

Addendum # 1 to NOFA #005

January 21, 2021

Pursuant to Section 1.9 of the NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY #005 (“NOFA”): “The Office reserves the right to amend this NOFA at any time. In the event the Office decides to amend, add to, or delete any part of this NOFA, a written amendment will be posted at <https://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. In the event an amendment occurs after the submission deadline is closed, the Office will email the written amendment to each Applicant’s Authorized Contact.”

The following amends NOFA #005:

Amendment #1:

The original Section 1.6.5. (No Substitutions) is deleted in its entirety:

~~1.6.5. *No Substitutions.* The Office will not entertain offers from Applicants that seek to substitute an award of funds granted under this NOFA for any funds awarded to the same Applicant to build in the same Project area under any prior grant rounds administered by the Office. For the sake of clarity, an award under this NOFA will not be offered for Census Blocks or Broadband Blocks for which a prior Award has been accepted by the Applicant.~~

And hereby replaced with the following:

1.6.5. *Limitations on Substitutions and Withdrawals.* In an effort to expedite the facilitation of broadband service to unserved and underserved Iowans, and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Office will not accept Applications, or otherwise entertain offers from Applicants that seek to substitute or relinquish an award of funds received under any prior NOFA issued by this Office, where such prior award was for broadband installation within the same or overlapping Project area(s) as contained in an Application submitted by the same Applicant under this NOFA.

The foregoing limitation shall apply to all Applicants or Grantees offered funds under previous NOFAs issued by this Office whether the offered funds were accepted or declined by Applicant.

