



Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Guide to the January 2010 Notice of Funds Availability

The January 2010 Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) provides detailed information on funding and application requirements for the second round of Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funding. Use the following as a quick reader's guide to the NOFA, helping you to find key sections and information.

Summary of NOFA Sections

■ **Section I. Overview**

Describes the broadband initiatives in the Recovery Act, the first round of funding, and an overview of the next round of funding.

■ **Section II. Funding Opportunity Description**

Provides a more thorough description of BTOP and the funding priorities. Topics include:

- Statutory Purposes: The Recovery Act establishes a national broadband service development and expansion program to promote five core purposes.
- Introduction to Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) projects and the funding priorities.
 - NTIA encourages applicants to meet as many of the CCI funding priorities as possible. For a list of CCI funding priorities, please refer to the NOFA Section II.B.1.
- Information on Public Computer Centers (PCC) and Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) projects and their funding priorities.
- Application Selection and the Review Process.

■ **Section III. Definitions**

Presents the key statutory terms and program terms used in BTOP.

■ **Section IV. Award Information**

Describes the funding availability, grant terms, and other award information.

- CCI projects will be awarded approximately \$2.35 billion.
- PCC projects will be awarded at least \$150 million
- SBA projects will be awarded at least \$100 million.

■ **Section V. Eligibility Information for BTOP**

Discusses the eligibility requirements applicants must meet to qualify for funding.

- Eligibility criteria.
- Eligible and ineligible costs.
- General program requirements.
- Funding restrictions.
- Use of program income.
- Eligible organizations that can apply to BTOP.
- Cost/Sharing Matching Requirements.





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■ Section VI. Application and Submission Information

Provides information regarding how to apply, application materials, and the application process.

- All applicants should have a DUNS number and register with CCR.
- Application content requirements.
- Filing instructions.
- Submission dates and times.
- Material representations.

■ Section VII. Application Review Information

This section establishes the evaluation criteria for application review. The evaluation criteria for all projects and specifically for each application category are defined. For summary of the evaluation criteria for CCI, PCC, and SBA applications refer below:

- Project Purpose (20 points).
- Project Benefits (20 points).
- Project Viability (30 points).
- Project Budget and Sustainability (30 points).

Section VIII. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Identifies the initial announcement date for certain awards and provides other information regarding BTOP. NTIA intends to announce BTOP Round 2 awards on a rolling basis starting in June 2010. NTIA intends to make award documents available to successful applicants within 30 days of the award announcement. All grants will be awarded by September 30, 2010.

■ Section IX. Award Administration Information

Provides award notice information, administrative and national policy requirements, terms and conditions, and other reporting requirements for award recipients. Award terms and mandatory reporting requirements are outlined in this section of the NOFA.

■ Section X. Other Information

Discusses the eligibility requirements applicants must meet to qualify for funding.

- Recovery Act Logo.
- Environmental and National Historic Preservation Requirements.
- Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements.
- Financial and Audit Requirements.
- Deobligation.
- Confidentiality of Applicant Information.
- Policy on Sectarian Activities.
- Disposition of Unsuccessful Applications.
- State Certifications, Waivers.
- Compliance with Applicable Laws.
- Communications Laws.
- Buy American Notice.

All applications for funding BTOP projects must be submitted between February 16, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and March 15, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The application packages for electronic submissions will be available at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>. All applicants are required to submit their applications electronically at <https://applyonline.broadbandusa.gov>. Please note that applications will not be accepted via paper, fax, electronic mail, or other media format.

