

BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

March 25 – April 23, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

June 5, 2024: Rebuttal Period Ends

Entities have 30 days from notification of challenge to submit a rebuttal

July 7, 2024: End of Final Determination Phase and Challenge Process

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
 - Cellular Fixed Wireless
- 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 <u>LEO MIHI Bead Challenge</u>
 - Select "Sign In" at the top right corner of the page
 - Select "Request a new account"
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
 - o File uploads
 - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

Links & Contacts

- MI BEAD Challenge Process Website
- BEAD Challenge Process One Pager
- BEAD Challenge Portal
- BEAD Challenge Process Webinar
 - Presentation Slides
- MI Initial Proposal Vol 1
- For portal or challenge related questions, email <u>MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov</u>



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