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BEAD Map Challenge Process

Key Dates

March 11, 2024: Publication of Eligible Locations

March 18 – April 1, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (14 days)

April 2 – April 11, 2024: VCBB Initial Review and Area Challenge Analysis (9 days)

April 15 – April 29, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (14 days)

April 29 – May 22, 2024: VCBB Final Adjudication Period (23 days)

May 23 – June 14, 2024: VCBB Final Data Deduplication Period (21 days)

Eligible Challengers

- Non-Profits
- Tribal Governments
- Local Governments
- Broadband Service Providers
- Communication Union Districts

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 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 [VT 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

- [VT Broadband Office](#)
- [VT BEAD Challenge Process Overview](#)
- [VT BEAD Challenge Portal](#)
- For questions, contact: vcbb.info@vermont.gov

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