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# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

#### **Key Dates**

April 1 - April 30, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

May 11 – June 10, 2024: Rebuttal Phase (30 days)

June 11 – July 11, 2024: Final Determination Phase (30 days)

# **Eligible Challengers**

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

## **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - 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 the 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
- Register at <u>Connecticut Challenge Process Portal</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**

- CT BEAD Home Page
- CT Challenge Process One-Pager
- CT Challenge Process Guide
- CT Challenge Process Portal
- CT BEAD Eligibility Map
- For policy or procedural questions, contact: DEEP.BEAD@ct.gov
- For technical assistance, contact: CThelpdesk@ready.net



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