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**Comment period on proposed broadband service areas opens and Mapping Tool announced**

On Sept. 28, RUS and NTIA posted Public Notice filings of the proposed funded service area(s) of each BIP and BTOP Infrastructure application. You can view these filings by going to the [BroadbandUSA Mapping Tool](#). The Mapping Tool will allow applicants to map their proposed projects.

This process is also providing a 30-day period for existing service providers to submit information to the agencies regarding their existing service offerings. Existing service providers are not required to provide a response to any Public Notice Filing, but must do so in order for their existing services to be considered when determining the eligibility of the proposed funded service areas identified in the associated BIP or BTOP Infrastructure application.

RUS and NTIA previously posted a searchable database of all applications received during the first funding round. [Click here to search the applications received.](#)

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