

Addendum #3—Broadband Grant NOFA #002 Scoring Rubric¹

A total of one hundred **(100) points** distributed over the ten (10) factors identified in Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) #002 are available for Applications submitted to the Office in response to NOFA #002. This Addendum #3 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 #002, restated below, which addendum was posted immediately prior to the Application due date.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 it in initially determining the relative merits of each Application, such scores are in no way binding on the Office, and the Office will ultimately make a decision regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amounts to award grant funds based on which Projects are most likely to have the greatest effect in reducing or eliminating Unserved and Underserved areas in the State, leveraging federal funds and public and private partnerships where possible, by awarding grants to Communications Service Providers that reduce or eliminate Targeted Service Areas by installing Broadband Infrastructure that Facilitates Broadband service in Targeted Service Areas at or above 25/3 Broadband, taking 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 below and denoted in the above table with an asterisk (*).

²Section 9 of 2019 House File 772 (“**HF 772**”) (to be codified at Iowa 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.