## **UPDATE: Additional Target Locations**

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**Charleston, W.Va.** — Today, West Virginia Department of Commerce Division of Economic Development, Office of Broadband (WVDED), has released an Appendix to its <a href="Program Procedures">Program Procedures</a> and Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) lists in support of the Benefit of the Bargain Round of the West Virginia Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The Appendix describes an optional method that applicants may use to add certain types of additional Target Locations into a proposed project.

Pursuant to NTIA's <u>BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice</u>, WVDED collected input from existing service providers about locations they have reported as "served" to the FCC and from existing and prospective applicants about Target Locations that may not be "broadband serviceable". After collecting responses and associated evidence, WVDED published a revised set of Target Locations omitting many such locations.

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Subsequently, NTIA published <u>requirements</u> clarifying how states must treat these locations during the Benefit of the Bargain Round. Specifically, NTIA clarified that states may separate or indicate such locations but may not yet omit them from the round. Nevertheless, these additional locations may not necessarily receive an award. WVDED is aligning with these clarified requirements. It has published on broadband.wv.gov an updated list identifying these locations and providing a simplified Additional Location Form through which applicants may choose to add them to a proposed project. Applicants may submit the Additional Location Form <a href="https://get.massive.io/01K0SPG3PP9BYWKBN4RCC1JX65?secret=pfHiovzySsw">https://get.massive.io/01K0SPG3PP9BYWKBN4RCC1JX65?secret=pfHiovzySsw</a>

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