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## Appendix G: Reading Level Improvements & Consolidated Questions

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### 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

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Are you knowledgeable about laws and regulations for broadband projects in your area?

Please check 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 provide a link to applicable state or tribal laws and regulations.

Resource name and URL

## State/regional funding for broadband – scale

Does your state or tribal government provide help or funding for local broadband projects?

1 = Not at all    5 = To a large extent    N/A or Don't Know

1      2    3    4    5                      N/A

## State/regional funding for broadband – scope

Does your state or tribal government provide help or funding for local broadband projects?

Please check 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 access.

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- ☐ I don't know.
  - ☐ Other (please specify.)

## Links to applicable broadband and technology programs

Please provide a link to state or tribal broadband and technology programs.

Resource name and URL

## Regional/state programs – scale

Are you aware of other regional or state programs that support broadband planning or projects?

1 = Not at all    5 = To a large extent    N/A or Don't Know

1      2    3    4    5            N/A

## Regional/state programs – scope question

Are you aware of other regional or state programs that support broadband planning or projects?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ University extension offices support broadband planning and projects.
- ☐ Rural development offices support broadband planning and projects.
- ☐ Our regional council of governments supports broadband planning and projects.
- ☐ Regional or local economic development authorities/councils support broadband planning and projects.
- ☐ Other regional entities support broadband planning and projects.
- ☐ I don't know.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

## Links to applicable regional/state programs

Please provide the link to applicable regional programs.

Resource name and URL

## Consideration of previous broadband efforts – scale

Have you considered how previous broadband plans and projects inform current efforts?

1 = Not at all    5 = To a large extent    N/A or Don't Know

1      2    3    4    5            N/A

## Consideration of previous broadband efforts – scope

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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 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

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