

Preparing for BEAD: Getting CostQuest licenses for Fabric IDs

What are CostQuest Licenses?

The NTIA Tier D & E licenses support a broader range of purposes, including administration of the BEAD program, participation in the BEAD eligible entity Challenge processes, and reporting requirements associated with the Broadband Funding Map and the BEAD program.

To submit a BEAD Challenge in the Broadband Navigator a CostQuest license is not required. You may want to explore the Broadband Navigator application and then determine whether you want to submit an application to CostQuest for a license

If required, there is a no-cost license option available to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to access the Fabric IDs.

The Tier D and E licenses are intended for:

- Qualified or presumptively qualified prospective direct recipients or indirect subrecipients;
- Awarded direct recipients or indirect subrecipients;
- And challengers to participate in Federal Broadband Granting Agency's (FBGA) broadband grant programs through either a challenge process, by applying for an award of available funds, or by reporting on an awarded grant/loan (including reporting related to the Broadband Funding Map authorized by IIJA § 60105).

The Tier D license is available upon request. CostQuest will coordinate the approval of Tier E licenses with individual State Broadband Offices and NTIA. This coordination is to ensure that the delivery of the Licensed Materials coincides with the state challenge process.

Resources

What is BEAD?

The **Broadband, Equity and Access and Deployment (BEAD)** program is a federal program from the **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**. It will result in the award of approximately \$650M in federal funds to successful applicants to build out broadband infrastructure for fiber, fixed wireless, and satellite in Minnesota.

Make a license request

Tier D Requests:

apps.costquest.com/NTIArequest/

Tier E Request:

apps.costquest.com/ntiatiererequest/

For more information:

Visit [NTIA's webpage on CostQuest Licensing](#).

Contact IFAsupport@costquest.com

Learn more about the
NTIA BEAD program at:

mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/beat/