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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

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**Regional Connectivity Program Round 3 (with
Mobile Black Spot (Round 7) opportunities)
ADDENDUM NUMBER 2**

Answer to Questions

26/04/2023

Lodgement Reminder:

Options for lodgement can be found at section 7.4 of the combined grant opportunity guidelines.

CLOSING TIME: 5:00pm (Local time in the ACT)

CLOSING DATE: 12 July 2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: When does the Department anticipate that the funding deeds will be available for both streams

Answer: The Department anticipates that the funding deeds will be available in Mid-May.

Please note that the Minister recently announced that the application closing date is extended to 12 July.

QUESTION 2: In Section 7.4 of the guidelines, organisations preferring to use previously agreed funding agreements still need to mark-up the relevant funding deeds for this round. However, in Section 5 of the RCP Application Pack (Appendix A), it suggests applicants do not need to provide a mark-up of the relevant funding deed and complete the non-compliance section if Yes is selected for using a previously agreed agreement.

Do applicants still need to mark up the relevant funding deed if they intend to use a previous agreement?

Answer: Applicants for both streams should mark-up the relevant funding deed as well as complete the non-compliance section of the Application Pack even if requesting to use a previously agreed agreement.

QUESTION 3: Under the Mobile Black Spot stream, applicants are required to pre-register and then provide the list of sites where they are interested in partnering with another MNO by 1 May. Given the extension to the application period to 12 July, will this timeframe for initial proposal locations being extended?

Answer: In accordance with section 7.4 of the Grant Opportunity guidelines:

Applicants applying for **Mobile Black Spot Solutions** should lodge any initial proposal locations where they are interested in partnering with another **MNO** on a site under the Program to the Department by no later than 5pm (Canberra time), 1 May 2023,

And

The Department will also distribute a contact list of all pre-registered applicants to facilitate discussions regardless of whether a pre-registered applicant has identified potential partnering locations.

Recognising that the application period has been extended until 12 July 2023, registered applicants should still provide their list of initial proposal locations where they are interested in partnering with another MNO by **1 May 2023**.

The Department will then circulate this list in accordance with the guidelines.

However, the Department will also accept updates to the list (including additional locations) from registered applications, for a further two weeks (until **15 May 2023**). The Department will then circulate an updated list to registered applications.

Please note, it is recognised that pre-registered applicants may identify other opportunities to partner through this engagement process or through separate discussions. This process does not limit applicants from developing and putting forward other proposals.