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To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of remaining funds under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program for competitive subgrants to support the success of the broadband deployment projects funded by that program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BARR (for himself and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting U.S. Crit-
5 ical Connectivity and Economic Strategy and Security for
6 BEAD Act” or the “SUCCESS for BEAD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Grant funds allocated to an eligible entity
4 under section 60102 of the Infrastructure Invest-
5 ment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702) that remain
6 after the eligible entity’s final proposal is approved
7 should be used to enhance and sustain the success
8 of the broadband deployment projects approved pur-
9 suant to that proposal.

10 (2) Strengthening the telecommunication infra-
11 structure of the United States, including high-capac-
12 ity fiber and network interconnection, and devel-
13 oping an adequate, targeted workforce are essential
14 to deploying and scaling artificial intelligence (com-
15 monly referred to as “AI”) technologies, which are
16 critical for maintaining United States leadership in
17 emerging technologies.

18 (3) Federal broadband investments to mod-
19 ernize and harden the networks of the United
20 States, including the 9–1–1 networks, are also vital
21 for public safety and national security.

22 (4) The People’s Republic of China is investing
23 heavily in AI and advanced network infrastructure
24 and workforce training, presenting a geopolitical and
25 technological challenge to the leadership of the
26 United States that warrants action.

1 **SEC. 3. BEAD SUBGRANTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, NATIONAL**
 2 **SECURITY, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND**
 3 **MEANINGFUL USE OF AI-SUPPORTIVE TELE-**
 4 **COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 60102 of the Infrastruc-
 6 ture Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (I)
 10 through (N) as subparagraphs (P) through (U),
 11 respectively;

12 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as
 13 subparagraph (N);

14 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as
 15 subparagraph (K);

16 (D) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
 17 and (F) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respec-
 18 tively;

19 (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
 20 through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (F),
 21 respectively;

22 (F) by inserting before subparagraph (C),
 23 as so redesignated, the following:

24 “(A) 9–1–1 REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AS-
 25 SISTANCE.—The term ‘9–1–1 request for emer-
 26 gency assistance’ means a communication, such

1 as voice, text, picture, multimedia, or any other
2 type of data, that is sent to an emergency com-
3 munications center for the purpose of request-
4 ing emergency assistance.

5 “(B) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The
6 term ‘artificial intelligence’ has the meaning
7 given the term in section 5002 of the National
8 Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15
9 U.S.C. 9401).”;

10 (G) by inserting after subparagraph (F),
11 as so redesignated, the following:

12 “(G) COMMONLY ACCEPTED STAND-
13 ARDS.—The term ‘commonly accepted stand-
14 ards’ means the technical standards followed by
15 the communications industry for network, de-
16 vice, and Internet Protocol connectivity that—

17 “(i) enable interoperability; and

18 “(ii) are—

19 “(I) developed and approved by a
20 standards development organization
21 that is accredited by an American
22 standards body (such as the American
23 National Standards Institute) or an
24 equivalent international standards
25 body in a process that—

1 “(aa) is open for participa-
2 tion by any person; and

3 “(bb) provides for a conflict
4 resolution process;

5 “(II) subject to an open comment
6 and input process before being final-
7 ized by the standards development or-
8 ganization;

9 “(III) consensus-based; and

10 “(IV) made publicly available
11 once approved.”;

12 (H) by inserting after subparagraph (I), as
13 so redesignated, the following:

14 “(J) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CEN-
15 TER.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘emer-
17 gency communications center’ means—

18 “(I) a facility that—

19 “(aa) is designated to re-
20 ceive a 9–1–1 request for emer-
21 gency assistance; and

22 “(bb) performs 1 or more of
23 the functions described in clause
24 (ii); or

1 “(II) a public safety answering
2 point, as defined in section 222 of the
3 Communications Act of 1934 (47
4 U.S.C. 222).

5 “(ii) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The
6 functions described in this clause are the
7 following:

8 “(I) Processing and analyzing 9–
9 1–1 requests for emergency assistance
10 and information and data related to
11 such requests.

12 “(II) Dispatching appropriate
13 emergency response providers.

14 “(III) Transferring or exchang-
15 ing 9–1–1 requests for emergency as-
16 sistance and information and data re-
17 lated to such requests to or with 1 or
18 more other emergency communica-
19 tions centers or emergency response
20 providers.

21 “(IV) Analyzing any communica-
22 tions received from emergency re-
23 sponse providers.

24 “(V) Supporting incident com-
25 mand functions.”;

(I) by inserting after subparagraph (K), as so redesignated, the following:

“(L) INTEROPERABILITY.—The term ‘interoperability’ means the capability of emergency communications centers to receive 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to such requests, such as location information and callback numbers from a person initiating the request, then process and share the 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to such requests with other emergency communications centers and emergency response providers without the need for proprietary interfaces and regardless of jurisdiction, equipment, device, software, service provider, or other relevant factors.

“(M) INTERNET EXCHANGE POINT.—The term ‘internet exchange point’ means a physical building and related infrastructure that—

“(i) enables internet service providers, transport networks, mobile networks, content delivery networks, artificial intelligence systems, and other network opera-

tors to directly interconnect and exchange data traffic among their networks;

“(ii) provides neutral, nondiscriminatory access to all network operators in good standing under published and reasonable rates and terms with no requirement for the purchase of network services as a condition of access; and

“(iii) provides access to a shared internet exchange (commonly known as an ‘IX’) switching fabric that enables participating networks to establish Border Gateway Protocol sessions, whether directly between participants or through a shared route server.”; and

(J) by inserting after subparagraph (N), as so redesignated, the following:

“(O) NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—The term ‘Next Generation 9–1–1’ means an Internet Protocol-based system that—

“(i) ensures interoperability;

“(ii) is secure;

“(iii) employs commonly accepted standards;

1 “(iv) enables emergency communica-
2 tions centers to receive, process, and ana-
3 lyze all types of 9–1–1 requests for emer-
4 gency assistance;

5 “(v) acquires and integrates addi-
6 tional information useful to handling 9–1–
7 1 requests for emergency assistance; and

8 “(vi) supports sharing information re-
9 lated to 9–1–1 requests for emergency as-
10 sistance among emergency communications
11 centers and emergency response pro-
12 viders.”;

13 (2) in subsection (c)(5)(C)—

14 (A) by striking clause (ii);

15 (B) by striking “REALLOCATION TO
16 OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—” and all that fol-
17 lows through “The Assistant Secretary” and in-
18 serting “REALLOCATION TO OTHER ELIGIBLE
19 ENTITIES DUE TO APPLICATION FAILURES.—
20 The Assistant Secretary”;

21 (C) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
22 (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and ad-
23 justing the margins accordingly; and

1 (D) in clause (ii), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “subclause (I) of this clause” and in-
3 serting “clause (i) of this subparagraph”;

4 (3) in subsection (e)(4)(A)(i), in the matter pre-
5 ceding subclause (I), by striking “approvals” and in-
6 serting “approves”; and

7 (4) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) by striking paragraphs (3) through
9 (6);

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
11 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
12 and adjusting the margins accordingly;

13 (C) in subparagraph (A), as so redesign-
14 ated, by adding “and” at the end;

15 (D) in subparagraph (B), as so redesign-
16 ated, by striking the semicolon at the end and
17 inserting a period;

18 (E) by striking “An eligible entity may use
19 grant funds received under this section to com-
20 petitively award subgrants for—” and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(1) PERMISSIBLE USES.—An eligible entity
23 may use grant funds received under this section to
24 competitively award subgrants for—”; and

25 (F) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) USE OF REMAINING AMOUNTS FOR
2 PROJECTS RELATING TO AI-SUPPORTIVE TELE-
3 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE
4 DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND NATIONAL SE-
5 CURITY.—

6 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

7 “(i) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term
8 ‘eligible project’ means a project for—

9 “(I) the construction of —

10 “(aa) lit or dark fiber that is
11 to be made available on a whole-
12 sale basis;

13 “(bb) conduit systems, man-
14 holes, in-line amplifier facilities,
15 and related infrastructure;

16 “(cc) carrier-neutral internet
17 exchange points;

18 “(dd) mobile wireless com-
19 munications infrastructure;

20 “(ee) facilities that house
21 workforce development programs
22 narrowly targeted to address
23 worker shortages in the tele-
24 communications, cybersecurity,
25 artificial intelligence, and elec-

1 trical distribution sectors, to the
2 extent such programs promote or
3 facilitate the deployment of
4 broadband infrastructure;

5 “(ff) submarine cable sys-
6 tems;

7 “(gg) carrier-neutral sub-
8 marine cable landing stations;

9 “(hh) mobile wireless com-
10 munications infrastructure on
11 educational facilities, including
12 those on Tribal lands, that in-
13 creases coverage, capacity, resil-
14 iency, or security capabilities of
15 connectivity for public safety pur-
16 poses; or

17 “(ii) a combination of infra-
18 structure described in any of
19 items (aa) through (hh);

20 “(II) the planning and implemen-
21 tation of workforce development pro-
22 grams narrowly targeted to address
23 worker shortages in the telecommuni-
24 cations, artificial intelligence, and
25 electrical distribution sectors, to the

1 extent such programs promote or fa-
2 cilitate the deployment or meaningful
3 use of broadband infrastructure;

4 “(III) the planning, implementa-
5 tion, or maintenance of Next Genera-
6 tion 9–1–1 in emergency communica-
7 tions centers;

8 “(IV) data collection, mapping,
9 and planning;

10 “(V) resources for tools, per-
11 sonnel, systems, training, or technical
12 assistance to accelerate, streamline, or
13 improve the efficiency of permitting
14 processes necessary for broadband de-
15 ployment; and

16 “(VI) any use determined nec-
17 essary by the Assistant Secretary to
18 facilitate the goals of the Program.

19 “(ii) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—The
20 term ‘remaining amounts’, with respect to
21 the allocations to an eligible entity under
22 subsection (c), means any amounts remain-
23 ing from those allocations upon approval of
24 the eligible entity’s final proposal under
25 subsection (e)(4).

1 “(B) USE OF REMAINING AMOUNTS.—

2 “(i) SUBGRANT PROGRAM.—Notwith-
3 standing any other provision of this sec-
4 tion, an eligible entity shall use all remain-
5 ing amounts to establish a competitive
6 subgrant program to support 1 or more el-
7 igible projects.

8 “(ii) NONCOMPETITIVE SUBGRANTS
9 TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.—

10 If an eligible entity wishing to support an
11 eligible project described in subparagraph
12 (A)(i)(II) (relating to workforce develop-
13 ment programs) has a workforce develop-
14 ment board, the eligible entity may satisfy
15 clause (i) of this subparagraph by award-
16 ing a subgrant to the workforce develop-
17 ment board without conducting a competi-
18 tive subgrant program.

19 “(C) PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS.—A
20 subgrant awarded under subparagraph (B) may
21 not be used for the construction, operation, or
22 expansion of a data center that has the primary
23 purpose of processing and storing digital infor-
24 mation.

1 “(D) PRIORITY.—In awarding subgrants
2 under subparagraph (B), an eligible entity shall
3 prioritize proposals that—

4 “(i) develop infrastructure described
5 in subparagraph (A) in 1 or more regions
6 that are unserved or underserved by such
7 infrastructure, including on Tribal lands;

8 “(ii) are strategically critical for pub-
9 lic safety, national security, or economic
10 development;

11 “(iii) produce a qualified workforce to
12 support the telecommunications, cybersecu-
13 rity, artificial intelligence, and electrical
14 distribution sectors, to the extent such pro-
15 posals promote or facilitate the deployment
16 or meaningful use of broadband infrastruc-
17 ture;

18 “(iv) directly support enhanced
19 connectivity to, or network capabilities of,
20 military installations, national laboratories,
21 or other relevant Federal facilities, includ-
22 ing facilities of the National Oceanic and
23 Atmospheric Administration;

1 “(v) advance the cybersecurity or
2 meaningful use of projects for which such
3 subgrants are awarded;

4 “(vi) support direct network inter-
5 connection between edge artificial intel-
6 ligence data centers and local networks, in-
7 cluding internet service providers, mobile
8 networks, and research and education net-
9 works;

10 “(vii) enhance the network capacity,
11 resiliency, hardening, or geographic reach
12 of telecommunications backbone infrastruc-
13 ture; and

14 “(viii) accomplish 2 or more of the ob-
15 jectives described in clauses (i) through
16 (vii).

17 “(E) LIMITED OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.—

18 A subgrant awarded under subparagraph (B)
19 may include funding for reasonable projected
20 operations and maintenance expenses for a pe-
21 riod of 24 months after completion of the
22 project, not to exceed 15 percent of the amount
23 of the subgrant.

24 “(F) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

1 “(i) AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of this section, in awarding
3 subgrants under subparagraph (B), other
4 than a subgrant awarded for an eligible ac-
5 tivity described in subparagraph
6 (A)(i)(III), an eligible entity shall require a
7 subgrantee to provide a contribution of not
8 less than 25 percent of project costs.

9 “(ii) WAIVER.—Upon request by a
10 subgrantee, an eligible entity may reduce
11 or waive the required matching contribu-
12 tion under clause (i).

13 “(iii) SOURCE OF MATCH.—A match-
14 ing contribution under clause (i) may in-
15 clude in-kind contributions made by a sub-
16 grantee or a third-party entity.

17 “(G) INTERSTATE PROJECTS.—Two or
18 more eligible entities may execute memoranda
19 of agreement between or among one another to
20 facilitate subgrant awards under subparagraph
21 (B) for eligible projects that span 2 or more eli-
22 gible entities.

23 “(H) CHALLENGE PROCESS FOR ELIGIBLE
24 FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A subgrant
2 awarded by an eligible entity under sub-
3 paragraph (B) for the construction of lit or
4 dark fiber that is to be made available on
5 a wholesale basis, as described in subpara-
6 graph (A)(i)(I), shall be subject to a man-
7 datory public challenge process adminis-
8 tered by the eligible entity.

9 “(ii) PUBLIC NOTICE AND CHAL-
10 LENGE WINDOW.—Before awarding a
11 subgrant described in clause (i), an eligible
12 entity shall—

13 “(I) make the proposed project
14 routes and other relevant attributes
15 available on a publicly accessible
16 website maintained by the eligible en-
17 tity for a period of not less than 14
18 days (in this subparagraph referred to
19 as the ‘public notice and challenge
20 window’); and

21 “(II) allow for the submission of
22 challenges during the public notice
23 and challenge window on the grounds
24 that the proposed project constitutes
25 overbuilding.

1 “(iii) CRITERIA FOR VALID CHAL-
2 LENGES.—A proposed project described in
3 clause (i) may only be challenged under
4 clause (ii)(II) if the challenger dem-
5 onstrates that—

6 “(I) a substantially similar fiber
7 route already exists between defined
8 locations;

9 “(II) the existing fiber route is
10 available to wholesale customers on
11 comparable terms and conditions, in-
12 cluding price, capacity, and service
13 level agreements;

14 “(III) the existing infrastructure
15 meets the same intended use as the
16 proposed project, including latency,
17 resiliency, and interconnection capa-
18 bilities; and

19 “(IV) the proposed project does
20 not substantially improve resilient, re-
21 dundant, or alternative connection
22 paths.

23 “(iv) DETERMINATION.—

24 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Upon receipt
25 of a timely challenge under clause

1 (ii)(II), an eligible entity shall conduct
2 a review and issue a final determina-
3 tion as to the validity of the challenge
4 not later than 30 days after the close
5 of the public notice and challenge win-
6 dow.

7 “(II) FACTORS FOR DETERMINA-
8 TION.—An eligible entity shall base a
9 final determination under subclause
10 (I) on a holistic review of route simi-
11 larity, capacity, availability, service of-
12 ferings, pricing, and strategic jus-
13 tification.

14 “(v) TRANSPARENCY REQUIRED.—An
15 eligible entity shall publish a summary of
16 each challenge received under clause
17 (ii)(II) and the corresponding final deter-
18 mination issued under clause (iv)(I), in-
19 cluding the rationale for any decision to
20 uphold or reject the challenge.

21 “(vi) LIMITATION.—The existence of
22 any fiber route that is not made available
23 on reasonable wholesale terms, or that does
24 not meet the intended purpose or technical
25 performance of the proposed project, shall

1 not be grounds for a valid challenge under
2 clause (ii)(II).

3 “(I) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING
4 NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—Nothing in this
5 paragraph, including the authority to use re-
6 maining amounts for the planning, implementa-
7 tion, or maintenance of Next Generation 9–1–
8 1 in emergency communications centers as de-
9 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i)(III), shall be
10 construed to expand or otherwise modify the
11 definition of the term ‘originating service pro-
12 vider’ in section 9.28 of title 47, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations (or any successor regulation).

14 “(J) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING
15 UNSPENT FUNDS.—Nothing in this section shall
16 be construed to limit or prevent an eligible enti-
17 ty from returning to the Treasury any amounts
18 allocated to the eligible entity under subsection
19 (c) that are not spent.”.

20 (b) WAIVER ON BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA.—
21 Section 60102(i) of the Infrastructure Investment and
22 Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702(i)) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “The Assistant Secretary” and
24 inserting the following:

1 “(1) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.—
2 The Assistant Secretary”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(2) APPLICABILITY OF BUILD AMERICA BUY
5 AMERICA ACT WAIVER.—The notice of final waiver
6 issued by the Assistant Secretary, titled ‘Limited
7 General Applicability Nonavailability Waiver of the
8 Buy America Domestic Content Procurement Pref-
9 erence as Applied to Recipients of Broadband Eq-
10 uity, Access, and Deployment Program’, effective on
11 February 22, 2024, may not be revised or re-
12 scinded.”.

13 (c) GUIDANCE TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
16 retary of Commerce for Communications and Infor-
17 mation shall issue any guidance necessary to imple-
18 ment the amendments made by subsection (a), con-
19 sistent with the purposes of this Act.

20 (2) COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF
21 LABOR.—In the case of guidance described in para-
22 graph (1) that pertains to workforce development
23 programs, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
24 Communications and Information shall develop the

1 guidance in coordination with the Secretary of
2 Labor.

3 (3) APPLICATION OF UNIFORM GUIDANCE.—

4 The guidance issued under paragraph (1) shall in-
5 corporate and apply, to the maximum extent prac-
6 ticable, the requirements of part 200 of title 2, Code
7 of Federal Regulations (commonly referred to as the
8 “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Prin-
9 ciples, and Audit Requirements for Federal
10 Awards”).

11 (d) COORDINATION OF PROJECTS RELATING TO THE
12 PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF
13 NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—Paragraph (2) of section
14 60102(f) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
15 (47 U.S.C. 1702(f)), as amended by subsection (a), is
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(K) COORDINATION OF PROJECTS RELAT-
18 ING TO THE PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, OR
19 MAINTENANCE OF NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1.—

20 “(i) DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SEC-
21 RETARY WITH RESPECT TO NEXT GENERA-
22 TION 9–1–1.—The Assistant Secretary, act-
23 ing through the Associate Administrator
24 for Public Safety Communications, shall—

1 “(I) take actions, in coordination
2 with State points of contact described
3 in clause (ii)(II) as applicable, to im-
4 prove coordination and communication
5 with respect to the implementation of
6 Next Generation 9–1–1;

7 “(II) develop, collect, and dis-
8 seminate information concerning the
9 practices, procedures, and technology
10 used in the implementation of Next
11 Generation 9–1–1;

12 “(III) advise and assist eligible
13 entities in the preparation of certifi-
14 cations required under clause (ii);

15 “(IV) provide technical assistance
16 to eligible entities that choose to use
17 remaining amounts in support of ef-
18 forts to explore efficiencies related to
19 Next Generation 9–1–1;

20 “(V) review and approve or dis-
21 approve the proposed use of remain-
22 ing amounts for eligible projects de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i)(III);
24 and

1 “(VI) oversee the use of sub-
2 grants awarded under subparagraph
3 (B) for eligible projects described in
4 subparagraph (A)(i)(III).

5 “(ii) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—To
6 the extent that an eligible entity proposes
7 to use remaining amounts for the plan-
8 ning, implementation, or maintenance of
9 Next Generation 9–1–1 in emergency com-
10 munications centers as described in sub-
11 paragraph (A)(i)(III), the eligible entity
12 shall submit to the Assistant Secretary a
13 certification that the eligible entity—

14 “(I) has coordinated the pro-
15 posed use with each emergency com-
16 munications center located within the
17 jurisdiction of the eligible entity;

18 “(II) has designated a single offi-
19 cer or governmental body to serve as
20 the point of contact to coordinate the
21 implementation of Next Generation 9–
22 1–1 for that eligible entity, except
23 that such designation need not vest
24 such officer or governmental body
25 with direct legal authority to imple-

1 ment Next Generation 9–1–1 or to
2 manage emergency communications
3 operations; and

4 “(III) has developed a plan for
5 the coordination and implementation
6 of Next Generation 9–1–1 that—

7 “(aa) ensures interoper-
8 ability by requiring the use of
9 commonly accepted standards;

10 “(bb) ensures reliability;

11 “(cc) enables emergency
12 communications centers to proc-
13 ess, analyze, and store multi-
14 media, data, and other informa-
15 tion;

16 “(dd) incorporates cyberse-
17 curity tools, including intrusion
18 detection and prevention meas-
19 ures;

20 “(ee) includes strategies for
21 coordinating cybersecurity infor-
22 mation sharing between Federal,
23 State, Tribal, and local govern-
24 ment partners;

1 “(ff) uses open and competi-
2 tive request for proposal proc-
3 esses, including through shared
4 government procurement vehicles,
5 for deployment of Next Genera-
6 tion 9–1–1;

7 “(gg) documents how input
8 was received and accounted for
9 from relevant rural and urban
10 emergency communications cen-
11 ters, regional authorities, local
12 authorities, and Tribal authori-
13 ties;

14 “(hh) includes 1 or more
15 governance bodies, either by cre-
16 ation of 1 or more new, or use of
17 1 or more existing, bodies, for
18 the deployment of Next Genera-
19 tion 9–1–1 that ensures full no-
20 tice and opportunity for partici-
21 pation by relevant stakeholders;

22 “(ii) creates efficiencies re-
23 lated to Next Generation 9–1–1
24 functions, including cybersecurity
25 and the virtualization and shar-

1 ing of infrastructure, equipment,
2 and services; and

3 “(jj) utilizes an effective,
4 competitive approach to estab-
5 lishing authentication,
6 credentialing, secure connections,
7 and access in deploying Next
8 Generation 9–1–1, including
9 by—

10 “(AA) requiring certifi-
11 cate authorities to be capa-
12 ble of cross-certification with
13 other authorities;

14 “(BB) avoiding risk of
15 a single point of failure or
16 vulnerability; and

17 “(CC) adhering to Fed-
18 eral agency best practices
19 such as those promulgated
20 by the National Institute of
21 Standards and Tech-
22 nology.”.

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