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Dear NTIA-

Firstly, thank you for considering alternative technology service providers to be a part of the BEAD program to help offer cost effective options for bridging the digital divide. I represent Signify's BrightSites which offers a multi-gigabit wireless mesh network delivered through street lighting. We utilize an unlicensed spectrum technology that meets BEAD's technical requirements and is ideally suited for unserved and underserved locations. We retrofit existing street lighting with a Signify BrightSites luminaire to deliver connectivity to residential and commercial entities. We preferably utilize nearby fiber to extend broadband throughout the lighting network and then work with ISP's to deliver the needed fiber backhaul. We can effectively deliver connectivity anywhere there is street lighting.

I am seeking additional information to fully understand how to best position our organization as a solution provider.

1. How do we best position ourselves to be a part of the subgrantee process?
2. Will there be an opportunity for our company to be a listed solution provider?
3. Is our best chance of success to partner up with already approved ISPs?
4. Can a solution like ours, which is a lighting product, be part of this program and eligible for BEAD funding?
5. Do we as a for profit solution provider apply for BEAD funding or is that just for cities, municipalities and non profits?

We are looking forward to positive consideration as an unlicensed solution for fixed wireless access.

Thanks,
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