

# Upcoming Iowa BEAD Challenge

Iowa's NTIA BEAD Challenge provides an opportunity to finalize the funding eligibility and status of Iowa's broadband serviceable locations and community anchor institutions. This final review and validation is critical to close the digital divide.



## WHO CAN CHALLENGE?

Nonprofit Organizations	Local Government
Tribal Governments	Broadband Service Providers

## HOW TO CHALLENGE?

- Department of Management will be launching a challenge portal.
- Invitations will be sent to or can be requested by eligible challengers.
- Register and create an account in the challenge portal.
- Select the location(s), type of challenge, and upload the required evidence.
- SUBMIT — The challenge will be reviewed and accepted/rejected based on fulfilling challenge requirements.

## WHAT CAN BE CHALLENGED?

- Availability
- Latency
- Business Service Only
- Enforceable Commitments
- Planned Service
- CAI Classification
- Speed
- Data Cap

## WHAT EVIDENCE IS NEEDED?

- Screenshot(s) of provider webpage
- Email/letter from providers
- Speed test results

*\*Each challenge type has specific evidence which will be outlined in a User Guide and challenge portal.*

## WHEN WILL THE CHALLENGE TAKE PLACE?

Challenge Outreach, Registration, and Training	Challenge Kickoff Date	Challenge Window	Rebuttal Window	Adjudication
4/24/24	5/15/24	30 Days	45 Days	Within 45 days of rebuttal

## WHAT ABOUT THE PUBLIC?

NTIA requirements do not allow the public to submit challenges independently. However, the public CAN submit information about their location such as speed tests or lack of service. This information will be submitted on behalf of the public by an eligible challenger. The public is encouraged to view the challenge portal and map on [broadband.iowa.gov](http://broadband.iowa.gov).

## Next Steps ▶▶▶

Eligible Challengers should register and become familiar with the challenge portal. Additional information for the entire process is available in a challenge User Guide, communicated through stakeholder outreach, and available on [broadband.iowa.gov](http://broadband.iowa.gov).