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Appendix G: Reading Level Improvements & Consolidated Questions

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Reading Level: 9.9

Word Count: 789

Estimated Reading Time: 3 minutes

Module 09: Policy Environment

This section of the assessment explores four themes:

- **Broadband & Mobile Access**: What wired broadband services are available in your area? What mobile service is available in your area?
- **Provider Engagement**: Are there opportunities to strengthen partnerships with service providers?
- **Public Assets**: How do policies support the public interest and the use of public assets?
- **Policy Environment**: Are there regulations that impact local planning and investment?

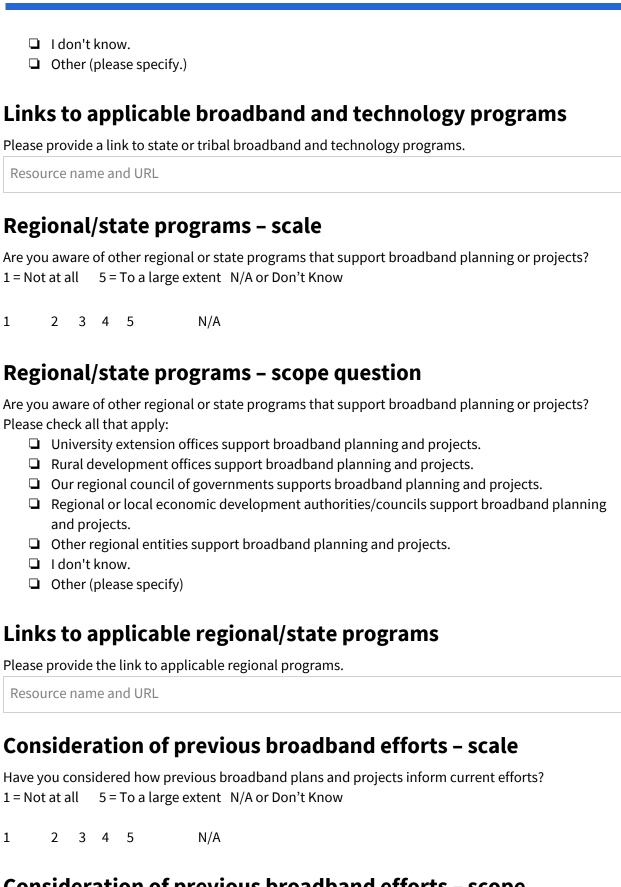
Regulations about broadband - scale

Are you knowledgeable about laws and regulations for broadband projects in your area? 1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Regulations about broadband - scope

=	knowledgeable about laws and regulations for broadband projects in your area?
	heck all that apply: My state has laws or regulations that guide government investments in broadband
	infrastructure.
	My state has laws or regulations that guide government operations of broadband networks.
	My state has laws or regulations that put market restrictions on government broadband
	networks.
	We understand the laws and regulations that guide local government broadband purchasing. My state has laws or regulations guide cable franchise agreements.
	State laws or regulations on cable franchise agreements restrict local franchising authority on
	cable telecommunications providers.
	I don't know.
	Other (please specify.)
Links	to broadband regulations
Please p	rovide a link to applicable state or tribal laws and regulations.
Resour	ce name and URL
State	e/regional funding for broadband – scale
	ur state or tribal government provide help or funding for local broadband projects?
1 = Not a	
1 2	2 3 4 5 N/A
State	e/regional funding for broadband - scope
Does you	ur state or tribal government provide help or funding for local broadband projects?
Please c	heck all that apply:
	We have a state broadband office.
	Our state conducts assessments about broadband availability.
	Our state maps broadband availability.
	We have a statewide or regional broadband plan. The state broadband office provides planning and/technical support for local efforts.
	Our state Economic Development office considers broadband a foundation for economic
	growth. They provide support for broadband projects.
	Our state has a statewide e-Rate coordinator that supports school and library e-Rate
	applications.
	Our state has a grant program that support local broadband projects.
	Our state has a loan program that supports local broadband projects.
	Our state has a state Universal Service Fund that promotes telecommunications or broadband
į	access.



Consideration of previous broadband efforts – scope

Have you considered how previous broadband plans and projects inform current efforts?
Check all that apply: — Our community created a broadband plan some time ago.
 Our community created a broadband plan some time ago. Our community has completed broadband projects.
☐ We've reviewed previous broadband plans and projects to identify our accomplishments and
the lessons we learned.
We've reviewed previous plans and projects to identify risks or failures.I don't know.
☐ Other (please specify.)
Link to previous broadband plans
Please provide a link to previous broadband plans or projects.
Resource name and URL
Assessment of policy and support structure
How would you describe the state, tribal, or regional environment supporting local broadband efforts?
1 = Poor 5 = Extraordinary N/A or Don't Know
1 2 3 4 5 N/A
Aspirations for policy and support structure
What changes would you like to see over the next one to two years in the regulatory, legal, or support structure around broadband?
Please describe:
Links to local resources
Links to resources that you would like to record in your plan.
Resource name and URL