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BROADBAND DATA TASK FORCE AND OFFICE OF ECONOMICS AND ANALYTICS PUBLISH DATA SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BROADBAND DATA COLLECTION

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On February 22, 2022, the FCC's Broadband Data Task Force (Task Force) and Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) announced the filing dates for the initial Broadband Data Collection (BDC) availability data collection beginning on June 30, 2022.¹ Today, the Task Force and OEA published data specifications related to the biannual submission of subscription, availability, and supporting data for the Broadband Data Collection (BDC). The specifications are available on the FCC's Broadband Data Collection website at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers>.

The specifications released today provide guidance to filers on how to prepare and format availability and other, related data for submission into the BDC system. The *Data Specifications for Biannual Submission of Subscription, Availability, and Supporting Data* specify how data files required for the BDC must be formatted for submission in the BDC system, which fields the files should contain, and the data type of each field. The specifications pertain to fixed and mobile availability data, supporting data, and subscribership data accepted by the BDC system. Included with the specifications are example data entries and guidance on whether data should be submitted by file upload or web form.

Filer data must match the specifications in order to be accepted by the BDC system. We therefore encourage the broadband service providers that are required to file in the BDC system, as well as governmental and third parties seeking to submit broadband availability data voluntarily, to review these data specifications closely and align their data to the specifications prior to the opening of the filing window on June 30, 2022, so that they will be prepared to submit their data promptly when the window opens.

For additional information, please visit the FCC's Broadband Data Collection webpage at <http://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData> or email BroadbandDataInquiries@fcc.gov. In addition to the data specification released today, the Commission plans to publish additional information for BDC filers in the coming weeks, including additional specifications, filing instructions, user guides, and other materials, on the Commission's BDC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers>.

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¹ *Broadband Data Task Force and Office of Economics and Analytics Announce Inaugural Broadband Data Collection Filing Dates*, Public Notice, DA 22-182 (BDTF/OEA Feb. 22, 2022) (specifying that data as of June 30, 2022 must be submitted no later than September 1, 2022).