

### Addendum # 1 to NOFA #003

Pursuant to Section 1.9 of the NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY #003 (“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>.” The following amends NOFA #003:

#### Amendment #1:

Section 1.5.2.3.2 is amended as follows (strikethroughs (deletions) and underlines (additions) indicate changes from original):

1.5.2.3.2 Documentation of need that furthers the purpose underlying and that is consistent with Section 1.4.7~~8~~.

#### Amendment #2:

Section 1.7 (Schedule of Important Dates) is amended as follows (strikethroughs (deletions) and underlines (additions) indicate changes from original):

1.7. **Schedule of Important Dates.** The following dates and times are set forth for informational purposes only. The Office reserves the right to change these timelines and deadlines at any time. All dates and times listed are local Iowa time.

EVENT	DATE
1.7.3 NOFA Issued	7/20/2020
1.7.4 Application Acceptance Window Opens (no Applications will be accepted prior to this date and time)	7/20/2020
1.7.5 Application Acceptance Window Closes/Applications Due (no Applications will be accepted after this date and time)	8/5/2020, 11:59 PM CDT
1.7.6 Technical Review/Quantitative Scoring	
Begin:	8/6/2020
End:	8/12/2020
1.7.7 and 1.7.8 Applications and Quantitative Scoring Submitted to Review Committee and Evaluation Committee	8/13/2020
1.7.9 Final Agency Decision(s)/Anticipated Notice of Intent to Award Issued	8/21/2020
1.7.9 Contracting Process Begins	8/21/2020

### Amendment #3:

Sections 1.7.7 (Evaluation Committee Review and Recommendation), 1.7.8 (Evaluation Committee Review and Recommendation), and 1.7.8 (Final Agency Decisions/Notice of Intent to Award) of the NOFA are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

1.7.7 *Review Committee Input/Recommendations.* The Office may supply all Applications that pass the Technical Review and the results of the Quantitative Scoring to the members of a “**Review Committee**,” comprised of a group of external representatives who may review and recommend grant awards to the Office. The Review Committee members may provide input or make recommendations to the Office regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to make an Award(s) in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA. The members of the Review Committee’s input/recommendations are in no way binding on the Office, which reserves the sole right to determine whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to make an Award(s), in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA.

1.7.8 *Evaluation Committee Review and Recommendation.* After the Technical Review and Quantitative Scoring is complete, the Evaluation Committee will review all Applications received that pass the Technical Review in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA.

1.7.8.1 Quantitative Scoring. The Evaluation Committee will be primarily responsible for reviewing and scoring the qualitative aspects of proposed Projects as part of the Scoring process as more fully explained in Sections 3 (Scoring Methodology) and 4 (Review/Award Process).

1.7.8.1 Final Recommendation. After the Evaluation Committee completes the Qualitative Scoring process, the Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation(s) to the Office regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to Award grant funds as more fully explained in Sections 4 (Review/Award Process). The Evaluation Committee may consider the recommendations of the Review Committee as part of this process and may incorporate the Review Committee’s input/recommendations into their final recommendation(s).

1.7.9 *Final Agency Decision(s)/Notice of Intent to Award.* Taking the Review Committee’s and Evaluation Committee’s recommendation(s) into account, the Office will make the final Award decision and notify each Applicant to which it

has decided to make an Award by issuing a “**Notice of Intent Award**” or “**NOIA**.” The Office is not bound by the recommendation(s) of the Review Committee or Evaluation Committee. Such NOIA shall be distributed by email to the Applicant’s Authorized Contact. The Office will also post the NOIA online at [Iowa Grants](#) and <http://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. Unsuccessful Applicants are solely responsible for reviewing such websites to determine their Award status.

#### **Amendment #4:**

Sections 4.1.2 and (Evaluation Committee Review and Recommendation), 4.1.3 (Final Agency Decisions/Notice of Intent to Award), and 4.1.3 are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following, and all subsequent Sections within Section 4 (Review/Award Process) of the NOFA are renumbered accordingly:

- 4.1.2. *Review Committee Input/Recommendations.* The Office may supply all Applications that pass the Technical Review and the results of the Quantitative Scoring to the members of the “**Review Committee**.” The Review Committee members may provide input or make recommendations to the Office regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to make an Award(s) in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA. The members of the Review Committee’s input/recommendations are in no way binding on the Office, which reserves the sole right to determine whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to make an Award(s), in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA.
- 4.1.3 *Evaluation Committee Review and Recommendation.* After the Technical Review and Quantitative Scoring is complete, the Evaluation Committee will review all Applications received that pass the Technical Review in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA.
  - 4.1.3.1 Qualitative Scoring. The Evaluation Committee will be primarily responsible for reviewing and scoring the qualitative aspects of proposed Projects as part of the Scoring process, including the respective factors set forth in Section 3A.1.2 (Qualitative Factors) for Infrastructure Projects and Section 3B.1.2 (Qualitative Factors) for Adoption Projects, as applicable. **Regardless of whether an Applicant’s Project is comprised of only one or both components, the Broadband Infrastructure and Broadband Adoption components of any proposed Project will be scored and evaluated separately.** The inputs for these formulas for Infrastructure Projects are primarily supplied by Applicants through **Exhibit C** (Qualitative Attributes Form) for Infrastructure Projects or as may otherwise be sourced from data elements obtained as part of this application process and the data sources underlying the Broadband Availability Map, and for Adoption Projects are primarily supplied by Applicants through **Exhibit C.1** (Qualitative

Attributes Form) for Adoption Projects.

- 4.1.3.2 Final Recommendation. After the Evaluation Committee completes the Qualitative Scoring process, the Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation(s) to the Office regarding whether, to which Projects, and in what amount(s) to Award grant funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of this NOFA. In formulating its final recommendation(s), the Evaluation Committee is not bound by the results of the scoring process, which scoring process is a tool for intelligent decision making and a consensus-based decisional process that considers the key factors set forth in this NOFA. The Evaluation Committee may consider the recommendations of the Review Committee as part of this process and may incorporate the Review Committee's input/recommendations into their final recommendation(s).
- 4.1.4 *Final Agency Decision(s)/Notice of Intent to Award*. Taking the Review Committee's and Evaluation Committee's recommendation(s) into account, the Office will make the final Award decision and notify each Applicant to which it has decided to make an Award by issuing a "**Notice of Intent Award**" or "**NOIA**." The Office is not bound by the recommendation(s) of the Review Committee or Evaluation Committee. Such NOIA shall be distributed by email to the Applicant's Authorized Contact. The Office will also post the NOIA online at [Iowa Grants](#) and <http://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. Unsuccessful Applicants are solely responsible for reviewing such websites to determine their Award status.
- 4.1.5 Notwithstanding anything in this NOFA to the contrary, in both the Evaluation Committee making its recommendation(s) to the Office and the Office making its final Award decision(s), neither the Evaluation Committee nor the Office is bound by any scores or scoring system used to assist in assessing the relative merits of each Application. The scores and scoring system are a tool to facilitate intelligent decision making and a consensus-based decisional process that considers the key factors set forth in this NOFA.