

BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

May 20, 2024 – June 2, 2024: Challenge Process Preregistration and Portal review opens June 3 – June 30, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (28 days)

July 15 – August 11, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (28 days) August 12 – September 30, 2024: Final Determination Phase (30-64 days)

Eligible Challengers

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

Allowable Challenges

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
 - o Availability
 - o Speed
 - Data Cap
 - o Latency
 - o 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 Idaho Challenge 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

- <u>Challenge Process User Guide</u>
- <u>Challenge Process FAQs</u>
- Idaho Broadband Map
- For policy or procedural questions, contact: <u>broadband@commerce.idaho.gov</u>
- For technical assistance, contact: <u>broadbandgis@commerce.idaho.gov</u>



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