



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE PROCUREMENT
VEHICLE LEASE APPROVAL SUMMARY SHEET**

Business Area 0790 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Funding: Federal, BEAD Funds

Purpose: BEAD travel through out State for next 4 years.

Contract Period 1/1/2024 – 12/30/2027 - 4 Year lease

Cost: 56,250.00 - monthly \$1,170.74

Type of Vehicle 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe

Vendor: Bale Chevrolet

Agency contact name: Glen Howie

Agency contact email: Glen.Howie@arkansas.gov

Agency contact phone: 501-682-1123

October 10, 2023

Mr. Ed Armstrong
Office of State Procurement
501 Woodlane, Suite 201
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Arkansas State Broadband Office is requesting approval to lease a vehicle for utilization of the BEAD program in our State.

Vehicle requested is 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LS with Driver Alert Package. Estimated cost is \$60,740.

The lease of a vehicle has received federal approval through the BEAD grant. This grant funding runs through 11/20/2027, with \$5 million for grant administration.

The vehicle would be used by all members of the Arkansas State Broadband Office for programmatic activities of expanding Broadband in Arkansas. This size vehicle will allow our team to travel and carry supplies as needed. Examples of uses are travel throughout Arkansas in support of broadband activities, attend and present at County Broadband meetings, host educational meetings throughout the counties, provide training as requested, subrecipient meetings, performance monitoring, and required audits.

This request has received my approval as the Secretary, Department of Commerce. I appreciate your support in procuring this lease. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Glen Howie, ASBO, at 682-1123.

Sincerely,



Hugh McDonald
Secretary of Commerce