



## BEAD Map Challenge Process

### Key Dates

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

**May 29 – June 28th, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)**

**June 28 – July 28, 2024:** Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)

**July 28 – August 27, 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 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 [Challenge Registration 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

- [Rhode Island Challenge Map](#)
- [Challenge Registration](#)
- [Challenge Process Guide](#) (p. 32)
- [Challenge Process Newsletter/Update Sign-Up](#)
- [Rhode Island Challenge Landing Page](#)
- [Connect Rhode Island Landing Page](#)
- For questions or technical assistance, please contact: [broadband@commerceri.com](mailto:broadband@commerceri.com)

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