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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

Now – March 13, 2024: Pre-Registration window

February 20 – February 26, 2024: Publication of Eligible Locations (7 days)

February 27 – March 18, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (21 days)

March 19 – April 15, 2024: Challenge Validation window (28 days)

April 16 – May 6, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (21 days)

May 7 – June 18, 2024: Adjudication period

To Be Determined: Publication of Final Determinations

Eligible Challengers

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

Allowable Challenges

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
    - Availability
    - Speed
    - 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

*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 Illinois BEAD Challenge Process portal
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

Links & Contacts

- Connect Illinois
- Pre-Registration portal
- IL BEAD Map Challenge Process
- Challenge Process User Guide
- Speed Test Submission