



# CHALLENGE ALERT!



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## BEAD Map Challenge Process

### Key Dates

**Aug 27, 2024: Publication of Eligible Locations**

**Sept 3 – Oct 3, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)**

**Oct 15 – Nov 14, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)**

**Nov 18 – Dec 18, 2024: Validation of Results (30 days)**

### 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 Dec 31, 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 [North Carolina BEAD Challenge Registration](#)
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

## Links & Contacts

- [BEAD Challenge Registration](#)
- [BEAD Challenge Process](#)
- [BEAD Challenge Resource Guide](#)
- [Challenge Process Webinar](#)
- [BEAD Resources](#)
- For technical assistance, contact: [nchelpdesk@ready.net](mailto:nchelpdesk@ready.net)

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- A Track Record of Success