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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

February 29 – April 11, 2024: Public Comment Period
March 19 – April 18, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)
Late April, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window Opens

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 December 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 NY BEAD 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

- NY Broadband Office
- NY BEAD Challenge Process Overview
- NY Broadband Challenge Portal
- Speed Test link
- For policy or procedural questions, contact: challenge@esd.ny.gov
- For technical assistance, contact: nyhelpdesk@ready.net