

## VPS Memo

# Broadband Data Collection

## DATA SPECIFICATIONS FOR BIENNIAL SUBMISSION

On March 4, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) released a guide for the Data Specifications for the Biennial Submission of Subscription, Availability, and Supporting Data for the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) Filing.

### Who must File?

All facilities-based providers of fixed and mobile broadband internet access service must submit a biennial Broadband Data Collection (BDC) filing as of June 30, pursuant to Section 1.7004 of the FCC’s rules. Each BDC filing must include entity information, BDC broadband availability data, BDC supporting data, and Form 477 broadband subscription data. The BDC system includes modules for collecting Form 477 Subscription data under the existing rules for that collection.

### Who may also File?

Federal agencies, as well as state, local, and Tribal governmental entities primarily responsible for mapping or tracking broadband internet access service coverage in their areas, may submit verified availability data as of June 30, 2022. Third parties may also submit verified broadband availability data. These parties will also be able to submit data as part of the BDC challenge and crowdsource processes. Additional information about how to participate in these processes will be forthcoming.

### When it must be Filed?

All facilities-based providers of fixed and mobile broadband internet access service and federal agencies, as well as state, local, and tribal entities, along with third parties submitting verified availability data must do so as of June 30, 2022 and by September 1, 2022.

## Sections of a BDC/477 Filing

The following are sections of the BDC/477 that must be completed, depending on the type of entity submitting the data. For more detailed information on each section, please see the [BDC Availability Data Specifications](#).

	BDC Filing Sections by Provider Type				
	Facilities-based Providers of Fixed Broadband Service	Facilities-based Providers of Terrestrial Mobile Wireless Broadband	Providers of Wired or Fixed Wireless Local Exchange Telephone Service	Providers of Interconnected VoIP Service	Facilities-based Providers of Mobile Voice Service
Entity Identification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Fixed Services</b>					
Fixed Broadband Availability	✓				
Fixed Broadband Availability Supporting Data	✓				
Fixed Broadband Subscription	✓				
Fixed Voice Subscription (Tract Data)			✓	✓	
Local Exchange Telephone Subscriptions (State Data)			✓		
Interconnected VoIP Subscriptions (State Data)				✓	
<b>Mobile Services</b>					
Mobile Broadband Availability		✓			
Mobile Broadband Availability Supporting Data		✓			
Mobile Broadband Subscription		✓			
Mobile Voice Availability					✓
Mobile Voice Subscription					✓

## Additional Information

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