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**Rhode Island Commerce Corporation  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Solicitation Number: **RFP-2508**

ADDENDUM NO. 4

Update to RFP

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BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) seeks proposals to receive funding to design and build broadband infrastructure projects (“Projects”) in Project Areas (“PAs”). The Projects must be completed consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s (“NTIA”) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) Program’s guidance and Notice of Funding Opportunity and Rhode Island’s NTIA-approved Initial Proposal Volumes 1 and 2 (“IP”). Proposers should familiarize themselves with these documents (see Important Links and Guides section below).

**A. Prospective Proposers and all concerned are hereby notified of the following change in the Request for Proposals document for the above-listed RFP. This change shall be incorporated in and shall become an integral part of the RFP documents.**

**Appendix B.** The Project Area Unit (PAU) list linked in Appendix B has been updated as follows:

1. Project Areas 93-96 include 298 additional unserved and underserved BSLs.
2. Project Area 99 has been removed and the BSLs previously within PAU 99 have been reassigned to PAUs 93-96.

The 298 additional unserved and underserved BSLs were initially excluded from the RFP because they were classified by the Corporation as "No BEAD Locations"—meaning they were not considered to require a mass-market broadband connection, either due to the nature of the location (e.g., land or natural formations) or due to the nature of the location's use (e.g., enterprise locations). However, in order to align with NTIA requirements, the Corporation has now included these 298 BSLs in the RFP. Additionally, BSLs formerly assigned to PAU 99—also designated as “No BEAD”—have been reassigned to PAUs 93–96 to ensure the geographic boundaries of “No BEAD” project areas are compact and reasonable, per NTIA guidance. Proposers should take into account the "No BEAD" designation when preparing applications for BEAD deployment subgrants. Such "No BEAD" designation applies to all locations within PAUs 93–96.

The Corporation does not expect proposals relative to Project Area 93-96 as these are all “No BEAD Locations.”

All other terms and conditions of the RFP shall remain in full force and effect.

\*\*\*End of Addendum \*\*\*