

**Accelerate Illinois**  
**Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program**

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**Application Template**

The *Accelerate Illinois* program is run by the Illinois Broadband Lab, a collaboration including the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Office of Broadband, and University of Illinois System, among others.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and its Office of Broadband published a Notice of Collaboration Opportunity (NOCO) detailing the program, eligibility criteria, and application process.

Eligible counties that have been invited to participate in the agriculture-themed *Rural Broadband Infrastructure Planning Tool* program, which is not administered by the Illinois Office of Broadband, are encouraged to complete this application, indicating their intentions per the “Application Disclosure” box.

*Please refer to the NOCO, FAQ, and Connect Illinois website for additional information regarding the Accelerate Illinois Program:* <https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ConnectIllinois>.

A complete application includes the following:

- A. Cover letter (Approximately 250—500 words)
- B. Application (per NOCO); template below
- C. Letters of support or other attachments (per NOCO)

To maximize chances of receiving an award, please be mindful of two key objectives in your application:

- **Level of Responsiveness:** Provide all required information for the questions below, along with the specified attachments. The responses should be comprehensive, detailed and clear.
- **Participation Selection Criteria:** Review the participant selection criteria in the NOCO and ensure that your proposal comprehensively addresses the listed consideration factors.

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## 1. Application Summary

A) Applicant Information	
Organization Information	
Organization Legal Name	
“Doing Business As” Name	
Mailing Address	
Website	
Federal ID (FEIN)	
Primary Contact	
Name	
Title	
Phone Number(s)	
Email Address	
Secondary Contact (optional)	
Name	
Title	
Phone Number(s)	
Email Address	
Organization Type	
Applicant Category	<input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-County/Region
Application Disclosure	
Is your county applying to the agriculture-themed <i>Rural Broadband Infrastructure Planning Tool</i> program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**B) History**

Provide a summary of the applicant history; include the date established or incorporated

**C) Mission and Goals**

Provide your mission statement along with the goals to achieve through this program

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**D) Project Staff and Leadership Team**

Provide information on all key members. Submit as an attachment if more space is required.

Name	
Title	
Biography (250 words max)	
Name	
Title	
Biography (250 words max)	
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### 2. Steering Team

#### A) Geographical Area

Define the geographic area of your community.

#### B) Current Broadband Projects

Discuss any current broadband-related programs or activities, including any service statistics and strengths or accomplishments

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### C) Opportunities and Challenges

Preview the broadband opportunities and challenges that exist in the community, and how they might be addressed through the program

### 3. Local/Regional Support

#### Local/Regional Organizations

List and describe the local/regional organizations that have provided letters of support and participation.

**Submit this document along with a cover letter, letters of support, or additional documents by December 16, 2022.**

**Application materials must be submitted to the Illinois Office of Broadband at [broadband@illinois.gov](mailto:broadband@illinois.gov)**

**[End of Application Packet]**