

Addendum #2—Broadband Grant NOFA #004 Scoring Rubric¹

A total of one hundred **(100) points** distributed over the ten (10) factors identified in Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) #004 are available for Applications submitted to the Office in response to NOFA #004. This Addendum #2 identifies the specific point values assigned to each evaluation factor set forth in Section 3.1 (Quantitative Factors) and 3.2 (Qualitative Factors) of NOFA #004.²

Scoring Categories	Category Type (Quantitative or Qualitative)	Weight (Percentage (%) of 100 points available)	Points (Total Points Available (100) * Weight = Points)
3.1.1 Rurality (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(1))*	Quantitative	17.79%	17.79
3.1.2 Efficiency (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(8))	Quantitative	2.22%	2.22
3.1.3 Total Broadband Units Delivered (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(8))	Quantitative	4.44%	4.44
3.1.4 Completeness (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(5))	Quantitative	4.44%	4.44
3.1.5 Relative Speed (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(3))*	Quantitative	13.33%	13.33
3.1.6 Prospective Product Attributes (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(4))	Quantitative	2.22%	2.22
3.1.7 Geographic Diversity (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(6))	Quantitative	8.89%	8.89
3.2.1 Budget Composition (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(2))*	Qualitative	15.56%	15.56
3.2.2 Relative Need for New Broadband and Existing Broadband Service Speeds (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(1))*	Qualitative	20.00%	20.00
3.2.3 Economic Impact (Iowa Code § 8B.11(4)(a)(7))	Qualitative	11.11%	11.11

¹While the Office will utilize the points system, weights, and values identified herein as a tool to assist in initial determinations as to the relative merits of each Application, such scores are in no way binding on the Office. The Office will ultimately make award decisions in its sole discretion regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amounts to award grant funds. Such decisions will be based on which Projects are most likely to have the greatest effect in reducing or eliminating Unserved and Underserved areas in the State, that leverage federal funds, and public and private partnerships where possible, and by awarding grants to Communications Service Providers that most effectively reduce or eliminate Targeted Service Areas by installing Broadband Infrastructure facilitating Broadband service at or above 25/3. All such determinations will take into consideration the factors outlined in Iowa Code section 8B.11 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22 and other relevant factors identified in this NOFA, including the Greatest Weight Factors as defined herein and denoted in the above table with an asterisk (*).

²Iowa Code § 8b.11(4)(b) requires the Office to “afford the greatest weight to the factors described in paragraph “a”, subparagraphs (1) through (3)” (“Greatest Weight Factors”). These Greatest Weight Factors are denoted with an asterisk (*) in the above table, and have each been allocated a higher weight and corresponding number of points than any of the other factors listed in the above table.