

MODEL LEGAL OPINION

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[Name of person at OSB that this opinion should be directed to]

Maryland BEAD Program

Re: BEAD Program Application – Legal Opinion

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am counsel for _____ (“Applicant”). In this capacity, I acted as counsel to Applicant in connection with its ability to apply for an award under the State of Maryland’s BEAD Program as referenced in the Application Guide. My expertise and qualifications to provide this opinion include

I am of the opinion that:

- (a) Applicant is authorized to do business in the state of Maryland, either as a governmental entity or as a nongovernment entity which is duly registered in the State of Maryland (the “State”) and in good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation;
- (b) Applicant is an eligible provider of broadband service which has demonstrated that it has the technical, financial, and operational capability and experience to provide broadband service or other communications service to customers in the State;
- (c) Applicant has the ability to deploy the BEAD Program competently and in compliance with all applicable federal, State and local laws;
- (d) As of the date of this Opinion, no court proceedings have been instituted or are pending against Applicant, the outcome of which would materially affect Applicant's ability to enter into a BEAD program grant agreement with the Department of Housing and Community Development or to complete the funded activities.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Printed Name]

Attorney No. _____