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To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Internet for All: Challenge Phase – June 1-14, 2024

Internet access plays a vital role in our everyday lives. Expanding access to the internet in American Samoa, the central purpose of Internet for All, supports important territorial initiatives, including education and economic development.

The American Samoa Department of Commerce - Broadband Coordination Opportunities Redevelopment and Deployment (BCORD) Office is launching the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Challenge Phase on June 1-14, 2024.

The challenge process permits local government, nonprofit organizations, or internet service providers (ISP) to challenge whether the map of broadband serviceable locations (BSL) and Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) correctly shows that they are either served or underserved. These location classifications dictate the distribution of BEAD funding for American Samoa, as the program prioritizes funding for unserved locations, followed by underserved locations and CAI.

Under the BEAD Program:

- Unserved Location - 25/3 Mbps or lower (not listed on the broadband map)
- Underserved Location - less than 100/20 Mbps, but higher than 25/3 Mbps
- Served Location - 100/20 Mbps or higher

The challenge process will be administered through a web portal at broadband.as.gov that includes the map of underserved, and served BSLs in American Samoa.

I encourage all departments and offices to participate in this Challenge Phase by submitting feedback through the portal. This challenge is an important step in our Internet for All initiative and your participation is greatly appreciated.

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Governor