



Louisiana Office of Broadband
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Supplemental Notice to Prospective Participants in Louisiana's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Subgrant Process (GUMBO 2.0)

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The purpose of this supplemental notice is to provide final notice and clarification to prospective applicants on the process by which Louisiana will confirm the proposal-level qualifications of any prospective subgrantee prior to making a provisional selection during the GUMBO 2.0 process.

As provided in section 2.4.1 of Louisiana's approved Initial Proposal Volume 2 (IPv2), in addition to the baseline entity-level information submitted by applicants during the pre-qualification process, prior to making any provisional selection decision the state will "conduct a final review of selected proposals to confirm that the total set of awards to each prospective subgrantee is consistent with the financial, operational and managerial capabilities submitted in the pre-qualification process, confidentially engaging with specific providers if needed to confirm or clarify any identified issues, and reserving the ability if necessary to select an alternative proposal if any concerns about the ability of the provider to deliver on all awards remain." IPv2 at 27 (emphasis added).

Under the subgrantee selection rules provided by IPv2, provisional selection decisions can occur either after Round 1 or after Round 2. Applicants are hereby notified that Louisiana will conduct the required proposal-level validation of specific qualifications prior to making selections after both Round 1 and Round 2 of the GUMBO 2.0 process.

For example, prior to making a Round 1 award based on either of the selection conditions provided in section 2.4.2 of IPv2, ConnectLA may request additional qualification details in areas such as evidence of an applicant's financial capacity relative to the size of the potential proposal award; validation of its submitted financial plans in light of the specific locations covered by a potential award selection; and/or its operational capabilities to meet the technology



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commitments in the application, including in the case of Critical Resiliency Need (CRN) commitments the ability of the applicant to fully comply with the extensive performance requirements for CRN subgrants as specified in IPv2 section 2.11.1.D, including proof of access to sufficient exclusive spectrum to deliver required performance and coverage levels to all required locations in applicable CRN-SPAs as well as the current ability to fulfill all requirements of the FCC's Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI). IPv2 at 106-108.

Failure to provide in timely fashion all requested additional project-specific qualification support materials will result in the selection of an alternative proposal. Applicants are hereby notified that in particular for potential Round 1 awards, the turnaround time will be very short given the limited window of time between Round1 and Round 2. Any applicant anticipating a potential Round 1 award therefore must have immediately available any requested information related to project-specific qualifications.

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