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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

March 26 – BEAD Challenge Process Training Module 1:Webinar at 10 a.m. (PDT)
April 1 – Challege Portal to Open
April 1 – Map and Location Data published
April 8 – May 7– Challenge Process Open
April 8 - BEAD Challenge Process Training Module 2: Rebuttal at 2-3:30 p.m. (PDT)
April 10 - BEAD Challenge Process Training Module 2: Rebuttal at 2-3:30 p.m. (PDT)
April 8 – June 16 - Rebuttal Phase
July 27 – Final Determination

Eligible Challengers

- Nonprofit Organizations
- Local Governments
- Tribal Governments
- Internet Service Providers

Allowable Challenges

- Service availability
- Speed
- Latency
- Data cap
- Technology
- Business service only
- Enforceable Commitments
- **Planned Service (deployed by June 30, 2024)**

- ❖ Speed tests will be collected from individuals to be submitted by an eligible challenger in order to determine eligibility

Submission Process

- Watch the BEAD Challenge Process Training Webinar
- Complete Challenge Process Survey
- 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

- After April 1st, eligible challengers can register in WA BEAD Challenge Navigation Portal

Links & Contacts

- BEAD Challenge Process Overview
- Challenge Process FAQs
- BEAD Challenge Process Training Module 2 - (Rebuttal) Webinar April 8 at 2 p.m. (PDT)
- BEAD Challenge Process Training Module 2 - (Rebuttal) Webinar April 10 at 2 p.m. (PDT)
- Submit Questions to:InternetforAll@Commerce.wa.gov

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

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