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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

December 15, 2023 – January 14, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)
January 26 – February 9, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (15 days)
To Be Announced: Final Determinations

Eligible Challengers

- Non-Profits
- Tribal Governments
- Local Governments
- Broadband Service Providers

Allowable Challenges

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
    o Availability
    o Speed
    o Data Cap
    o Latency
    o Technology
    o Business service only
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service
- Identification of eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Community Anchor Institution BEAD eligibility determination

* Individual residents and businesses may work through the permissible challengers listed above.

Submission Process

- Request a free CostQuest License
- The two license tiers available for BEAD Challenge Process are:
  - **Tier D**: For entities that participate in any federal broadband programs. Licensees will be similar to those with an FCC Fabric Tier 2 license. Please follow the guide for requesting a TIER D License
  - **Tier E**: For entities that will challenge "Pass Through Entity" coverage maps (i.e. the CBO). Licensees will be similar to those with an FCC Fabric Tier 4 license. Please follow the guide for requesting a TIER E License
- Registration at broadbandks.com
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

Links & Contacts

- KS BEAD Challenge Portal
- KOBD Challenge Process Resource Guide
- KS Speed Survey
- Questions: broadbandchallenge@ks.gov