

Rolka Loube Update

iTRS Council Open Meeting

October 21, 2022



Agenda

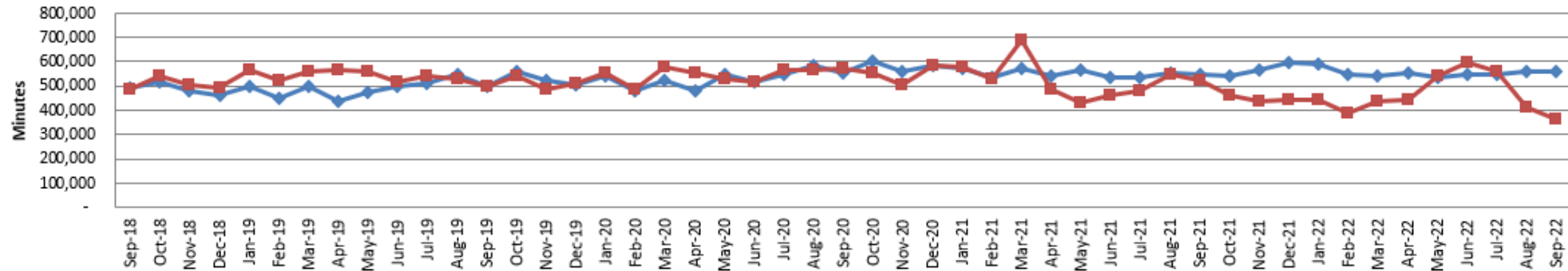
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- Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Project Status Reports
- Question & Answer

Health of the Fund (HOF)

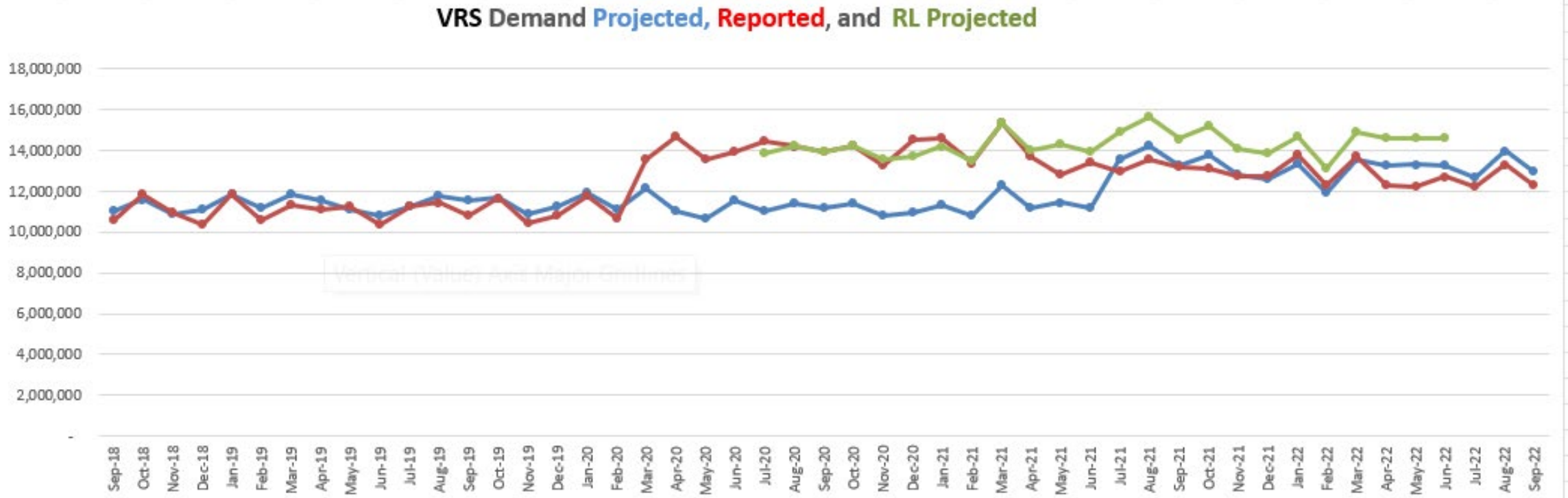
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Internet Protocol (IP) Relay

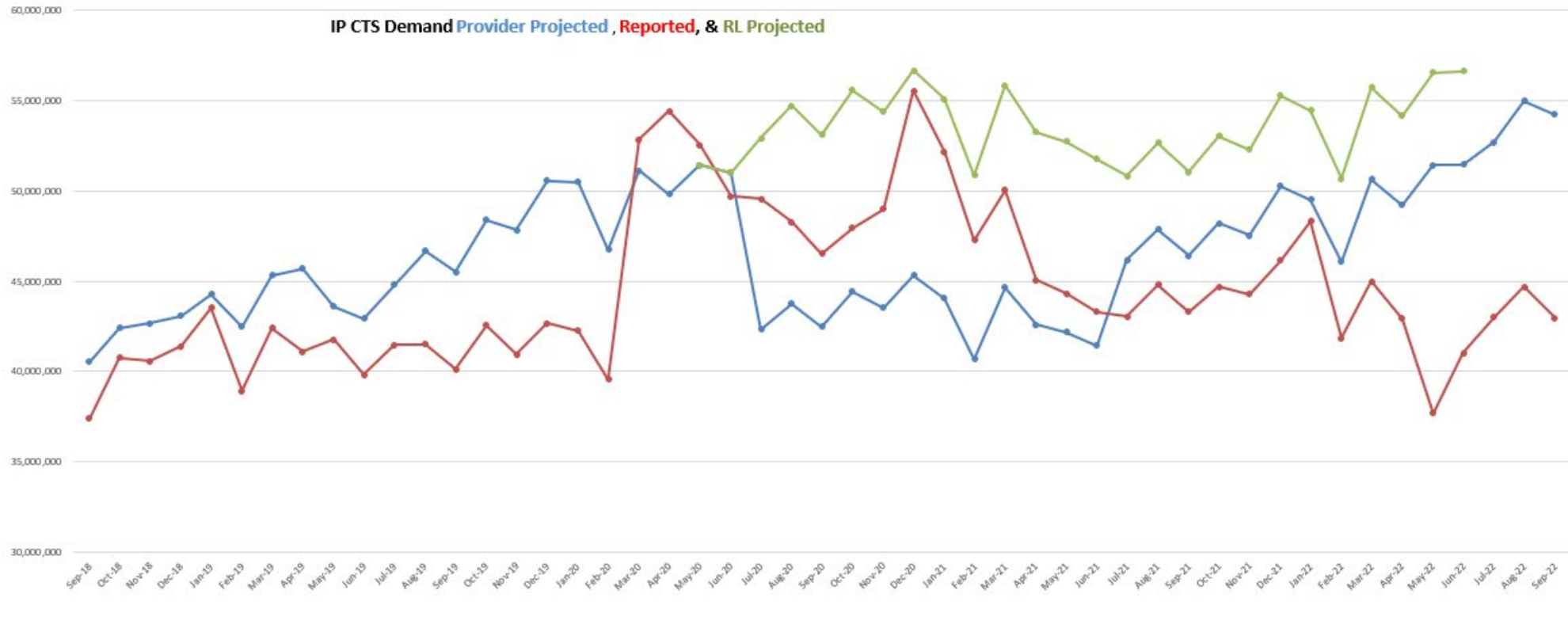
IP Relay Industry **Reported** v. Projected



Video Relay Service (VRS)



Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS)





Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) Broadband Investment

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Timeline

- IIJA Signed into Law November 15th, 2021
 - Broadband Investment Details
 - State must establish centralized Broadband Office
 - Submit Applications for Grants Programs
 - Federal agencies involved
 - Oversight by National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Grant Programs

- Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (B.E.A.D.) Program - \$42.5B
- Digital Equity Program - \$2.75B
- Middle Mile Program – \$1.0B
- Tribal Connectivity Technical Program - \$2.0B
- Affordable Connectivity Program - \$14.2B

Overview of Digital Equity Program

Digital Equity

Investment: \$2.75 Billion investment

3 Programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable, high-speed internet to meet their needs and improve their lives

The Digital Equity Act focuses on addressing the needs of "covered populations" as defined by the statute

Covered Populations

Identity groups and communities disproportionately impacted by digital inequity



Low-income households



People with disabilities



Aging populations



People with language barriers



Incarcerated individuals



Racial and ethnic minorities



Veterans



Rural inhabitants

Digital Equity Act created three programs to promote digital equity and inclusion

Funding pool
\$2.75B

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PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

The Digital Equity Act created three programs:

State Planning

- \$60M formula funding program to develop digital equity plans

State Capacity

- \$1.44B formula funding program to implement plans & promote digital inclusion

Competitive

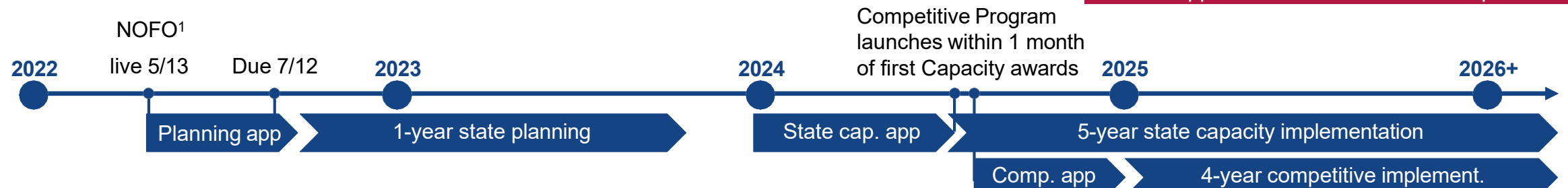
- \$1.25B to implement digital equity and inclusion activities

Example eligible uses of funds across three programs include:

- ☆ Developing digital equity plans; states must develop a plan to be eligible for state capacity grants
- ☆ Making awards to other entities to help make digital equity plans
- ☆ Improving accessibility and inclusivity of public resources
- ☆ Implementing digital equity plans and related activities
- ☆ Providing digital literacy and digital skills education
- ☆ Facilitating the adoption of high-speed Internet

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



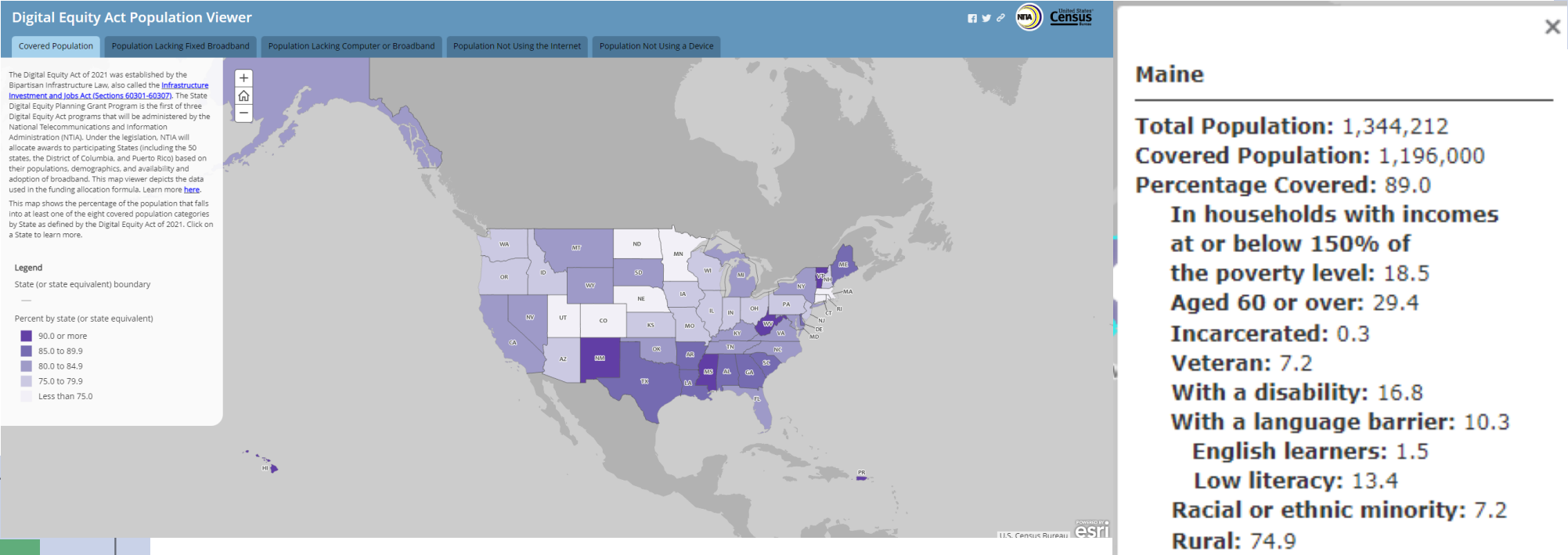
1. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [available here](#)

What is the preliminary allocation for Planning?

State	Amount	State	Amount
Alabama	\$981,081.12	Montana	\$601,336.88
Alaska	\$567,884.90	Nebraska	\$598,745.97
Arizona	\$1,116,110.78	Nevada	\$754,458.89
Arkansas	\$843,673.10	New Hampshire	\$525,033.51
California	\$4,001,525.45	New Jersey	\$1,176,741.04
Colorado	\$897,119.04	New Mexico	\$740,534.91
Connecticut	\$736,568.10	New York	\$2,180,034.65
Delaware	\$516,096.05	North Carolina	\$1,415,614.32
District of Columbia	\$463,126.49	North Dakota	\$516,392.82
Florida	\$2,407,223.57	Ohio	\$1,470,550.76
Georgia	\$1,429,212.96	Oklahoma	\$882,087.78
Hawaii	\$570,883.08	Oregon	\$782,193.40
Idaho	\$564,706.40	Pennsylvania	\$1,604,131.73
Illinois	\$1,515,352.64	Puerto Rico	\$781,987.43
Indiana	\$1,039,734.16	Rhode Island	\$506,100.07
Iowa	\$708,924.38	South Carolina	\$953,478.05
Kansas	\$692,664.38	South Dakota	\$527,051.65
Kentucky	\$874,236.13	Tennessee	\$1,092,244.06
Louisiana	\$941,542.28	Texas	\$3,110,148.10
Maine	\$542,222.32	Utah	\$676,684.53
Maryland	\$966,659.11	Vermont	\$518,154.22
Massachusetts	\$1,003,763.61	Virginia	\$1,222,391.75
Michigan	\$1,332,440.72	Washington	\$1,076,248.79
Minnesota	\$881,905.10	West Virginia	\$728,065.62
Mississippi	\$875,585.61	Wisconsin	\$952,197.63
Missouri	\$1,007,143.59	Wyoming	\$530,006.38

How to determine the Population in my state

[National Telecommunications and Information Administration \(census.gov\)](https://www.census.gov/ntia)



What does my Broadband Office need?

- Data...Data...Data
 - Who does not have Broadband service?
 - Equipment Distribution Data (TTY's and Analog CapTel Phones)
 - Cost challenges of Broadband
 - Equipment Information provided
- Expertise in Services for people with disabilities, aging, etc.

Resources

Resources

NTIA Website for Broadband

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/>

Census Partnership website:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates/partnerships/ntia.html>

Maine Digital Equity Board:

<https://www.maineconnectivity.org/digital-equity>

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Project Status Reports

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National Deaf Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP)

- Centralized Database Launch July 1, 2022
- New Feature updates
 - Mass Cost entry (October 2022)
- Email and Webinar updates with Entities
- Accessible Training Approach

User Registration Database (URD) IP CTS

- TransUnion Migration
- VRS URD Rewrite
- Provider Meetings
 - Communication of Development Objectives
 - Collection of Provider Challenges

Additional Projects

- Data Act
- Business Intelligence

Questions & Answers

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