



NTIA Fabric Licensing FAQ

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Q. I have already signed an agreement with CostQuest for an FCC license, why do I need to sign an NTIA agreement?

The FCC licenses (Tiers 1, 2, 3, and 4) are specific to FCC BDC purposes. Those agreements were developed under an agreement with the FCC, which restricts the use of Licensed Materials for FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC) purposes. These purposes include submitting Fabric corrections as well as submitting broadband availability and availability challenges.

The NTIA licenses (Tier A, B, C, D, and E) were developed to support the BEAD program and other federal broadband programs available today or in the future and facilitate compliance with reporting obligations associated with such programs - including reporting associated with the FCC Broadband Funding Map established by section 60105 of the IIJA. If your organization currently participates or intends to participate in federal broadband programs, the NTIA license may support those activities, consistent with the terms of the License Agreement.

Q. If I am an FCC licensee, can I use my FCC-licensed materials for purposes outside of the BDC process?

No. The FCC Licensed Materials are only for FCC BDC purposes. They can't be used for purposes outside of the license agreement. If you are going to use FCC Licensed Materials for purposes other than BDC purposes, this is a violation of the FCC License Agreement.

Q. How do State entities receive the NTIA License and Licensed Materials?

NTIA has provided CostQuest with a list of state contacts. CostQuest sent an email to each contact. If you have not been contacted and believe you should have been, please contact CostQuest, ifasupport@costquest.com.

Q. I am a contractor for a State. How do I get the NTIA Fabric?

A contractor for a State can get the NTIA Fabric pursuant to the terms of the State's Tier C license. The State should complete the NTIA Tier C license process. Once they are licensed, the State can share the Licensed Materials with you as an Authorized User, per the process outlined in the License Agreement. The Licensed Materials will be shared by the Licensee. They will not come through CostQuest. It is the Licensee's responsibility to ensure Attachment B of their License Agreement is completed by Authorized Users.

Q. I am a recipient of Treasury Department funds, and I need to send my deployment information to the state. How can I do this?

Once you have received a Tier D license that covers the counties of your award, you can exchange the location_id(s) and broadband availability information corresponding to the reporting requirement. This same process can be used for other FBGA awards.

Q. Under the NTIA Tier C license, can I share data?

The NTIA Tier C license supports the distribution of Licensed Materials to a Licensee’s Authorized Users. An Authorized User may be a subcontractor or contractor working on the Licensee’s behalf to support the licensed purposes. The use of the Licensed Material by the Authorized Users must be in support of the Licensee’s intent and consistent with the terms of the license agreement.

Q. Under the NTIA Tier D license, can I share data?

The NTIA Tier D license supports the distribution of Licensed Materials to a Licensee’s Authorized Users. An Authorized User may be a subcontractor or contractor working on the Licensee’s behalf to support the licensed purposes. The use of the Licensed Material by the Authorized Users must be in support of the Licensee’s intent and consistent with the terms of the license agreement.

Q. What Licenses are available within the NTIA Program?

As of this date, five license tiers are contemplated. Not all of these licenses have been released. The tiers are described in the table below.

License Tier	Licensee	Description	Availability
Tier A	NTIA	NTIA, its agents, and any NTIA-established entities	Complete
Tier B	Federal Broadband Granting Agencies	Includes any federal agency that administers a federal financial assistance program that supports or promotes broadband deployment, use, or adoption	Available on request through NTIA.
Tier C	Pass Through Entities	Includes Broadband Grant Program recipients that are a State, local government, Tribal Entity, Institution of Higher Education, or nonprofit organization	Available on request through NTIA.
Tier D	Prospective and awarded Recipients and Subrecipients	Entities that participate in Federal Broadband Programs	Available

Tier E	Licensee-Pass Through Entity Challengers	Entities that will challenge Pass Through Entity coverage maps.	Available through States
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