

**Priority Broadband Projects Scoring Rubric (South Dakota Initial Proposal Vol 2, Table 6).**

| <b>Criteria</b>      | <b>Maximum Points Available</b>                                   | <b>Description</b>  |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Minimal BEAD Outlay  | <p align="center"><b>120</b><br/><i>(60% of total score)</i></p>  | <p>120 points will be assigned based on the average BEAD outlay per location in a given area. This outlay is calculated as the total project cost for the given area, minus the proposed matching funds, divided by the number of locations served. Additional information will be required for prospective subgrantees in areas with overlapping proposals to make this determination, as further detailed in 2.4.6.</p> <p>Points will be deducted for applications in a given area that have a higher average BEAD outlay per location when compared to the application with the lowest average BEAD outlay per location. The deduction will be based upon the percentage difference in BEAD outlay relative to the lowest offering, with applications double the lowest average BEAD outlay per location scoring zero points.</p> |
| Affordability        | <p align="center"><b>25</b><br/><i>(12.5% of total score)</i></p> | <p>Up to 20 points will be assigned for the lowest total monthly price to provide 100/20 service in a given area, inclusive of all taxes, fees, and charges. For areas with more than one applicant, 1 point will be deducted from each applicant for every \$2 above the lowest total monthly price submitted for that area, to a maximum of a 20 point deduction.</p> <p>For areas without applications to provide 100/20 service, the lowest total monthly price of the highest speed proposed for that area will serve as the benchmark, and points will be deducted according to the same scheme for 100/20 service.</p> <p>5 points will be assigned for certification that subgrantee will offer the low-cost service option outlined in Requirement 16.</p>   |
| Fair Labor Practices | <p align="center"><b>25</b><br/><i>(12.5% of total score)</i></p> | <p>25 points will be assigned for certification of full compliance of all applicable labor laws.</p> <p>Point deductions for previous compliance failures will be assessed based on the magnitude of past transgressions.</p>   |
| Speed to Deployment  | <p align="center"><b>20</b></p>                                   | <p>For projects completed by a given date, points will be assigned as follows:</p>  |

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|                               | <i>(10% of total score)</i>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated completion within 1 year of award = 20 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 2 years of award = 15 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 3 years of award = 10 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 4 years of award = 5 points</li> </ul> |
| Local and Tribal Coordination | <b>10</b><br><i>(5% of total score)</i> | <p>5 points for applications where any location in the proposed service area(s) is within a Tribal Reservation.</p> <p>1 point for each citizen (individual or business) that demonstrates interest or pre-subscribes for broadband service, up to maximum of 5 points.</p>  |

***Other Last-Mile Broadband Deployment Projects Scoring Rubric (South Dakota Initial Proposal Vol 2, Table 7).***

| <b>Criteria</b>     | <b>Maximum Points Available</b>            | <b>Description</b>  |
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| Minimal BEAD Outlay | <b>100</b><br><i>(50% of total score)</i>  | <p>100 points will be assigned based on the average BEAD outlay per location in a given area. This outlay is calculated as the total project cost for the given area, minus the proposed matching funds, divided by the number of locations served. Additional information will be required for prospective subgrantees in areas with overlapping proposals to make this determination, as further detailed in 2.4.6.</p> <p>Points will be deducted for applications in a given area that have a higher average BEAD outlay per location when compared to the application with the lowest average BEAD outlay per location. The deduction will be based upon the percentage difference in BEAD outlay relative to the lowest offering, with applications double the lowest average BEAD outlay per location scoring zero points.</p> |
| Affordability       | <b>25</b><br><i>(12.5% of total score)</i> | <p>Up to 20 points will be assigned for the lowest total price to provide 100/20 service in a given area, inclusive of all taxes, fees, and charges. For areas with more than one applicant, 1 point will be deducted from each applicant for every \$2 above the lowest total price submitted for that area, to a maximum of a 20 point deduction.</p>   |

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|                               |  | <p>For areas without applications to provide 100/20, the lowest total price of the highest speed proposed for that area will serve as the benchmark, and points will be deducted according to the same scheme for 100/20 service.</p> <p>5 points will be assigned for certification that subgrantee will offer the low-cost service option outlined in Requirement 16.</p>  |
| Fair Labor Practices          | <p><b>25</b><br/><i>(12.5% of total score)</i></p> | <p>25 points will be assigned for certification of full compliance of all applicable labor laws.</p> <p>Point deductions for previous compliance failures will be assessed based on the magnitude of past transgressions.</p>  |
| Speed to Deployment           | <p><b>20</b><br/><i>(10% of total score)</i></p>   | <p>For projects completed by a given date, points are assigned as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated completion within 1 year of award = 20 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 2 years of award = 15 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 3 years of award = 10 points</li> <li>• Estimated completion within 4 years of award = 5 points</li> </ul>                              |
| Speed of Network              | <p><b>20</b><br/><i>(10% of total score)</i></p>   | <p>Points will be assigned for applications meeting the following thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 Mbps Download x 1,000 Mbps Upload = 20 points</li> <li>• 500 Mbps Download x 500 Mbps Upload = 15 points</li> <li>• 250 Mbps Download x 250 Mbps Upload = 10 points</li> <li>• 250 Mbps Download x 100 Mbps Upload = 5 points</li> <li>• 250 Mbps Download x 20 Mbps Upload = 0 points</li> </ul> |
| Local and Tribal Coordination | <p><b>10</b><br/><i>(5% of total score)</i></p>    | <p>5 points for applications where any location in the proposed service area(s) within a Tribal Reservation.</p> <p>1 point for each citizen (individual or business) that demonstrates interest or pre-subscribes for broadband service, up to maximum of 5 points.</p>   |

