

## ITCI Industry Watch

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## FCC Proposes Verified Caller Identity Requirements

The FCC released a Ninth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) that would expand STIR/SHAKEN by requiring verified caller identity information, not just number authentication to be delivered to consumers. While STIR/SHAKEN has reduced caller-id spoofing, the Commission concludes it does not provide consumers with enough information to determine who is actually calling. An A-level attestation only confirms that a caller is authorized to use a phone number, not that the call is legitimate. The FCC is concerned consumers may mistakenly interpret verification indicators as proof a call is lawful. To address this gap, the FCC proposes requiring terminating providers to transmit verified caller name information whenever they choose to display an A-level attestation indicator. The FCC emphasizes that legacy CNAM databases are unreliable and points to Rich Call Data (RCD) and similar standards-based solutions as more secure, end-to-end methods for transmitting authenticated caller identity information. The NPRM also targets foreign-originated robocalls, proposing measures to identify calls originating outside the U.S. and prohibiting the spoofing of U.S. numbers by foreign callers. These proposals build on existing gateway provider obligations and aim to improve call-blocking. In addition, the FCC seeks to eliminate outdated Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and call-blocking rules and provides notice of its intent to dismiss long-pending or moot robocall-related petitions.

## Executive Order for Uniform AI Policy and State Law Preemption

President Trump has issued an Executive Order aimed at accelerating U.S. leadership in Artificial Intelligence (AI) by reducing “burdensome” State-level AI regulation. The Order reflects a clear policy shift toward federal preemption, deregulation, and active legal challenges to State AI laws that are perceived to impede innovation. The Order declares that U.S. AI dominance depends on a “minimally burdensome” national policy framework, rather than a patchwork of 50 different State regulatory regimes. While emphasizing innovation and economic competitiveness, the Order also acknowledges the need for a national framework to address child protections, censorship concerns, copyright protections, and community safeguards.

Within 30 days, the Attorney General must establish an AI Litigation Task Force dedicated to challenging State AI laws that conflict with federal policy. The Task Force will coordinate closely with senior White House advisors on AI, science and technology, and economic policy.

Of particular interest to broadband providers and State broadband offices, the Order explicitly links State AI regulation to eligibility for certain Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program funds. The Department of Commerce is instructed to issue a policy notice conditioning eligibility for non-deployment BEAD funds on whether a State has enacted AI laws identified as onerous.

This Order is one of the most aggressive federal efforts to centralize AI policy and limit State regulatory authority. For AI developers, broadband providers, and infrastructure investors, the Order suggests a more predictable national regulatory environment may be forthcoming, but also introduces uncertainty as State laws are evaluated, challenged, or tied to federal funding.

## Notes in the News

- Senate Democrats urge the FCC to keep Broadband Labels and withdraw or revise its proposal to roll back key consumer protections mandated by the IJJA.
- The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a decision stating that NTIA’s BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice from June 2025, violated procedural rules which mandate congressional review.
- 168 bipartisan State legislators from 28 states sent a letter to the Commerce Department asking for release of all BEAD funds to the states, including “non-deployment” funds.

Happy  
Holidays

ITCI Offices will be Closed:  
Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Thursday, December 25, 2025  
Thursday, January 1, 2026

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday  
Season!

2026  
Happy New Year

## Form Deadlines

January 15, 2026 - Performance Testing Q4 2025  
January 31, 2026 - Form 555  
February 1, 2026 - Form 499Q  
February 1, 2026 - Form 502  
March 1, 2026 - HUBB Certification  
March 1, 2026 - CPNI Certification  
March 1, 2026 - Statement of Account - Copyright  
March 1, 2026 - BDC Filing  
March 31, 2026 - Form 508 CAF-BLS  
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Industry Events

January 13-14, 2026 - WSTA Broadband Forum  
February 22-25, 2026 - NTCA RTIME  
March 9-11, 2026 - MTA Convention & Tradeshow

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