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CostQuest, Quadra Partners, and ITG Launch CQI Partnership—State Broadband Office Solutions for BEAD Post-Award Oversight

<u>CostQuest</u>, <u>Quadra Partners</u>, and <u>ITG</u> (formerly Tilson)—collectively <u>"CQI"</u>—are today announcing a partnership and the GrantLight Compliance Reporting System to support State Broadband Offices (SBOs) through the unprecedented BEAD post-award oversight process. Together, CQI will provide SBOs with end-to-end compliance and reporting solutions that alleviate the complexity of new, location-level grant-oversight requirements and effectively manage all aspects of the monitoring, reporting, and auditing compliance lifecycle.

Unlike past programs, BEAD post-award requirements shift compliance liability to states, with SBOs ultimately responsible for fulfilling the obligations under BEAD grant agreements. BEAD is also the first program that requires reporting at the location level, utilizing the foundational National Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (Fabric) Location ID. Success under BEAD will depend on states' capacity to operationalize granular compliance, anticipate regulatory shifts, and sustain transparent, defensible program administration to balance protecting public investments with accelerating deployment of reliable connectivity across communities.

These changes mean SBOs need to design reporting, monitoring, and auditing processes to track millions of location-level records across the multi-year post-BEAD-award lifecycle. States must be prepared to respond to federal monitoring, investigations, permitting changes, strictly formatted semi-annual reports, location-level Fabric version updates, and exact Location ID matching over the entire oversight timeline.

After advising states through the BEAD application and award phases, <u>CQI</u> combines decades of collective policy, mapping, and Fabric-native expertise, along with engineering and field verification experience, to support states through the unique complexity of the BEAD postaward management phase.

To learn more about <u>CQI's</u> BEAD compliance services and systems, contact us via the <u>form</u> <u>linked here</u> or visit <u>www.CQITeam.com</u>.

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<u>Quadra Partners</u> brings decades of federal grant advisory and business experience to convert regulatory complexity into practical compliance strategies. <u>CostQuest</u> is the creator of the Location Fabric dataset used by NTIA, the creator of GrantLight, and provides geospatial, data science, costing, and regulatory expertise to federal agencies, state offices, and industry stakeholders. <u>ITG</u> provides mature, audit-ready grant compliance operations, technical assistance, field verification, and permitting expertise — supporting intake through closeout under federal grant controls.