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## **BCAP Pledges to Work with PDBA to Implement BEAD Volume II**

**HARRISBURG** – The Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania (BCAP) issued the following statement after the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approved Volume II of the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal for Pennsylvania.

The statement can be attributed to BCAP President Todd Eachus:

“BCAP wishes to extend its congratulations to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) for its tireless work in developing the Initial Proposal for BEAD Volume II. With the NTIA approving it this week, the clock now starts to distribute \$1.16 billion in federal funds and connect the 276,000 unserved and underserved locations across Pennsylvania. This is welcome news to the communities that will benefit from this historic public-private investment.

“This approval, coupled with the \$204 million in Capital Projects Fund awards last month, are two significant milestones in bringing broadband access to every corner of our Commonwealth. In the coming months, we will be intently focused on our efforts to ensure every dollar is used to its maximum benefit and to lift any unnecessary regulatory burdens or obstacles from standing in the way of ‘Internet For All.’ We are confident that by working together with PDBA and our partners, we will be successful.”

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*The Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania, a member-driven organization based in Harrisburg, actively promotes broadband cable and telecommunications industry issues in Pennsylvania. BCAP – the nation’s first state cable association – represents cable operators, programmers and equipment suppliers that collectively provide service to nearly 3 million Pennsylvania households and businesses.*

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