



# CHALLENGE ALERT!

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## BEAD Map Challenge Process

### Key Dates

**March 12, 2024:** Publication of Eligible locations

**March 20 – April 19, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)**

**April 20 – May 20, 2024:** Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)

**May 21 – June 20, 2024:** Final Determination (30 days)

### Eligible Challengers

- Non-Profits
- 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 within 6 months)**
- 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 [Arkansas 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

- [AR Broadband Office](#)
- [AR Broadband Map](#)
- [AR BEAD Challenge Portal](#)
- [AR BEAD Challenge Resource Guide](#)
- [Speed Test](#)
- Questions, please contact: [broadband@arkansas.gov](mailto:broadband@arkansas.gov)

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