



## Request for Information (RFI)

### BEAD ITERATIVE CONSTRUCTION MODEL

June 18, 2026

#### ABOUT BROADLINC

The Spokane Regional Broadband Development Authority Broadlinc is a public entity authorized under WA State RCW 35.21.730 through 35.31.749. Broadlinc supports the development and operation of public-benefit, open-access broadband infrastructure throughout Spokane County in partnership with local governments and service providers.

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Broadlinc has received funding through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for its Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program for 13 Project Areas in Spokane County. In preparation, we are seeking industry input regarding our contracting and project construction framework.

Broadlinc anticipates a multi-year concurrent series of construction projects deploying approximately 400 miles of fiber infrastructure supported by federal and state funding sources. To support efficient delivery of this program, Broadlinc is evaluating an iterative design and construction model that would allow engineering designs and construction segments to be released in phases as they are completed.

Broadlinc is hosting a discussion to present this concept and gather feedback from construction firms with experience in broadband infrastructure projects.

#### MEETING DETAILS

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM Pacific Time

Format: Hybrid (in-person and virtual participation available)

##### **In Person Address:**

4420 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

##### **[Virtual Link](#)**

Meeting details and virtual access instructions will be posted on the Broadlinc website.

## **SOLICITATION NOTICE**

This RFI:

- Is not a solicitation for services or construction.
- Does not constitute a request for qualifications, proposals, or bids.
- Will not result in vendor selection or contract award.
- Will not influence eligibility or evaluation in any future procurement.

No written submissions are required or requested.

Future procurements will be publicly advertised and conducted in accordance with applicable Washington State procurement laws and federal grant requirements.

## **ITERATIVE CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY FRAMEWORK**

Broadlinc is evaluating a project delivery approach with the following general structure and seeking industry insight regarding construction practicality and implementation pitfalls:

### **Unit-Based Construction Delivery**

- Selection of preferred contractor(s) under competitively bid unit-price public works contracts
- Countywide unit pricing established at contract award for BEAD construction activities
- Work assignments issued through project-specific work orders as design packages become available

This approach is intended to provide predictable pricing, simplify project administration, and support flexible assignment of work across multiple project areas. Broadlinc is interested in input for practical implications of a countywide unit-rate structure when field conditions require deviations from preliminary design assumptions, including shifts between aerial and underground construction.

### **Phased Construction Approach**

- Construction activities anticipated to progress through phases of:
  - Mainline construction
  - Branch line construction
  - Last-mile and service drop construction (FTTH)

Broadlinc is interested in firm input regarding the above for construction specialties and/or preferred scopes of work.

### **Multi-Contractor Deployment**

- Multiple preferred contractors may be active concurrently across project areas

- Construction assignments may be distributed based on available capacity, schedule readiness, and contract pricing
- Project areas will involve transition points where one contractor completes work and another contractor continues subsequent phases of deployment

Broadlinc is interested input for industry best practices regarding quality assurance, documentation standards, acceptance procedures, and resolution of installation responsibility disputes

### **Materials Approach**

- Major construction materials such as fiber cable, conduit, duct, vaults, and handholes procured directly and made available at designated laydown locations
- Contractors will furnish accessory/ancillary materials, hardware, consumables, and miscellaneous construction components within their approved contracted budget

This approach is intended to improve material availability, procurement consistency, and deployment efficiency across multiple simultaneous construction projects. Broadlinc is interested in input for practical advantages and risks associated with this model, including whether contractor-furnished material costs are most effectively incorporated into unit pricing or addressed through alternative reimbursement approaches.

The intent of this approach is to support:

- parallel engineering and construction activities
- flexible deployment across multiple project areas
- efficient utilization of contractor workforce capacity
- predictable and scalable unit pricing
- accelerated project delivery through phased construction assignments
- consistent construction standards across multiple contractors and project areas

### **MEETING FORMAT**

The discussion roundtable will be approximately 60 minutes and will include:

- Overview of Broadlinc's BEAD awarded infrastructure expansion program
- Presentation of our iterative delivery model approach

Participating firms are encouraged to **attend prepared to provide candid feedback** regarding the feasibility, risks, and potential improvements to Broadlinc's proposed approach.

The meeting will not be recorded, and Broadlinc will not publish meeting notes.

Feedback received during the roundtable is intended to inform the development of future Broadlinc BEAD procurement strategies.

No formal response is required for this RFI.