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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

April 30, 2024: Map publication
May 7 – June 1, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (25 days)
TBD: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)
TBD: 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
  - 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

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 BEAD Challenge Process (tn.gov)
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

Links & Contacts

- TN BEAD Challenge Process Main Page
- TN Broadband Office Home Page
- TN Broadband Accessibility Map
- For questions, contact: ECD.Communications.Office@tn.gov