

# BEAD Project Area Units Request For Comment

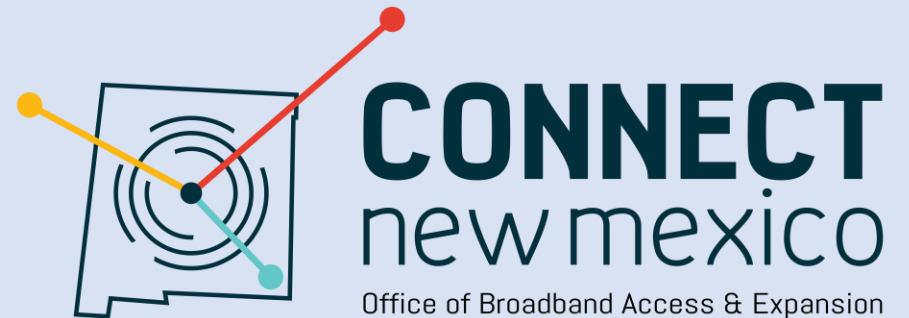
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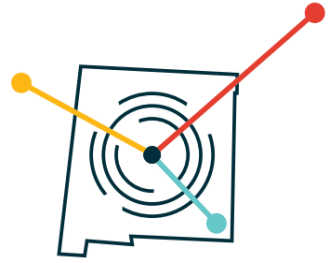
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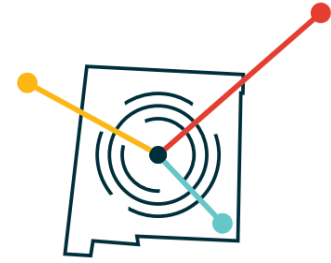


# Agenda



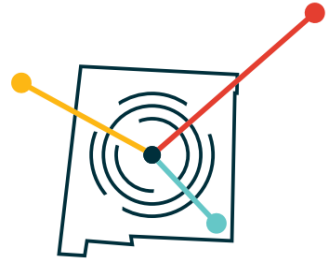
- Introduction
- Overview of the PAU Design Process
- Overview of the Request for Comment
- How to Participate in the Request for Comment
- Office Hours Schedule
- Closing

# PAU Design Process



- PAU design criteria were identified in OBAE's IPV2
- OBAE discussed PAU design in depth with stakeholders at IPV2 outreach events and solicited public comment prior to submitting
- Design criteria:
  - Geographic boundaries
  - Locations of underserved locations relative to unserved
  - Proximity of existing network infrastructure
  - Geographic/topographic factors
  - Potential for competition
  - Economic and technical viability/efficiency
  - Community needs

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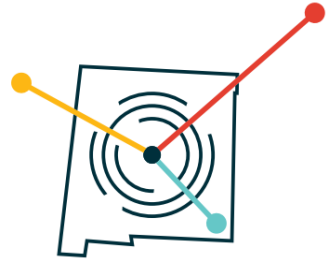
- **NTIA High-Cost Areas**

- Defined as an unserved area (not less than 80% of locations unserved) where the cost to deploy broadband is higher compared with the average cost of building out broadband service in unserved areas in the United States.
- NM has 24, each are their own PAU
- No match required for BEAD projects

- **Tribal Lands**

- Projects on Tribal Lands require Tribal consent
- New Mexico's 23 Tribes and Pueblos each have their own PAUs
- On the Navajo Nation, Delegate District boundaries were used to further subdivide the Nation into smaller PAUs

# Office Hours Schedule



- Tuesday, 9/3 from 9-10am
- Tuesday, 9/10 from 10-10:30am
- Tuesday, 9/17 from 10-10:30am
- Tuesday, 9/24 from 10-11am
  - [Click here](#) to join Office Hours
  - Schedule and link will also be posted to the Connect NM website
- OBAE will meet with participants individually upon request
  - Email [broadband@connect.nm.gov](mailto:broadband@connect.nm.gov) with "PAU RFC, [Party Name]" in the subject line