

# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

### **Key Dates**

January 29 - February 28: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

February 29 - March 29: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)

March 30: Final Determination

### **Eligible Challengers**

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

## **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - o Speed
  - o Data Cap
  - Latency
  - Technology
  - Business service only
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service (deployed by June 30, 2024)
- Identification of eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Community Anchor Institution BEAD eligibility determination

<sup>\*</sup>Speed tests will be collected from individuals to be submitted by an eligible challenger in order to determine eligibility.

#### **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 <a href="https://register.broadband.wv.gov/register/bead">https://register.broadband.wv.gov/register/bead</a>

Selection of type and location of challenge

- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

#### **Links & Contacts**

- WV BEAD Challenge Portal
- WV Challenge Process Instructions
- WV Speed Survey



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