

# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

# **Key Dates**

#### March 4 – April 2, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

April 3 – May 2, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)

May 6 – June 4, 2024: Final Determinations (30 days)

## **Eligible Challengers**

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

## **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - o Availability
  - Speed (only for fixed wireless subscribers)
  - Data Cap
  - Latency (only for fixed wireless subscribers)
  - $\circ$  Technology
  - $\circ$  Business service only
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service (deployed by Dec 31, 2025)
- 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>GA BEAD Challenge Registration</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**

- GA Broadband Programs
- GA BEAD Map
- GA BEAD Challenge
- GA BEAD Challenge Registration
- GA BEAD Challenge Guidelines and Instructions
- GA Speed Test portal
- For more information, contact: <a href="mailto:broadband@gta.ga.gov">broadband@gta.ga.gov</a>



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