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VIBO bridging the digital divide

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS- The Virgin Islands Broadband Office (VIBO), a department within the Office of Management and Budget, is pleased to announce the release of three Notice(s) of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant program. The three NOFOs collectively represent millions in grant funding opportunities for non-deployment programs and initiatives.

The three NOFOs, entitled the Workforce Development Trainings and Explorations for Broadband, the Community Digital Competency Initiative, and the Economic Transformation Initiative are available at omb.vi.gov/bead. Interested entities are encouraged to review the NOFOs thoroughly for complete instructions regarding eligibility, application submission guidelines, and application scoring criteria. Proposal submissions are due no later than April 28th, and award notifications are expected to go out between May 10th to the 16th.

Internet usage plays a vital role in the everyday lives of all Virgin Islanders, serving as the primary platform for communication, education, e-commerce, and travel planning. Acknowledging the increasing significance of internet literacy in the workforce, VIBO has designed its BEAD grant to enhance the digital skills of local workers for the 21st century. In addition to expanding opportunities for Virgin Islanders to develop technical expertise, the grant also acknowledges the importance of telehealth services.

VIBO will host an informational BEAD webinar on April 10th, at 4:30 PM. A link to view the webinar will be posted on the agency's website. If you have any questions regarding the BEAD NOFOs or the evaluation process please submit them in writing via email to bead@omb.vi.gov, with the subject line "Q&A NOFO Workforce Development".

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