

## Questions and Answers for the Broadband Feasibility RFP

1. As part of technical analysis, the RFP requests validation of the existing broadband availability data provided by the Illinois Department for Commerce and Economic Opportunity Office of Broadband. Does SSGA want the consultant to align provider information to this existing research and/or develop a new separate map of broadband availability?

There are examples of the DCEO data being incomplete in or not up to date; we anticipate the consultant will need to align provider information to the existing research.

2. Does SSGA have a working relationship with providers in the study area? Are there any agreements with area companies to provide information on service, pricing, etc?

SSGA does have working relationships with existing providers. There are not existing agreements, but we will facilitate those conversations.

3. Has any previous broadband related residential/business research been done in the past, i.e. surveys?

No

4. Has the SSGA applied for and/or administered any broadband related funding opportunities in the past?

No

5. What is the budget for this project?

We do not have a specific budget set currently. However, we feel confident that funding exists to support the chosen consultant's vision and agreed scope of work.

6. Has a steering committee been formed for the project? If so, who is represented on the committee?

No steering committee has been formed.

7. What is the preferred timeline for completion of the project? Start and end date?

SSGA would anticipate this work being completed within 6 months of the selection. We can be flexible on exact timelines.