grant Funds. Any unspent Grant Funds or earned interest unspent must be returned as Grant Funds to the Grantor as described in Paragraphs 4.3 and 29.2 herein. All interest earned on Grant Funds must be accounted for and reported to the Grantor as provided in ARTICLE X herein. If applicable, the Grantor will remit interest earned and returned by Grantee to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System through the process set forth at 2 CFR 200.305(b)(12), or as otherwise directed by the federal awarding agency. The provisions of this Paragraph are inapplicable to the extent any statute, rule or program requirement provides for different treatment of interest income. Any provision that deviates from this paragraph is set forth in **PART THREE**.

ARTICLE XXVII ADDITIONAL BUDGET PROVISIONS

27.1. Restrictions on Line Item Transfers. Unless set forth otherwise in **PART THREE** herein, Budget line item transfers within the guidelines set forth in paragraph 6.2 herein, which would not ordinarily require approval from Grantor, but result in an increase of ten percent (10%) or more to any expenditure category of the current approved Budget, are considered changes in the project scope and require Prior Approval from Grantor pursuant to 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.370(b).

ARTICLE XXVIII ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

28.1. Grantee Representations and Warranties. In connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Grantee makes the following representations and warranties to Grantor:

- (a) That it has no public or private interest, direct or indirect, and will not acquire, directly or indirectly any such interest which does or may conflict in any manner with the performance of the Grantee's services and obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) That no member of any governing body or any officer, agent or employee of the State, has a personal financial or economic interest directly in this Agreement, or any compensation to be paid hereunder except as may be permitted by applicable statute, regulation or ordinance;
- (c) That there is no action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity pending, nor to the best of Grantee's knowledge, threatened, against or affecting the Grantee, before any court or before any governmental or administrative agency, which will have a material adverse effect on the performance required by this Agreement;
- (d) That to the best of the Grantee's knowledge and belief, the Grantee, its principals and key project personnel:
 - (i) Are not presently declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from contracting with any federal or State department or agency;
 - (ii) Have not, within a three (3)-year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of any felony; been convicted of a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud; been found in violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or been convicted of embezzlement, theft, larceny, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making a false statement, or receiving stolen property;
 - (iii) Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged, by a government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subparagraph

(ii) of this certification; and

(iv) Have not had, within a three (3)-year period preceding this Agreement, any judgment rendered in an administrative, civil or criminal matter against the Grantee, or any entity associated with its principals or key personnel, related to a grant issued by any federal or state agency or a local government.

Any request for an exception to the provisions of this subparagraph (d) must be made in writing, listing the name of the individual, home address, type of conviction and date of conviction; and

(e) Grantee certifies that it is not currently operating under, or subject to, any cease and desist order, or subject to any informal or formal regulatory action, and, to the best of Grantee's knowledge, that it is not currently the subject of any investigation by any state or federal regulatory, law enforcement or legal authority. Should it become the subject of an investigation by any state or federal regulatory, law enforcement or legal authority, Grantee shall promptly notify Grantor of any such investigation. Grantee acknowledges that should it later be subject to a cease and desist order, Memorandum of Understanding, or found in violation pursuant to any regulatory action or any court action or proceeding before any administrative agency, that Grantor is authorized to declare Grantee out of compliance with this Agreement and suspend or terminate the Agreement pursuant to ARTICLE XIII herein and any applicable rules.

ARTICLE XXIX

ADDITIONAL TERMINATION, SUSPENSION, BILLING SCHEDULE AND NON-COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

29.1. Remedies for Non-Compliance. If Grantor suspends or terminates this Agreement pursuant to ARTICLE XIII herein, Grantor may also elect any additional remedy allowed by law, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following remedies:

(a) Direct the Grantee to refund some or all of the Grant Funds disbursed to it under this Agreement; and

(b) Direct the Grantee to remit an amount equivalent to the "Net Salvage Value" of all equipment or materials purchased with Grant Funds provided under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Net Salvage Value" is defined as the amount realized, or that the Parties agree is likely to be realized from, the sale of equipment or materials purchased with Grant Funds provided under this Agreement at its current fair market value, less selling expenses.

29.2. Grant Refunds. In accordance with the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act, 30 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.*, the Grantee must, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of a termination of this Agreement, refund to Grantor, any balance of Grant Funds not spent or not obligated as of that date.

29.3. Grant Funds Recovery Procedures. In the event that Grantor seeks to recover from Grantee Grant Funds received pursuant to this Award that: (i) Grantee cannot demonstrate were properly spent, or (ii) have not been expended or legally obligated by the time of expiration or termination of this Award, the Parties agree to follow the procedures set forth in the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act, 30 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.* (GFRA), for the recovery of Grant Funds, including the informal and formal hearing requirements. All remedies available in Section 6 of the GFRA will apply to these proceedings. The Parties agree that Grantor's Administrative Hearing Rules (56 Ill. Admin. Code Part 2605) and/or any other applicable hearing rules shall govern these proceedings.

29.4. Grantee Responsibility. Grantee will be held responsible for the expenditure of all Grant Funds received through this Award, whether expended by Grantee or a subrecipient or contractor of Grantee. Grantor may seek any remedies against Grantee permitted pursuant to this Agreement and 2 CFR 200.339 for the action of a subrecipient or contractor of Grantee that is not in compliance with the applicable statutes, regulations or the terms

and conditions of this Award.

29.5. Billing Schedule. In accordance with paragraph 4.8, herein Grantee must submit all payment requests to Grantor within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter, unless another billing schedule is specified in **PART THREE** or Paragraph 2.3. Failure to submit such payment request timely will render the amounts billed an unallowable cost which Grantor cannot reimburse. In the event that Grantee is unable, for good cause, to submit its payment request timely, Grantee must timely notify Grantor and may request an extension of time to submit the payment request. Grantor's approval of Grantee's request for an extension cannot be unreasonably withheld. The payment requirements of this Paragraph supersede those set forth in Paragraph 4.8.

ARTICLE XXX ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION PROVISIONS

30.1. Modifications by Operation of Law. This Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Grantor determines, in its sole discretion, may be required by changes in federal or State law or regulations applicable to this Agreement. Grantor will initiate such modifications, and Grantee will be required to agree to the modification in writing as a condition of continuing the Award. Any such required modification will be incorporated into and become part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. The Grantor will timely notify the Grantee of any pending implementation of or proposed amendment to any laws or regulations of which it has notice.

30.2. Discretionary Modifications. If either the Grantor or the Grantee wishes to modify the terms of this Agreement other than as set forth in ARTICLES V and VI and Paragraphs 30.1 and 30.3, written notice of the proposed modification must be given to the other Party. Modifications will only take effect when agreed to in writing by both the Grantor and the Grantee. However, if the Grantor notifies the Grantee in writing of a proposed modification, and the Grantee fails to respond to that notification, in writing, within thirty (30) days, the Grantor may commence a process to suspend or terminate this Award. In making an objection to the proposed modification, the Grantee must specify the reasons for the objection and the Grantor will consider those objections when evaluating whether to follow through with the proposed modification. The Grantor's notice to the Grantee must contain the Grantee name, Agreement number, Amendment number and purpose of the revision. If the Grantee seeks any modification to the Agreement, the Grantee must submit a detailed narrative explaining why the Project cannot be completed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and how the requested modification will ensure completion of the Grant Activities, Deliverables, Milestones and/or Performance Measures (**Exhibits A, B and D**).

30.3. Unilateral Modifications. The Parties agree that Grantor may, in its sole discretion, unilaterally modify this Agreement without prior approval of the Grantee when the modification is initiated by Grantor for the sole purpose of increasing the Grantee's funding allocation as additional funds become available for the Award during the program year covered by the Term of this Agreement.

30.4. Management Waiver. The Parties agree that the Grantor may issue a waiver of specific requirements of this Agreement after the term of the Agreement has expired. These waivers are limited to non-material changes to specific provisions that the Grantor determines are necessary to place the Grantee in administrative compliance with the requirements of this Agreement. A management waiver issued after the Term of the Agreement has expired will supersede the original requirements of this Agreement that would normally require a modification of this Agreement to be executed. The Grantor will make no modifications of this Agreement not agreed to prior to the expiration of the Agreement beyond what is specifically set forth in this Paragraph.

30.5. Term Extensions. The Grantee acknowledges that all Grant Funds must be expended or legally obligated, and all Grant Activities, Deliverables, Milestones and Performance Measures (**Exhibits A, B and D**) must be completed during the Term of the Agreement. Extensions of the Term will be granted only for good cause, subject to the Grantor's discretion. Pursuant to the Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.*), no Award may be extended in total beyond a two (2)-year period unless the Grant Funds are expended or legally obligated during that

initial two-year period, or unless Grant Funds are disbursed for reimbursement of costs previously incurred by the Grantee. If Grantee requires an extension of the Award Term, Grantee should submit a written request to the Grant Manager at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the Award Term or extended Award Term, as applicable, stating the reason for the extension. If Grantee provides reasonable extenuating circumstances, Grantee may request an extension of the Award Term with less than sixty (60) days remaining.

**ARTICLE XXXI
ADDITIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS**

31.1. Bonus or Commission Prohibited. The Grantee shall not pay any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining the Grant Funds awarded under this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXXII
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY PROVISIONS**

32.1. Equipment Management. The Grantee is responsible for replacing or repairing equipment and materials purchased with Grant Funds that are lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed. Any loss, damage or theft of equipment and materials must be investigated and fully documented, and immediately reported to the Grantor and, where appropriate, the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

32.2. Purchase of Real Property. If permitted by the Award Budget and scope of activities provided in this Agreement, a Grantee may use the Grant Funds during the Award Term for the costs associated with the purchase of real property (as defined by 2 CFR 200.1) either through the use of reimbursement or advanced funds as permitted in Paragraph 2.3 of this Agreement for the following purposes and consistent with the Grantor's bondability guidelines and 2 CFR 200:

- (a) Cash payment of the entirety or a portion of the real property acquisition;
- (b) Cash Payment of a down payment for the acquisition;
- (c) Standard and commercially reasonable costs required to be paid at the acquisition closing (*i.e.*, closing costs); or
- (d) Payments to reduce the debt incurred by Grantee to purchase the real property.

32.3. Bonding Requirements. If Grant Funds through this Award are used for construction or facility improvement projects that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Grantee must comply with the minimum bonding requirements listed in 2 CFR 200.326(a) – (c). Grantor will not accept the Grantee's own bonding policy and requirements.

32.4. Lien Requirements. Grantor may direct Grantee in writing to record a lien or notice of State or federal interest on the property purchased or improved with Grant Funds. 2 CFR 200.316. If Grantor makes this direction and the Grantee does not comply, the Grantor may: (a) record the lien or notice of State or federal interest and reduce the amount of the Grant Funds by the cost of recording the lien or notice of State or federal interest, or (b) suspend this Award until Grantee complies with Grantor's direction.

**ARTICLE XXXIII
APPLICABLE STATUTES**

To the extent applicable, Grantor and Grantee shall comply with the following:

33.1. Land Trust Beneficial Interest Disclosure Act (765 ILCS 405/2.1). No Grant Funds will be paid to any

trustee of a land trust, or any beneficiary or beneficiaries of a land trust, for any purpose relating to the land, which is the subject of such trust, any interest in such land, improvements to such land or use of such land unless an affidavit is first filed with the Grantor identifying each beneficiary of the land trust by name and address and defining such interest therein. This affidavit must be filed with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller as an attachment to this Agreement.

33.2. Historic Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420/1 et seq.). The Grantee will not expend Grant Funds under this Agreement which result in the destruction, alteration, renovation, transfer or sale, or utilization of a historic property, structure or structures, or in the introduction of visual, audible or atmospheric elements to a historic property, structure or structures, which will result in the change in the character or use of any historic property, except as approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division. The Grantee must not expend Grant Funds under this Agreement for any project, activity, or program that can result in changes in the character or use of historic property, if any historic property is located in the area of potential effects without the approval of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division. 20 ILCS 3420/3(f).

33.3. Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (820 ILCS 180 et seq.). If the Grantee has one (1) or more employees, it may not discharge or discriminate against an employee who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, or who has a family or household member who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, for taking up to the allowable amount of leave from work to address the domestic violence, pursuant to the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. 820 ILCS 180/20(a)(2). The Grantee is not required to provide paid leave under the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, but may not suspend group health plan benefits during the leave period. Any failure on behalf of the Grantee to comply with all applicable provisions of the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, or applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, may result in a determination that the Grantee is ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and this Agreement may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked, as provided by statute or regulation.

33.4. Equal Pay Act of 2003 (820 ILCS 112 et seq.). If the Grantee has one (1) or more employees, it is prohibited by the Equal Pay Act of 2003 from: (a) discriminating between employees by paying unequal wages on the basis of sex for doing the same or substantially similar work; (b) discriminating between employees by paying wages to an African-American employee at a rate less than the rate at which the Grantee pays wages to another employee who is not African-American for the same or substantially similar work; (c) remedying violations of the Equal Pay Act of 2003 by reducing the wages of other employees or discriminating against any employee exercising their rights under the Equal Pay Act of 2003; and (d) screening job applicants based on their current or prior wages or salary histories, or requesting or requiring a wage or salary history from an individual as a condition of employment or consideration for employment. Any failure on behalf of the Grantee to comply with all applicable provisions of the Equal Pay Act of 2003, or applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, may result in a determination that the Grantee is ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and this Agreement may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked, as provided by statute or regulation.

33.5. Steel Products Procurement Act (30 ILCS 565/1 et seq.). The Grantee, if applicable, hereby certifies that any steel products used or supplied in accordance with this Award for a public works project shall be manufactured or produced in the United States per the requirements of the Steel Products Procurement Act (30 ILCS 565/1 et seq.).

33.6. Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act and Illinois Human Rights Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01; 775 ILCS 5/2-105). The Grantee acknowledges and hereby certifies compliance with the provisions of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act, and the equal employment practices of Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act for the provision of services which are directly related to the Award activities to be performed under this Agreement.

33.7. Identity Protection Act (5 ILCS 179/1 et seq.) and Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530/1 et seq.). The Grantor is committed to protecting the privacy of its vendors, grantees and beneficiaries of programs and services. At times, the Grantor will request social security numbers or other personal identifying information. Federal and state laws, rules and regulations require the collection of this information for certain purposes relating to employment and/or payments for goods and services, including, but not limited to, Awards. The Grantor also collects confidential information for oversight and monitoring purposes.

Furnishing personal identity information, such as a social security number, is voluntary; however, failure to provide required personal identity information may prevent an individual or organization from using the services/benefits provided by the Grantor as a result of state or federal laws, rules and regulations.

To the extent the Grantee collects or maintains protected personal information as part of carrying out the Award activities, the Grantee must maintain the confidentiality of the protected personal information in accordance with applicable law and as set forth below.

(a) **Personal Information Defined.** As used herein, "Personal Information" shall have the definition set forth in the Personal Information Protection Act, 815 ILCS 530/5 ("PIPA").

(b) **Protection of Personal Information.** The Grantee must use at least reasonable care to protect the confidentiality of Personal Information that is collected or maintained as part of the Award activities and (i) not use any Personal Information for any purpose outside the scope of the Award activities and (ii) except as otherwise authorized by the Grantor in writing, limit access to Personal Information to those of its employees, contractors, and agents who need such access for purposes consistent with the Award Activities. If Grantee provides any contractor or agent with access to Personal Information, it must require the contractor or agent to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph.

(c) **Security Assurances.** Grantee represents and warrants that it has established and will maintain safeguards against the loss and unauthorized access, acquisition, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure of Personal Information and shall otherwise maintain the integrity of Personal Information in its possession in accordance with any federal or state law privacy requirements, including PIPA. These safeguards must be reasonably designed to (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of the Personal Information, (ii) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Personal Information, and (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Personal Information. Additionally, Grantee will have in place policies, which provide for the secure disposal of documents and information which contain Personal Information, including but not limited to shredding documents and establishing internal controls over the authorized access to such information. 815 ILCS 530/40.

(d) **Breach Response.** In the event of any unauthorized access to, unauthorized disclosure of, loss of, damage to or inability to account for any Personal Information (a "Breach"), Grantee agrees that it will promptly, at its own expense: (i) report such Breach to the Grantor by telephone with immediate written confirmation sent by e-mail, describing in detail any accessed materials and identifying any individual(s) who may have been involved in such Breach; (ii) take all actions necessary or reasonably requested by the Grantor to stop, limit or minimize the Breach; (iii) restore and/or retrieve, as applicable, and return all Personal Information that was lost, damaged, accessed, copied or removed; (iv) cooperate in all reasonable respects to minimize the damage resulting from such Breach; (v) provide any notice to Illinois residents as required by 815 ILCS 530/10, 815 ILCS 530/12 or applicable federal law, in consultation with the Grantor; and (vi) cooperate in the preparation of any report related to the Breach that the Grantor may need to present to any governmental body.

(e) **Injunctive Relief.** Grantee acknowledges that, in the event of a breach of this Paragraph, Grantor will likely suffer irreparable damage that cannot be fully remedied by monetary damages.

Accordingly, in addition to any remedy which the Grantor may possess pursuant to applicable law, the Grantor retains the right to seek and obtain injunctive relief against any such breach in any Illinois court of competent jurisdiction.

(f) **Compelled Access or Disclosure.** The Grantee may disclose Personal Information if it is compelled by law, regulation, or legal process to do so, provided the Grantee gives the Grantor at least ten (10) days' prior notice of such compelled access or disclosure (to the extent legally permitted) and reasonable assistance if the Grantor wishes to contest the access or disclosure.

ARTICLE XXXIV ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

34.1. **Workers' Compensation Insurance, Social Security, Retirement and Health Insurance Benefits, and Taxes.** The Grantee must provide Workers' Compensation insurance where the same is required and accepts full responsibility for the payment of unemployment insurance, premiums for Workers' Compensation, Social Security and retirement and health insurance benefits, as well as all income tax deduction and any other taxes or payroll deductions required by law for its employees who are performing services specified by this Agreement.

34.2. **Required Notice.** Grantee agrees to give prompt notice to the Grantor of any event that may materially affect the performance required under this Agreement. Any notice or final decision by Grantor relating to (a) a Termination or Suspension (ARTICLE XIII), (b) Modifications, Management Waivers or Term Extensions (ARTICLE XXX) or (c) Assignments (Paragraph 22.2) must be executed by the Director of the Grantor or her or his authorized designee.

ARTICLE XXXV ADDITIONAL REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

The Grantee makes the following certifications as a condition of this Agreement. These certifications are required by State statute and are in addition to any certifications required by any federal funding source as set forth in this Agreement. Grantee's execution of this Agreement shall serve as its attestation that the certifications made herein are true and correct.

35.1. **Sexual Harassment.** The Grantee certifies that it has written sexual harassment policies that must include, at a minimum, the following information: (i) the illegality of sexual harassment; (ii) the definition of sexual harassment under State law; (iii) a description of sexual harassment, utilizing examples; (iv) the Grantee's internal complaint process including penalties; (v) the legal recourse, investigative and complaint process available through the Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission; (vi) directions on how to contact the Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission; and (vii) protection against retaliation as provided by Sections 6-101 and 6-101.5 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. 775 ILCS 5/2-105(A)(4). A copy of the policies must be provided to the Grantor upon request.

35.2. **Federal, State and Local Laws; Tax Liabilities; State Agency Delinquencies.** The Grantee is required to comply with all federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to the filing of any and all applicable tax returns. If Grantee is delinquent in filing and/or paying any federal, state and/or local taxes, the Grantor will disburse Grant Funds only if the Grantee enters into an installment payment agreement with the applicable tax authority and remains in good standing with that authority. Grantee is required to tender a copy of all relevant installment payment agreements to the Grantor. In no event may Grantee utilize Grant Funds to discharge outstanding tax liabilities or other debts owed to any governmental unit. **The execution of this Agreement by the Grantee is its certification that: (i) it is current as to the filing and payment of any federal, state and/or local taxes applicable to Grantee; and (ii) it is not delinquent in its payment of moneys owed to any federal, state, or local unit of**

government.

35.3. Lien Waivers. If applicable, the Grantee must monitor construction to assure that necessary contractors' affidavits and waivers of mechanics liens are obtained prior to release of Grant Funds to contractors and subcontractors.

35.4. Grant for the Construction of Fixed Works. Grantee certifies that all Projects for the construction of fixed works which are financed in whole or in part with funds provided by this Agreement will be subject to the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.*) unless the provisions of that Act exempt its application. In the construction of the Projects, Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act including, but not limited to: (a) paying the prevailing rate of wages required by the Illinois Department of Labor, or a court on review, to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work with Grant Funds provided through this Agreement, (b) inserting into all contracts for such construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the Project must be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under this Award; and (c) requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing wage clause as provided by contract.

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PART THREE – PROJECT-SPECIFIC TERMS

In addition to the uniform requirements in **PART ONE** and Grantor-Specific Terms in **PART TWO**, Grantor has the following additional requirements for this Project:

ARTICLE XXXVI REPORT DELIVERABLE SCHEDULE

36.1. External Audit Reports. External Audit Reports may be required. Refer to ARTICLE XII of this Agreement to determine whether you are required to submit an External Audit Report and the applicable due date.

36.2. Annual Financial Reports. Annual Financial Reports may be required. Refer to Paragraph 12.2 of this Agreement to determine whether you are required to submit Annual Financial Reports.

36.3. Required Periodic Reports. Below is the required periodic reporting schedule for this Award.

**Note from the Illinois Office of Broadband:
This section auto populates for each Grantee.**

36.4. Changes to Reporting Schedule. Changes to the schedules for periodic reporting, the external audit reports and the annual financial reports do not require a formal modification to this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 22.4 and ARTICLE XXX, and may be changed unilaterally by the Grantor if necessitated by a change in the project schedule or at the discretion of the Grantor. The Grantee may not modify the reporting deliverable schedules in ARTICLES X, XI, XII and XXXVI unilaterally, and must obtain prior written approval from Grantor or the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, if applicable, to change any reporting deadlines.

ARTICLE XXXVII GRANT-SPECIFIC TERMS/CONDITIONS

37.1 Fixed amount subawards. Funds will be disbursed through fixed amount subawards based on the milestones defined in this Grant Agreement and in compliance with the NTIA's guidance on the implementation of exceptions, adjustments, and clarifications to certain provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), codified at 2 CFR Part 200, and the application of related provisions of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program. Subrecipients that receive fixed amount subawards are exempt from certain provisions of the Uniform Guidance, pursuant to the NTIA Policy Notice: Tailoring the Application of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program

- a) Program Income. Subrecipients may retain program income without restriction in the case of subawards whose major purpose is a broadband infrastructure project. Thus, Grantee is exempt from the provisions in Paragraph 7.7 of this Agreement.
- b) Cost Principles. Subrecipients that receive fixed amount subawards are not required to comply with the cost principles under the uniform guidance (2 CFR 200 Subpart E- Cost Principles). Thus, Grantee is exempt from the provisions in Paragraphs 7.1, 18.1, and 19.1 of this Agreement.
- c) Procurement Standards. Subrecipients receiving fixed amount subawards are excepted from complying with the procurement standards contained in 2 CFR 200.318-320 and 200.324-326. Thus, the Grantee is exempt from conflicting provisions in this Agreement including the relevant portions of Paragraph 18.3 and Paragraph 32.3.

37.2 **AWARD COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The Grant Funds are awarded to Grantee through this Agreement pursuant to the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Division F, Title I, Section 60102, Public Law 117-58, 135 State. 429 (November 15, 2021) (Infrastructure Act or Act). Grantee is required to comply with, and is subject to, all requirements of these statutes and the Specific Award Conditions; the General Terms and Conditions for the BEAD Program; the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice (June 2025); the BEAD NOFO; the Department of Commerce General Terms and Conditions (dated September 22, 2025) and all other related rules and guidance issued by Grantor, including but not limited to the following:

a) **Record Retention Requirements**

The Grantee must retain all Federal award records for three years from the date of submission of their final financial report. For awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, the Grantee must retain records for three years from the date of submission of their quarterly or annual financial report, respectively. Records to be retained include but are not limited to, financial records, supporting documentation, and statistical records. Federal agencies or pass-through entities may not impose any other record retention requirements except for the following:

- i) The records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken if any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period.
- ii) When the Grantee is notified in writing by the Federal agency or pass-through entity, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, or cognizant agency for indirect costs to extend the retention period.
- iii) The records for property and equipment acquired with the support of Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition.
- iv) The three-year retention requirement does not apply to the Grantee when records are transferred to or maintained by the Federal agency.
- v) The records for program income earned after the period of performance must be retained for three years from the end of the Grantee's fiscal year in which the program income is earned. This only applies if the Federal agency or pass-through entity requires the Grantee to report on program income earned after the period of performance in the terms and conditions of the Federal award.
- vi) The records for indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates) must be retained according to the applicable option below:
 - a. ***If submitted for negotiation.*** When a proposal, plan, or other computation must be submitted to the Federal Government to form the basis for negotiation of an indirect cost rate (or other standard rates), then the three-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of submission.

- b. ***If not submitted for negotiation.*** When a proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government to form the basis for negotiation of an indirect cost rate (or other standard rates), then the three-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation

- b) Property trust relationship and public notice: Filings for grant-acquired property. The following clarifications and exceptions from the NTIA's Policy Guidance, "Tailoring the Application of the Uniform Guidance to the BEAD Program" (see original text for full details) and the "General Terms and Conditions for the NTIA BEAD Program Funds" (updated November 2025) are intended to supersede conflicting provisions in this Agreement related to the Uniform Guidance's property standards (including the relevant portions of Paragraphs 18.2, 18.3, 22.16(e)). Title to all real property and equipment acquired or improved pursuant to a BEAD fixed amount subaward (Project Property) vests in the Grantee upon acquisition, subject to the following during the Federal Interest Period, or 10 years after the year in which the subgrant has been closed out in accordance with 2 CFR 200.344:
 - i) Grantees must follow their existing commercial practices for managing equipment in the normal course of business and must use inventory controls indicating the applicable Federal interest and loss prevention procedures. Grantees without such existing practices must comply with 2 CFR 200.313(d).
 - ii) Grantees must comply with all applicable property standards in 2 CFR 200.311 and 2 CFR 200.313 including the use, management, replacement, and disposition requirements as follows:
 - a. Grantees acquiring replacement equipment under 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(c)(4) may treat the replaced equipment as "trade-in" even if the Grantee retains full ownership and use over equipment. The Grantee must record the fair market value of the equipment being replaced in its Tangible Personal Property Status Reports to the Department of Commerce (DOC), and track the value of the replacement equipment, including both the Federal and non-Federal share.
 - b. Grantees may not sell, lease, or transfer any BEAD funded real property or equipment during the Federal Interest Period without: (a) securing the agreement of the successor or transferee to comply with these requirements and the acknowledgement of the successor or transferee of the Federal Interest in the subject Project Property, and (b) obtaining consent to the sale or transfer from the NTIA.
 - c. Grantees must notify the State and the NTIA upon filing a petition under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, whether voluntary or involuntary, with respect to the Grantee or any affiliate that would impact the Grantee's ability to perform in accordance with its subgrant.
 - iii) Grantees must adhere to the UCC-1 filing requirements outlined in the BEAD General Terms and Conditions. Grantees must record liens or other appropriate notices of record, acceptable in form and substance to the Grants Officer, to indicate that Project Property has been acquired or improved with a federal award, and that use-and-disposition conditions apply to the property.
 - iv) Grantees may encumber Project Property only after notifying the NTIA and the Grants Officer, and the U.S. Department of Commerce must receive either a first-priority security interest (preferred)

or a shared first-priority security interest in the Project Property such that, if the Project Property were foreclosed upon and liquidated, the DOC would be entitled to receive, on a pari-passu basis with other first-position creditors, the portion of the current fair market value of the property equal to the DOC's percentage of contribution to the project costs. The IOB retains the right to request and monitor information regarding encumbrances at any time.

- v) Pursuant to exceptions approved by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the property standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.314 -315 for supplies and intangible property, respectively, shall not apply to fixed amount subawards.
- vi) Grantees must comply with 2 CFR 200.316, the insurance requirements of 2 CFR 200.310, and 2 CFR 200.312 to the extent any Federally owned real property or equipment is used by the Grantee.

Due to the nature of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service, the Grantor cannot identify a portion of the LEO network that is dedicated to certain locations, and therefore NTIA will not take a Federal interest in equipment or property acquired or improved with a LEO Capacity Subgrant.

- c) Domestic preference for procurements ("Buy American"): All funds made available through the BEAD Program for broadband infrastructure must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act. This act requires that all iron, steel, manufactured products (including but not limited to fiber-optic communications facilities), and construction materials used in the project or other eligible activities be produced in the United States unless a waiver is granted. The U.S. Department of Commerce has issued a limited, general applicability, nonavailability waiver of the Buy America Preference requirements for certain construction materials and certain manufactured products as applied to recipients of Federal financial assistance under the BEAD Program, which will flow down to Grantees. Detailed information on BABA compliance and reporting requirements can be found in the NTIA's BABA Compliance guidance, as well as the BEAD NOFO.
- d) Environmental and Historic Preservation
 - i) Completion of Environmental Review. The Grantee must comply with all applicable statutory environmental and historic preservation regulations and identify to the IOB and NTIA when a proposed infrastructure project may have potentially significant effects on the environment. The Grantee may not expend any federal BEAD funds other than for the limited permissible activities identified in the General Terms and Conditions for NTIA BEAD Program Funds Section 13.E prior to the following:
 - a. The completion of any review required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) (NEPA), and issuance by NTIA and the Grantee, as required, of a Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) determination, Record of Environmental Consideration (REC), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or Record of Decision (ROD) (hereinafter "decision documents") that meets the requirements of NEPA;
 - b. The completion of reviews required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 300101, et seq.) (NHPA), including any consultations required by Federal law, to include consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and Federally recognized Native American tribes.
 - c. The completion of consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), as applicable, under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

(16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.), and/or consultations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.), as applicable; and

- d. Demonstration of compliance with all other applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

Project implementation (site preparation, demolition, construction, ground disturbance, or any other project implementation activities) may not begin prior to the completion of the above activities. The Grantee must comply with all conditions placed on the grant funded activities as the result of environmental reviews and associated consultations as the result of NEPA or NHPA consultation or processes under other applicable laws —e.g., mitigation requirements, best management practices, or other measures necessary to reduce environmental impacts.

The allowable use of funds prior to beginning project implementation includes, but is not limited to, activities necessary for the completion of the following:

- a. Pre-construction planning, including collecting information necessary to complete environmental reviews;
- b. Applications for environmental permits;
- c. Studies including, but not limited to, Environmental Assessments (EA), wetland delineations, biological assessments, archaeological surveys, and other environmental reviews and analyses;
- d. Administrative costs;
- e. Pre-award application costs
- f. Activities supporting consultations required under the NHPA, the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act;
- g. Limited, preliminary procurement, including the purchase or lease of equipment, or entering into binding contracts to do so; the purchase of applicable or conditional insurance; and/or funds used to secure land or building leases (including right-of-way easements).
- e. Grantees that undertake unauthorized project activities in contravention of this Section proceed at their own risk and may face de-obligation of funding.

ii) Timely Provision of NEPA Documents and Permits

The Grantee is required to timely provide any information requested by the IOB or NTIA to support initial and ongoing compliance with environmental and historic preservation laws and regulations, and must adhere to any applicable statutory deadlines as described in 42 U.S.C. 4336a(g). Once consultation activities have been completed, the IOB will review all documentation and determine sufficiency. Projects with potentially significant impacts to environmental or historic resources may face de-obligation of funding if impacts cannot be mitigated.

The Grantee must comply with all conditions placed on the grant funded activities as the result of NEPA or NHPA consultation or processes under other applicable laws—e.g., mitigation requirements, best management practices, or other measures necessary to reduce environmental impacts.

The Grantee shall notify the IOB within 24 hours upon receipt of any notices of foreclosure; requests for additional consultation received from the SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, USFWS, or other consulting party; or notices of noncompliance received from consulting authorities or regulatory agencies.

The Grantee must notify the IOB of any change to the approved project scope that has the potential for altering the nature or extent of environmental or cultural resources impacts. Projects with such potential will be re-evaluated for compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

iii) Milestone Schedule for NEPA and Permitting

Within thirty days of entering this subgrant agreement, the Grantee must provide the IOB a draft milestone schedule for each NEPA project included in the BEAD grant award identifying environmental review and permitting activities, dependencies, and deadlines and describing how the Subgrantee proposes to meet timing requirements including, as required:

- a. The completion of any statutorily required reviews and consultations including, but not limited to, Endangered Species Act Section 7 and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106;
- b. The completion of NEPA, including the submission of Environmental Assessments (EAs) or Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) if anticipated; and
- c. Anticipated dates for any necessary federal permit applications, including application acceptance and permit decisions.

The IOB may stipulate the format of the NEPA and Permitting milestone schedule and, upon review, request revisions to reflect statutorily driven sequencing requirements. The milestone schedule will be reviewed by the IOB on a quarterly basis, along with other required reporting.

vi) Unanticipated Discoveries

Burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects are subject to the requirements of all applicable Federal, Tribal, state, and local laws and protocols, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), in addition to Section 106 of the NHPA. Grantees must notify the IOB and NTIA of inadvertent discoveries and potential impacts to these resources and identify and follow all applicable laws or protocols. Grantees should have an archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards monitor ground disturbance for grant funded activities proposed in the vicinity of National Register eligible archaeological sites and suspected or known burials. If any potential archeological resources or buried human remains are discovered during construction, the Grantee must immediately stop work in that area, secure that area, and keep information about the discovery confidential, except to notify the IOB and NTIA and the interested SHPO, THPO, and potentially affected Tribes. Such construction activities may then only continue with the written approval of NTIA.

vii) Streamlining Permitting Processes

As required by the BEAD General Terms & Conditions issued by the NTIA, the following language is included in its entirety and outlines how, consistent with any relevant legal requirements and authorities, federal, state and local laws, the Illinois Office of Broadband will make efforts to streamline permitting for broadband projects. Pursuant to the BEAD General Terms and Conditions, the following language references the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) as the Grantee to NTIA's BEAD Award and the recipient of funding from DCEO as the Subgrantee:

1. Consistent with any relevant legal requirements and authorities, Grantee will establish procedures to ensure that broadband-related permit applications are promptly accepted, and requests are approved or denied within 90 days, including by:
 - a. Assisting state and local authorities in establishing a single, dedicated point of contact, which has knowledge of the application and review processes, for broadband-related

- permits.
 - b. Providing technical assistance to permitting agencies to ensure sufficient capacity (e.g., Master Agreement and Consultant Reimbursement Agreement templates, surge support for permit processing, etc.)
 - c. Providing deference to the construction techniques chosen by BEAD Subgrantees (without seeking to influence those decisions), absent any identified safety concerns.
 - d. Maximizing streamlined processing through permitting by rule; batch processing of substantially similar permit requests; and waiving or expediting duplicative or burdensome broadband permitting requirements where possible.
 - e. Following FCC rules regarding timelines, rates, terms, and conditions for access to municipally owned poles and conduit for broadband projects—including provisions in the FCC’s rules providing for “one-touch make-ready” and “self-help”—and requiring BEAD Subgrantees that own poles (including cooperatives) to comply with FCC rules across their footprint.
2. Grantee will seek to minimize state and local permitting-related costs for broadband deployments and ensure (1) permitting fees are a reasonable approximation of the state or local government’s costs, (2) only objectively reasonable costs are factored into those fees, and (3) the fees are no higher than the fees charged to similarly situated competitors in similar situations.
 3. Grantee will establish Permitting Roundtables⁶ and/or working groups of relevant federal, state, local, and tribal authorities and representatives of impacted industries—including utility pole owners, railroads, communications providers, and BEAD subgrantees—that will:
 - a. Meet regularly to identify and facilitate resolution of any delays or disputes related to deploying BEAD-funded facilities.
 - b. Collect complaints (and supporting information) from Subgrantees that are not timely resolved through this process and escalate such complaints through the appropriate Permitting Roundtable or working group.
 4. Grantee will track, publicly post, and submit to NTIA, as part of its Semi-Annual Report, information on subgrantee compliance with the NEPA milestone schedules⁷ and data regarding unresolved complaints from Subgrantees, including: (1) issues escalated through the Permitting Roundtable or working group; (2) delays in broadband-related projects that Subgrantees attribute to a state or local prohibition on using its preferred construction techniques; and (3) delays in broadband related projects

To facilitate the terms above, Subgrantees must provide timely and accurate information and reporting regarding the status of active and pending permits and/or any related delays attributable to state and local government, including:

- a) A full list of permits needed for the project area, including but not limited to:
 - i. The permitting entity or agency
 - ii. Permit type
 - iii. The date the fully completed permit application was submitted
 - iv. Status of each permit, including if further information was requested by the permitting entity or agency
 - v. The date the permit was approved or denied
- b) Any permits that will likely not receive approval or denial by the permitting entity or agency within 90 days, including evidence. Notification of such permits must be provided no later than 60 days after their submission. Such permits may prompt IOB escalation to ensure permits are approved or denied in a timely manner.
- c) Permitting-related costs that are unreasonable or higher than fees charged to similarly situated competitors in similar situations.

To the extent that Permitting Round Tables or permitting surge support is required by the IOB,

Grantees must collaborate and attend meetings to identify and facilitate the resolution or any delays or disputes.

- e) Grantees are required to report waste, fraud, and abuse. To report fraud, waste, or abuse, contact the Office of the Inspector General at (866) 814-1113 or file a complaint. The webpage is available at <https://dceo.illinois.gov/broadband/bead.html>
- f) Pursuant to the BEAD General Terms and Conditions, the following language references the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) as the Grantee to NTIA's BEAD Award and the recipient of funding from DCEO as the Subgrantee:
 - i) *The Grantee, and any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision thereof, agrees not to enforce any law, regulation, executive order, contracting requirement, or other enforceable obligation that directly or indirectly regulates in any way the rates, terms, and conditions of broadband internet service, whether on a retail, wholesale, or network basis, or imposes net neutrality rules, open access, or other utility-style rules on broadband internet service, against the Subgrantee or its affiliates anywhere it provides service within the Grantee's jurisdiction, while that Subgrantee has any grant that is still within its period of performance, extended period of performance, or federal interest period. For purposes of this provision, a "net neutrality rule" is any law, order, contracting requirement, or other enforceable obligation by the Grantee that prohibits internet service providers from, among other things, blocking content, throttling speeds, imposing data caps, or engaging in paid prioritization, or that imposes a general conduct or similar standard upon internet service providers.*
- g) Grantees must sign and comply with the provisions in the "Protecting the BEAD Program from Defaults" certification attached to this grant agreement.

37.3 Compliance with the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.). Grantees shall comply with all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act, including but not limited to, inserting into all contracts for construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the project shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the award and requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of such prevailing wage clause as provided by contract. Grantees will be required to report on Prevailing Wage Act compliance on a monthly basis.

37.4 Compliance with the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (30 ILCS 559/20-1 et seq.). For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the Grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25) and all applicable administrative rules. The "estimated total project cost" is a good faith approximation of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. The goal of the Illinois Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek from the State a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The Grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

37.5 Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act Compliance. Grantee acknowledges that it is required to comply with the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act ("BEP") (30 ILCS 575/0.01 et seq.), which establishes a goal for contracting with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities. Grantee shall maintain compliance with the BEP Utilization Plan submitted in conjunction with the

Agreement and shall comply with all reporting requirements.

37.6 Compliance with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act. All Grantees will be required to comply with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570/0.01 et seq.) (the “Act”), which provides that whenever there is a period of excessive unemployment in Illinois (as defined by the Act), if the Grantee is using Grant Funds for (1) constructing or building any public works, or (2) performing the clean-up and on-site disposal of hazardous waste for the State of Illinois or any political subdivision of the State, then the Grantee shall employ at least 90% Illinois laborers on such project. Illinois laborers refers to any person who has resided in Illinois for at least 30 days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident. Grantees may receive an exception from this requirement by submitting a request and supporting documents certifying that Illinois laborers are either not available or are incapable of performing the particular type of work involved. The certification must: (a) be submitted to the grant manager within the first quarter of the Award Term; (b) provide sufficient support that demonstrates the exception is met; (c) be signed by an authorized signatory of the Grantee; and (d) be approved by DCEO in consultation with the Illinois Department of Labor. In addition, every contractor on a public works project or improvement or hazardous waste clean-up and on-site disposal project in this State may place on such work no more than 3 (or 6 in the case of a hazardous waste clean-up and on-site disposal project) of the contractor’s regularly employed non-resident executive and technical experts. Additional administrative and national policy requirements per BEAD Program requirements. Per the BEAD NOFO, all grants receiving BEAD funding are required to comply with applicable statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the following General Compliance Requirements and Prioritization.

37.3 Formal Procurement Obligations. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.320(b), formal procurement methods are required when the value of the procurement transaction exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold of the recipient or subrecipient. Formal procurement methods require, Connect Illinois grantees to post bid solicitations on a public website for the duration of the solicitation period and 30 days following its close. Grantees must provide the URL for the public website to the Illinois Office of Broadband, who will make one URL per grantee publicly available on the IOB website. All bids must be posted to the same URL.