

BEAD Challenge Weekly Office Hours July 18th, 2024

Presented by the Office of Broadband Development



- Where we are at in the BEAD program and BEAD Challenge timeline
- Updates
- Challenge portal demo from AppGeo
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BEAD Program

November 15, 2021: IIJA signed into law May 16, 2022:
BEAD Notice of
Funding
Opportunity
(NOFO) issued

May 30, 2023: FCC issues new broadband data maps which are basis for BEAD funding

June 26, 2023:
State/Eligible
Entities funding
allocations
announced by
NTIA

July 12, 2023:
Minnesota submits
BEAD Five Year
Action Plan

December 22,

2023: Minnesota Submits Initial Proposal Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 May 29, 2024:

NTIA approves Minnesota's Initial Proposal Vol. 1 BEAD Challenge Process, July 22nd-October 21st

Vol. 2 under review by NTIA (expect approval by Fall 2024)

- 365 days after Vol. 2 is approved, Minnesota's Final Proposal is due (contains selected subgrantees)--Fall 2025
- NTIA must approve Minnesota's Final Proposal before contracts can be executed—**Fall/Winter 2025?**
- Upon fully executed contracts, subgrantees (broadband providers)
 have 4 years to build network and deliver broadband service (2030?)



BEAD Challenge Timeline





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Updates

- OBD BEAD website updates include (mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/)
 - Recording of the virtual, 7/15 information session + PowerPoint slides posted
 - The CSV file of the unserved and underserved locations used to prepare the preliminary list of BEAD eligible locations for the Broadband Navigator/Challenge Portal as of July 2024
 - Additional resources for using and registering for the BEAD Challenge portal
 - Updated draft of Volume 2 from July 15th curing
 - Recordings of the AppGeo portal demo from this and future office hours will be uploaded to the webpage, along with the PowerPoint slides, aim to have posted within 24 hours after the office hours



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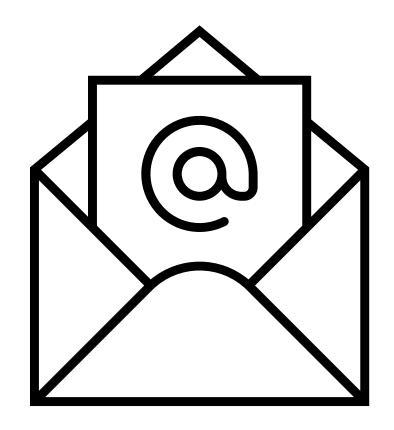
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Resources

- Sign up for the OBD emails: <u>mn.gov/deed/programs-</u> <u>services/broadband/contact/</u>
- Keep an eye on the OBD webpage for the latest information and resources on BEAD:

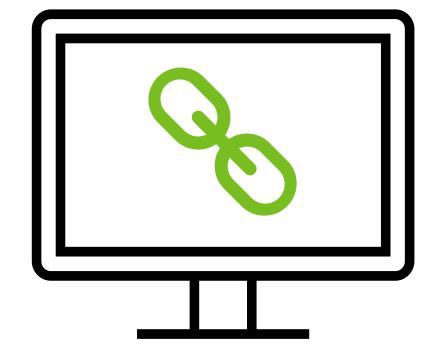
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Upcoming office hours

- Next week: Thursday July 25th at 2pm
- Registration links for upcoming sessions:
 - Will be added to the OBD website by the end of the week
 - Sent out in an email blast to the Broadband list serv early next week
 - And added to the registration page for this session





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