

Table 5: Partners

<i>Partners</i>	<i>Description of Current or Planned Role in Broadband Deployment and Adoption</i>
<i>Office of the Chief Information Officer</i>	Leading the effort on State Digital Equity Planning Grant and working with Regional Economic Development Districts within the State of Nebraska.
<i>Department of Economic Development</i>	Leading effort on CARES Act Grant Program. Partner with the Nebraska Public Service Commission on Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Grant Program
<i>Stakeholder Engagement Group-Broadband Working Group</i>	This group started meeting in the fall of 2022 and meets once per month as convened by the Nebraska Broadband Office coordinator. This working group has included members of the following: League of Nebraska Municipalities, Nebraska Association of County Officials, Members of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Nebraska Legislature, the Nebraska Telecommunications Association, the Nebraska Rural Broadband Alliance, the Rural Independent Companies, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, a member of the Gage County Board of Supervisors, Universal Service Consulting, and various provider representatives including Lumen, Cox Communications, Charter Communications, Great Plains Communications, AMG Investment Group d/b/a Nextlink.
<i>State Economic Development District Organizations</i>	Monthly engagement with these groups who work directly with communities on housing, business, transportation, and community development.
<i>The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC)</i>	The PSC was accountable for the BEAD program until June 6, 2023, when the work formally transferred to the newly created Nebraska Broadband Office (NBO). The PSC did the initial groundwork on stakeholder engagement and community feedback. As the group that regulates telecommunications carriers, the PSC will be an important partner in delivering internet to all Nebraskans.
<i>Tribal Nations</i>	Broadband Office is partnering with Nebraska's Four Tribal Nations: Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux, and Winnebago to ensure the needs of these communities are included in the plan.