



CHALLENGE ALERT!



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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

March 15, 2024 – TBA: Challenge Submission Window

TBA: Rebuttal Submission Window

TBA: Final Determination

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 to determine eligibility.

Submission Process

- Request a free CostQuest License
- The two license tiers available for 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](#)
- Registration at <https://broadband.nebraska.gov/media/5pgjj21z/isp-challenge-instructions.pdf>

Selection of type and location of challenge

- Submission of evidence
 - File uploads
 - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

Links & Contacts

- [NE BEAD Challenge Portal](#)
- [NE Challenge Process Instructions](#)
- [NE Challenge Evidence Guide](#)
- [NE Speed Test](#)
- [NE Challenge Decisions](#)
- [For Questions Contact: ndot.broadbandoffice@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndot.broadbandoffice@nebraska.gov)

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