Permitting Roundtables: Interagency Collaboration Update

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Initiating "Permitting Roundtables"

NTIA recently completed interagency permitting meetings in all BEAD Regions to prepare federal officials to efficiently process broadband applications.

PERMITTING ROUNDTABLES



The purpose of Permitting Roundtables is to establish proactive lines of communication between local, state, territorial, and federal agencies.



Holding routine Permitting Roundtable meetings can create a forum for early resolution of project-specific permitting issues among stakeholders.



NTIA and federal permitting officials discussed support for future BEAD permitting demands, including establishing state-based Permitting Roundtables.



NTIA is developing *Best Practices for Permitting Roundtables* to ensure that implementation is informed by federal partner collaboration, input from State/Territory Broadband Offices, and examples from successful programs.

INTERAGENCY REGIONAL PERMITTING PILOTS

NTIA held Regional Interagency Broadband Permitting Meetings between September 2023 and April 2024 to share broadband program and permitting information and establish relationships with key with federal participants.



Regions:

September 2023: Northern Plains

October 2023: Midwest

November 2023:West

December 2023: Northeast

January 2024: Southeast

February 2024: Southwest

March-April 2024: Alaska/Territories

Permitting Roundtables will be launched at the state and territory level, including NTIA, SBOs/TBOs, and other federal agencies as participants.

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