

# **BEAD Map Challenge Process**

### **Key Dates**

April 22, 2024: Publication of Eligible Locations

April 29 - May 29, 2024: Challenge Submission Window (30 days)

June 6 – July 6, 2024: Rebuttal Submission Window (30 days)

July 7 – August 6, 2024: Validation of Results (30 days)

# **Eligible Challengers**

- Non-Profits
- Tribal Governments
- Local Governments
- Broadband Service Providers
- Community Anchor Institutions

## **Allowable Challenges**

- BEAD eligibility. These include challenges to:
  - Availability
  - Data Cap
  - 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 <u>PSC Electronic Records Filing (ERF) (wi.gov)</u>
- Selection of type and location of challenge
- Submission of evidence
  - File uploads
  - Narrative support
- Notification to challenged entities
- Rebuttal submission (if necessary)

### **Links & Contacts**

- <u>WI BEAD Challenge Process Webpage</u>
- WI BEAD Challenge Process Instructions
- WI BEAD Challenge Map
- WI PSC BEAD Challenge Process Docket
- For questions, contact: <a href="mailto:PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov">PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov</a>



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