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Addendum #3 to NOFA #007
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Core Application Miscalculation

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The Office has discovered a calculation error within one section of the Core Application, Exhibit B. In the Application Calculations box, the field that reads "Rurality (Units Facilitated Per Square Mile)" is miscalculating Rurality. The calculation presented in the Application Calculations Box on Core Application Exhibit B should be disregarded by Applicants. As reflected, this field is calculating units facilitated per square mile. However, the Rurality score is not determined by the number of Broadband units to which new service is being facilitated by the Applicant, but by the number of Broadband units in the census block as reported on Map v4. The calculation reflected in the Core Application, Exhibit B, Application Calculations Box for Rurality was provided as a courtesy to Applicants, but will **NOT** be used in any part of the scoring of the Application. The scoring of Rurality will rely on underlying data fields gathered from Applications by the Office consistent with NOFA #007, section 3.1.1:

3.1.1. *Rurality*. This factor operates on the premise that Census Blocks located in rural areas are in greater need of Broadband service than other areas. For purposes of this factor, "rurality" is defined as a function of Broadband Unit density per square mile.

> **Formula:** The aggregate number of Broadband Units within the Census Blocks forming the basis of the Project **divided by (÷)** by the total square miles forming the basis of the Project.

If you would like to estimate the Rurality calculation for your Application consistent with the guidelines established in NOFA #007, section 3.1.1, you may use the "Total Number of Broadband Units in Project Area" as reflected on Exhibit B of the Core Application, and divide that number by the total Square Miles, also reflected on Exhibit B. See below:

This Addendum to NOFA 007 does **NOT** require any modification to existing or in-process applications. The Office will not be issuing a revised Core Application; Applicants should continue to use the Core Application posted on the Office's website.