

**129—20.1(8B,427) Definitions.** The definitions in Iowa Code section 8B.1 shall apply to this chapter. In addition, for purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply.

*“As of date”* means the as of date of the broadband availability maps and corresponding data sources utilized by the office in determining whether a communications service provider facilitates broadband service in a particular broadband block at or above the download and upload speeds specified in the definition of targeted service area and underlying the statewide map published and then in effect in accordance with rules 129—20.3(8B,427) and 129—20.4(8B,427).

*“Broadband block”* means:

1. Until the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopts and publishes a publicly available data set identifying a different or more granular unit of measurement(s) by appropriate regulation or order (such as location-specific, address-specific, or polygon-based), a census block.

2. If the FCC adopts and publishes a publicly available data set identifying a different or more granular unit of measurement(s) by appropriate regulation or order (such as location-specific, address-specific, or polygon-based), for purposes of the next iteration of the statewide map published in accordance with rule 129—20.4(8B,427) following the FCC’s adoption of such unit of measurement(s), such unit of measurement(s) as adopted by the FCC and which is located in this state.

*“Broadband unit”* or *“broadband units”* means a home, farm, school, or business within a broadband block as of the as of date. The number of broadband units within a broadband block shall be as represented on the statewide map published in accordance with rule 129—20.4(8B,427).

*“Census block”* means a U.S. Census Bureau census block located in this state, including any crop operation located within the census block.

*“Chief information officer”* or *“CIO”* means the state chief information officer or the state chief information officer’s designee.

*“Installation of the broadband infrastructure”* means the labor, construction, building, and furnishing of new physical infrastructure used for the transmission of data that provides broadband services. *“Installation of the broadband infrastructure”* does not include the process of removing existing infrastructure, fixtures, or other real property in preparation of installation of the broadband infrastructure.

*“Materially underserved”* means a broadband block within which less than 10 percent of the geographic area comprising the broadband block is facilitated with broadband service exceeding tier 1 upload and download speeds.

*“Meaningfully available”* means broadband service that is facilitated to consumers on a commercially reasonable basis and without significant interruption or delay. In determining whether broadband service is meaningfully available on a commercially reasonable basis, the office may consider product or delivery attributes or characteristics such as availability in terms of average uptime and downtime or latency or delays in the transmission of data.

*“Tier 1 targeted service area”* or *“tier 1 TSA”* means a targeted service area within which broadband speeds do not exceed tier 1 speed levels.

*“Tier 2 targeted service area”* or *“tier 2 TSA”* means a targeted service area within which broadband speeds do not exceed tier 2 speed levels, but are greater than tier 1 speed levels.

*“Tier 3 targeted service area”* or *“tier 3 TSA”* means a targeted service area within which broadband speeds do not exceed tier 3 speed levels, but are greater than tier 2 speed levels.

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