



JUNE 30, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

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AGENDA

HOW TO JOIN

Zoom: visit us02web.zoom.us/j/295704768

Phone: dial **1-669-900-6833** and enter 9-digit **Meeting ID: 295-704-768** (no PIN is required, **press # when prompted**). If joining by phone, please note that your ability to interact with the panelists may be limited due to system limitations.

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

3:30 PM

CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: CO-CHAIR, MARK LAW

- Pledge of Allegiance (all participants will be muted)
- Welcome and Roll Call of Board Members
- Public Comment Request Inquiry
 - *Note: Members of the public who wish to speak during the June 30 board meeting should email wbc-conference@wyo.gov before 4 p.m. on Friday, June 27, stating your name. Comments will only be received for the specific item on the Special Meeting agenda. No other topics will be discussed.*

3:35 PM

SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE CHAIR, RYAN LANCE (PG. 35)

- Contract Amendment with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC Technology and Energy) for continued administration of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program – Broadband Manager, Chad Bolling
 - **Action Item:** Consideration of staff recommendation to approve the CTC Amendment

4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: CO-CHAIR, MARK LAW

- Adjournment

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Standing Committees will meet this quarter during the week of August 25, 2025 (invites will be sent via Google Calendar next week):
 - Investments Standing Committee: Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 10AM
 - Operations Standing Committee: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 10AM
 - Strategy Execution Standing Committee: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 2PM
 - Services Standing Committee: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 @ 10AM
- Next Regular Quarterly Meetings of this Board:
 - September 9-10, 2025: Sheridan, WY
 - December 9-10, 2025: Virtual
 - February 24-25, 2026: Cheyenne, WY
 - May 19-20, 2026: Location TBD

**AMENDMENT TWO TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL
AND
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION d/b/a
CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

1. **Parties.** The parties to this Contract are Wyoming Business Council (Council), whose address is: 214 W 15th St, Cheyenne WY 82002, and COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION d/b/a CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY (Contractor), whose address is: 10613 Concord St, Kensington MD, 20895.
2. **Purpose of Amendment.** This Amendment shall constitute the second amendment to the Contract between the Council and the Contractor. The purpose of this Amendment is to: a) increase the total dollar amount by two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) to five million four hundred thirty thousand dollars (5,430,000.00), b) extend the term of the Contract through December 31, 2025, c) incorporate Attachment B, and d) update the responsibilities of the Contractor.

The original Contract dated March 13, 2023, required the Contractor to provide comprehensive management of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program for a total Contract amount of five-million one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$5,180,000.00) with an expiration date of December 31, 2024.

Amendment One dated September 12, 2024, amended the original Contract to a) extend the term of the contract through July 29, 2025.

3. **Term of the Amendment.** This Amendment shall commence upon the date the last required signature is affixed hereto (Effective Date) and shall remain in full force and effect through the term of the Contract, as amended, unless terminated at an earlier date pursuant to the provisions of the Contract, or pursuant to federal or state statute, rule, or regulation.
4. **Amendments.**
 - A. The second sentence of Section 4(A) of the original Contract is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The total payment under this Contract shall not exceed five million, four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$5,430,000.00).”
 - B. The second sentence of Section 3 of the original Contract is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The term of this Contract is from March 13, 2023 through December 31, 2025.”

5. Amended Responsibilities of the Contractor.

A. Section 5 of the original Contract is hereby amended to add Subsection B which will read as follows:

“B. Perform the additional duties outlined in Attachment A, Scope of Work, which is incorporated into this Contract by this reference.”

B. Attachment B, Cost Proposal, is attached to this Amendment and is incorporated into the original Contract by this reference.

6. Amended Responsibilities of the Council. Responsibilities of the Council have not changed.

7. Special Provisions.

A. Same Terms and Conditions. With the exception of items explicitly delineated in this Amendment, all terms and conditions of the original Contract, and any previous amendments, between the Council and the Contractor, including but not limited to sovereign immunity, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

B. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original and all counterparts together shall constitute one and the same Amendment. Delivery by the Contractor of an originally signed counterpart of this Amendment by facsimile or PDF shall be followed up immediately by delivery of the originally signed counterpart to the Council.

8. General Provisions.

A. Entirety of Contract. The original Contract, consisting of fifteen (15) pages, Attachment A, consisting of five (5) pages, Amendment One, consisting of three (3) pages, Amendment Two consisting of three (3) pages, and Attachment B, consisting of four (4) pages represent the entire and integrated Contract between the parties and supersede all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.

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9. **Signatures.** The parties to this Amendment, through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Amendment on the dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Amendment.

This Amendment is not binding on either party until approved by A&I Procurement and the Governor of the State of Wyoming or his designee, if required by Wyo. Stat. § 9-2-3204(b)(iv).

WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL:

Amy L. Grenfell
Chief Operating Officer

Date

Brandon Marshall
Services Director

Date

CONTRACTOR:

COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
d/b/a CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

Joanne Hovis
President

Date

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE APPROVAL AS TO FORM

Madison Barber
Assistant Attorney General

Date

**ATTACHMENT B, COST PROPOSAL, TO
CONTRACT BETWEEN WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL
AND
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
d/b/a CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

Background

On June 6, 2025, the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) released the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice¹, which significantly modifies the requirements for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

Most significantly, the Policy Notice requires that Eligible Entities conduct a “Benefit of the Bargain Round” of subgrantee selection that incorporates new NTIA guidance regarding technology neutrality and a revised definition of a Priority Broadband Project under BEAD.

NTIA has also specified urgent deadlines in the Policy Notice, including a requirement that “Eligible Entities have 90 days to comply with the obligations outlined within this Policy Notice and submit a Final Proposal that reflects the results of the Benefit of the Bargain round.”

Scope of Work

Summarized below is CTC’s understanding of the key activities necessary to support the implementation of the BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice.

TASK 1: Elimination of Non-Statutory Requirements

CTC will support the analysis and program design activities necessary to remove various BEAD provisions from the that were eliminated via the Policy Notice, including:

- Labor, employment, and workforce development requirements
- Climate change requirements
- Open access/net neutrality
- Local coordination and stakeholder engagement
- Non-traditional broadband providers
- Middle class affordability plan

In addition, we will support the implementation of the Low-Cost Service Option in a manner consistent with the Policy Notice.

This task includes developing a revised grant application for the Benefit of the Bargain Round (BOBR) that implements the revisions necessary to eliminate non-statutory requirements, in alignment with the Policy Notice.

TASK 2: Location Optimization

¹ <https://www.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/bead-restructuring-policy-notice.pdf>

To comply with Section 4 of the Policy Notice, Optimizing BEAD Locations, CTC will support following activities:

- CTC will support outreach to unlicensed fixed wireless (ULFW) providers
- CTC will support the assessment of known locations served by ULFW
- As needed, CTC staff will conduct technical reviews of evidence submitted by ULFW providers demonstrating that they offer service that meets the requirements of the Policy Notice and state requirements
- Where necessary, CTC will support updates to the state's list of BEAD-eligible locations to address locations served by ULFW and reconcile locations that do not require BEAD funding, per prior BEAD Final Proposal Guidance released by NTIA
- CTC will support the evaluation and incorporation of the "defaulted or newly eligible locations that qualify for BEAD" list to be delivered by NTIA by June 20, 2025
- CTC will support the review and revision of the state's list of Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) to ensure it conforms with the narrower definition in the Policy Notice

TASK 3: Implementation of Technology Neutrality

CTC will support the analysis and program design activities necessary to adapt the BEAD Program to consider the Technology Neutrality requirements defined in Section 3 of the Policy Notice, including:

- CTC will support the development of a revised grant application necessary to implement the Benefit of the Bargain Round (BOBR)
- CTC will provide guidance and recommendations to modify the program to utilize NTIA's new definition of a Priority Broadband Project
- CTC will support development of program revisions and offer the technical expertise necessary to consider fiber-optic technology, cable modem/hybrid fiber-coaxial technology, LEO satellite services, and terrestrial fixed wireless technology utilizing entirely licensed spectrum, entirely unlicensed spectrum, or a hybrid of licensed and unlicensed spectrum as potential solutions for Priority Broadband Projects
- CTC will develop technical standards, questions for applicants, technical templates, review standards, and scoring criteria necessary to ensure that Priority Broadband Projects meet the requirements of the Policy Notice and the state
- CTC will assist with modifications to the BEAD scoring rubric to consider the revised definition for Priority Broadband Projects and the Minimum BEAD Program Outlay, Speed to Deployment, Speed of Network and Other Technical Capabilities, and Preliminary/Provisional Subgrantees scoring criteria, as defined in the Policy Notice
- CTC will support the launch, application intake, scoring, prioritization, and analysis required to execute the BOBR
- CTC will support the review and re-scoring of previously accepted applications, along with new applications, to fully implement the BOBR as required by NTIA

TASK 4: Modification of BEAD Proposal

Attachment B, Cost Proposal, to Contract Between Wyoming Business Council and
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
d/b/a CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

CTC will support efforts to modify its BEAD Final Proposal to conform to the requirements of NTIA's Policy Notice. This includes:

- Supporting efforts to draft and edit the documentation required for NTIA approval, including a revised Final Proposal
- Developing technical content, evaluations, and explanations necessary to support state evaluation and award decisions
- Supporting the state review and approval of any documentation required for NTIA approval, including a revised Final Proposal, distribution of the revised Final Proposal for Public Comment, and the incorporation of Public Comments, where necessary
- Supporting submission of the modified Final Proposal to NTIA, including evaluation and processing of data files associated with the proposals
- Supporting post-submission curing and modification required during the NTIA review and approval process

Timeline

Based on our discussion on June 12th and our evaluation of the Policy Notice, CTC suggests the following timeline:

Activity	Target Date
ULFW outreach and data intake	June 20, 2025
NTIA releases defaulted or newly eligible locations for BEAD	June 20, 2025
Submit “Policy Compliance Letter” and updated eligible locations list to NTIA	July 7, 2025
Launch application for BOBR	July 8, 2025
Close application for BOBR	July 15, 2025
Score all applications and finalize revised BEAD Final Proposal	August 20, 2025
Post revised BEAD Final Proposal for public comment	August 20, 2025
Close public comment on revised Final Proposal	September 3, 2025
Submit Final Proposal to NTIA	September 4, 2025
NTIA approved revised BEAD Final Proposal	December 30, 2025

Cost Proposal

CTC proposes to complete the scope of work described above for a fixed fee of \$250,000.