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# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

## **Key Dates**

#### September 23 – October 23, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

October 24 – October 28, 2024: Initial Review Period October 29 – November 29, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days) November 30- January 15, 2024: Final Determinations (45 days)

# **Eligible Challengers**

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

# **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - o Speed
  - o Data Cap
  - o Latency
  - o Technology
  - o Business service only
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned or Existing Service (deployed by September 2025)
- Identification of eligible Community Anchor Institutions
- Community Anchor Institution BEAD eligibility determination

#### **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>Oklahoma BEAD Application Home</u>
  - Note: If you have registered to participate in the CPF program, the BEAD challenge process will take place in the same portal. You do not need to register again, but you do need to opt-in by emailing <u>okhelpdesk@ready.net</u>
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

### **Links & Contacts**

- OK BEAD Challenge Process Guide
- BEAD Challenge Registration
- <u>BEAD Challenge Map</u>
- OK BEAD Resources
- Questions, contact: <u>okhelpdesk@ready.net</u>



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