

# nrtc CHALLENGE ALERT!

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## BEAD Map Challenge Process

### Key Dates

**December 12** – Advance-BEAD Challenge Process Webinar at 11 a.m.

**December 15** – Portal Website Launches; Registration Opens for Portal Access

**January 3 -March 13** – Office Hours will be held weekly throughout the Advance-BEAD Challenge and Rebuttal Phases:

- Every other week on Wednesday at 1 p.m. starting Jan 3
- Every other week on Tuesday at 11 a.m. starting Jan 9

**January 8** – Publication of Eligible Locations; Portal Access Opens for Registered Users

**January 10 – February 9** - Advance BEAD Challenge Window

**March 15** – Rebuttal Phase Concludes

**April 16 – Final Determination Phase Concludes**

### Eligible Challengers

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

### Allowable Challenges

- Eligible Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs)
  - Enforceable Commitments
  - Planned Service (deployed by June 30, 2024)
  - Identified Eligible Community Anchor Institutions (See Volume I)
- ❖ 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 Advance-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 for an Account in the Advance-BEAD Challenge Portal
- **Submit Challenges January 10 - February 9**

## Links & Contacts

- [Advance-BEAD Challenge Process Guidance](#)
- [Link to Register](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Advance-BEAD Challenge Portal](#)
- Submit Questions to: [Advance\\_CBO@state.co.us](mailto:Advance_CBO@state.co.us)

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