nrtc CHALLENGE ALERT!

Professional assistance for today's unprecedented funding opportunities

BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

April 2024: Publication of Eligible Locations

May 15 – June 14, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

May 15 - July 14, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days from notification to respond)

August 6, 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, 2025)**
- 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 SD 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 Initial Proposal (Challenge Process on p. 9)
- Challenge Process Registration
- Existing Broadband Funding
- Unserved Locations
- Underserved Locations
- Community Anchor Institutions
- BEAD South Dakota Landing Page
- For assistance, contact: broadband@state.sd.us