

BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

July 22 - September 5, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (45 days)

September 14 – October 28: Rebuttal Submission Window (45 days) **September 14 – November 19, 2024:** Validation of Results (67 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
- Identification of eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Community Anchor Institution BEAD eligibility determination

^{*}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>ConnectedFlorida BEAD Challenge</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

- FL BEAD Challenge Process Website
- FL BEAD Program Resources
- FL BEAD Program Website
- For questions, contact: Broadband@commerce.fl.gov



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