



# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

## **Key Dates**

October 6 – November 5 - Challenge Submission Window (30 days) November 8 – December 8 – Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days) December 9 – January 4 – Final Determination

## **Eligible Challengers**

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

# **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - $\circ \quad \text{Data Cap}$
  - o Latency
  - $\circ$  Technology
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service
- Identification of eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Community Anchor Institution BEAD eligibility determination

#### **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 <u>requesting a TIER D License</u>
  - 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 <u>register.la.gov</u>
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

#### **Links & Contacts**

- <u>LA Challenge Process Resource Guide</u>
- LA BEAD eligibility map
- LA Broadband Office



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- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success

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