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# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

### **Key Dates**

January 17 – February 16, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days) February 19 – March 20, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days) March 21 – April 22, 2024: Final Determination

## **Eligible Challengers**

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

## **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. for BSLs. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - o Speed
  - Data Cap
  - Latency
  - o Technology
  - Residential/business service
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service (deployed by June 30, 2024)
- 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 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 <u>www.register.broadband.delaware.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

- DE BEAD Challenge Process Resource Guide
- DE Challenge Process Portal
- DE BEAD Eligibility Map
- DE Broadband Office
- For policy or procedural questions, contact <u>roddy.flynn@delaware.gov</u>
- For technical assistance, contact <u>dehelpdesk@ready.net</u>



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