

MONTANA BEAD BIDDERS CONFERENCE

Location: Delta Hotel Conference Room
Delta Hotels by Marriott 2301 Colonial Dr, Helena, MT 59601

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, and Thursday, April 18th, 2024

The Montana Broadband Office is pleased to announce the BEAD Bidders Conference. The purpose of the Bidders Conference is to provide comprehensive guidance to prospective applicants ahead of the main round application process. Across the day and a half event, each aspect of the application will be thoroughly examined. Attendees can expect an in-depth review of the application requirements along with dedicated time for addressing any queries related to the application.

Please [click here](#) to register for BEAD Bidders Conference.

Time	Session	Session Description	Presenters
8:00am - 5:00pm MT - Day 1			
8:00am - 8:30am	Check In and Breakfast Buffet		
8:30am - 9:00am	Introductions, Objectives, Overview		Director Misty Ann Giles and Sen. Salomon
9:00am - 9:45am	Montana BEAD Application Overview		Rebecca Fairchild-Lewis, Summit
9:45am - 10:15am	Break and Office Hours	Office hours will be available during all breaks. Please sign up for a slot at the check in desk.	
10:15am – 12:00pm	Program Area Design, Scoring and Application Prioritization	This session will review how each applicant should structure their application to properly identify their selected project areas and program goals. The presenter will also detail the scoring and application prioritization processes so applicants understand how their submissions will be reviewed.	Joanne Hovis, CTC
12:00m - 1:15pm	Lunch and Office Hours	Office hours will be available during lunch. Please sign up for a slot at the check in desk.	
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Financial Requirements	In this session, applicants will review financial components of the application to include the audited financial statements, Letter of Credit, and the pro forma.	Eric Law, Summit Consulting
2:15pm -3:15pm	Technical Requirements	This session will review what must be submitted regarding planned	Mitch Hergett, CTC

		infrastructure design, cost estimates, timelines, organizational requirements, and other technical aspects of the application.	
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Break and Office Hours	Office hours will be available during all breaks. Please sign up for a slot at the check in desk.	
3:45pm - 4:45pm	Programmatic and Labor Requirements	This session will discuss key components that must be included in project plans, as well as staffing and labor considerations including unionization, Davis-Bacon requirements, and required skills and certifications for staff.	Rebecca Fairchild-Lewis, Summit
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Closing Remarks		Director Misty Ann Giles
5:00pm	Adjourn		

Time	Session	Session Description	Presenters
8:00am – 1:30pm MT - Day 2			
8:30am – 9:30am	Check In, Office Hours, and Breakfast Buffet	Please sign up for an office hours slot at the check in desk.	
9:30am – 11:00am	Environmental and Permitting Requirements	In this session, applicants will review the various applicable environmental laws and requirements, as well as which permits may be required before project implementation.	Guest Presenters
11:15am – 11:30am	Break	Break	
11:30am – 12:15pm	Looking Ahead: Reporting Requirements	This session will provide an overview of the information that may be requested during the reporting process.	CTC/Summit
12:15pm - 12:30pm	Closing Remarks		Director Misty Ann Giles