

# Broadband Grant Taxation & Beyond

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PLANNING FOR GRANTS, CHANGES, AND THE FUTURE



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#### Topics Covered

Principles to Understand Solutions

O2 Review Current O4 Other Tax
State Developments



# Principles to Understanding Taxes

### PRINCIPLES FOR UNDERSTANDING TAXES

- Encourage Behavior
- Discourage Behavior
- Fund Government Expenditures



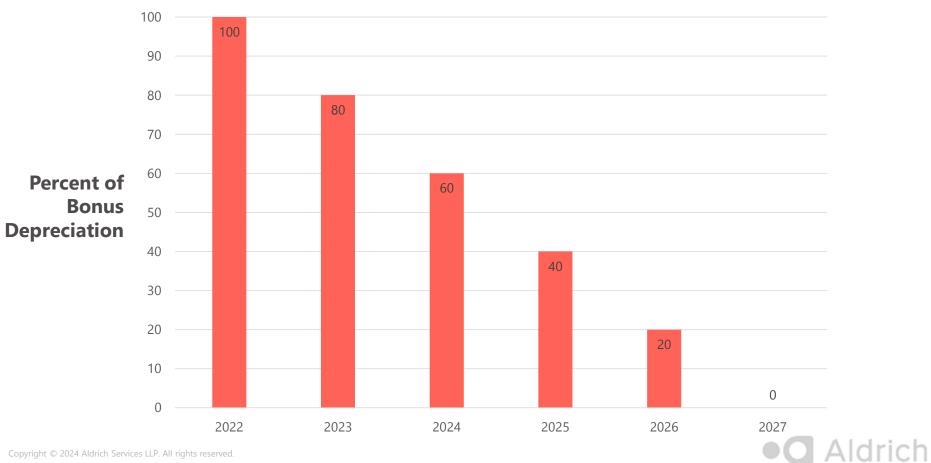
### Current State



### IMPACTS OF TAX CUTS + JOBS ACTS OF 2017

- Grants are taxable income when funds are received
- Phase out of bonus depreciation

#### Bonus Depreciation Phase-Out Schedule



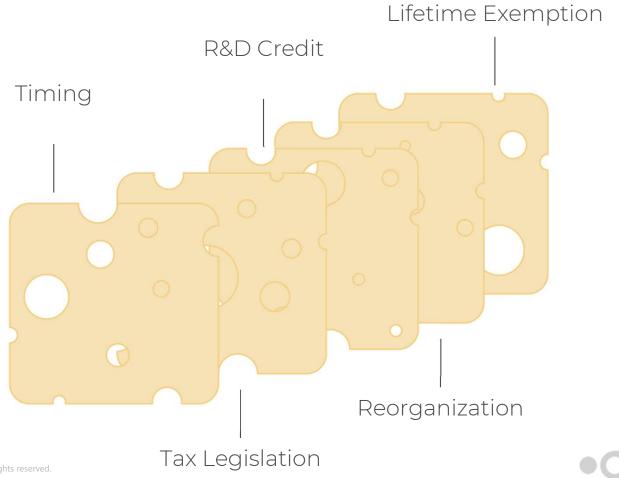


### IMPACTS OF TAX CUTS + JOBS ACT OF 2017

- Grants are taxable income when funds are received
- Phase out of bonus depreciation
- Removal of NOL carrybacks

### Potential Solutions

#### Swiss Cheese Model of Preventing Taxation



## Timing

#### **Potential Solution**

#### When are assets placed in service?



#### **Wrong Timing**

 Income one year, deduction in the next - no NOL carryback



#### **Good Timing**

Bonus depreciation to offset income recognition



### When is property considered placed in service?

 Generally, property is considered placed in service when it is ready and available for a specific use, regardless of whether or not it is actually used at the time.

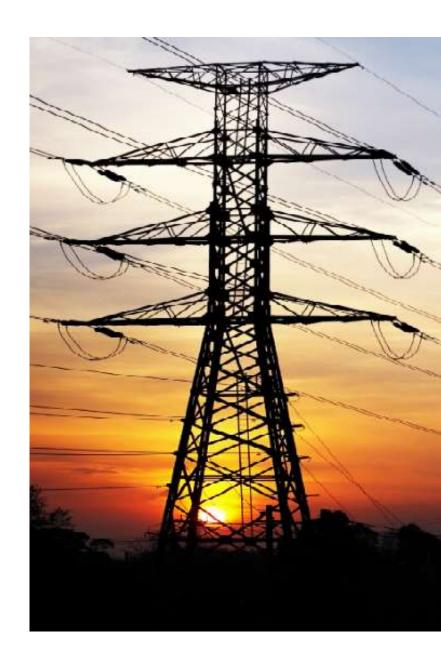


### Network Asset Maintenance Allowance

**Potential Solution** 

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- IRS safe harbor
- In general, immediate deduction of 12% of certain assets placed in service



### Research & Development Tax Credit

**Potential Solution** 

#### Four Part Test

- 1. Qualified Business Purpose
- 2. Technical in Nature (Hard Sciences)
- 3. Technical Uncertainty
- 4. Process of Experimentation



### Qualified Research Expenses (QREs)



**Employee Wages** 



**Supplies** 



3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contractors



#### R&D Nuances



Economic Risk Lies with the Taxpayer



Carries Forward 20 years/until used



Expenses are now capitalized



### Advocate

#### **Potential Solution**

#### Potential Legislation

Tell the Story

Make Grants Non-Taxable

Extend 100% Bonus Depreciation



### 1099 Issues

PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.  USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT  PHONE# (833) 797-3726	1 Unemployment compensation  \$ 2 State or local income tax	OMB No. 1545-0120 Form <b>1 099-G</b> (Rev. January 2022)	Certain Government Payments
211 N BROADWAY STE 1701; MAIL STOP 233 ST. LOUIS, MO 63102	refunds, credits, or offsets	For calendar year 2023	
PAYER'S TIN RECIPIENT'S TIN 43-1757115	3 Box 2 amount is for tax year	4 Federal income tax withheld	Copy B For Recipient
RECIPIENT'S name, street address (including apt. no.), city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code	5 RTAA payments	6 Taxable grants	This is important tax information and is being furnished to the IRS.  If you are required to file
	7 Agriculture payments	8 If checked, box 2 is trade or business income	a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if this income is taxable and the IRS determines
	9 Market gain \$		
Account number (see instructions)	10a State 10b State identification	\$	that it has not been reported.
		\$	

The amount in box 6 is for an ARRA Broadband Initiatives Grant, the reported portion of the grant used for capital expenditures is \$9,288,035.00 and is not taxable per IRS Procedure 2010-34 effective September 23, 2010. Pilot Broadband Grant

### Lifetime Exemption

### IRS Lifetime Exemption

How much? \$13.61 Million

Who? Per person

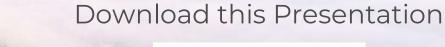
Why? Facilitates wealth transfer

How much longer? Until 12/31/2025



# Thank you.

## Questions?





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