



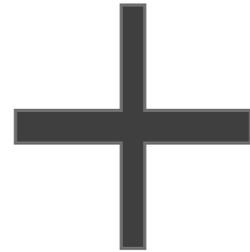
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Challenge Process Discussion



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80,000+ Locations



Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
175,000+ Locations

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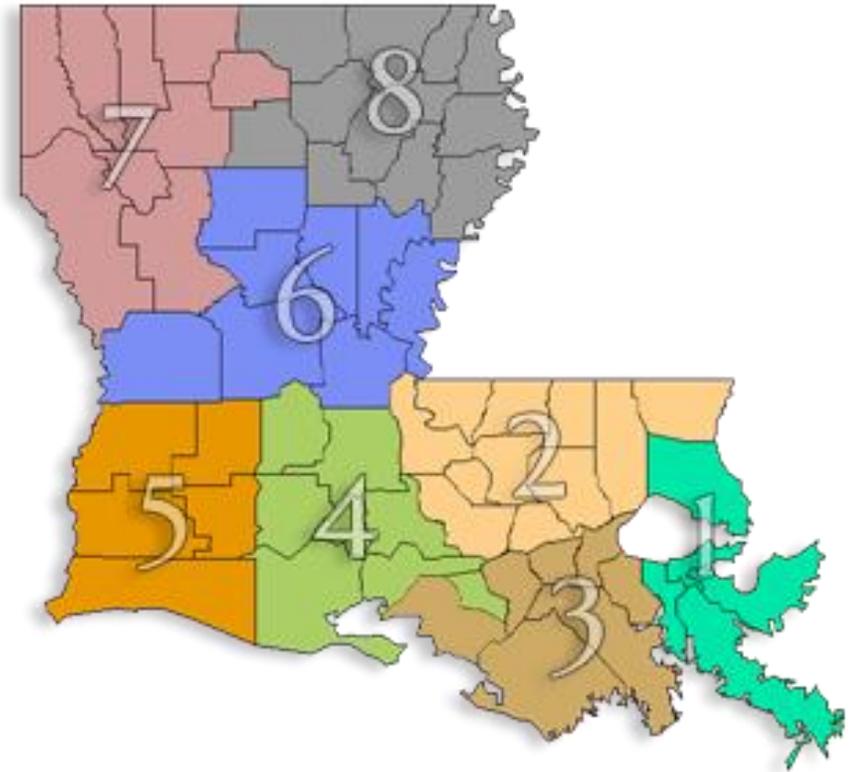
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BEAD Challenge Process

- 📶 Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program
- 📶 Use current Federal Communications Commission map
- 📶 End of September through end of December
- 📶 Permissible challengers:
 - 📶 Non-Profits
 - 📶 Municipalities
 - 📶 Internet Service Providers
- 📶 Planning commission partnership



Challenge Process Timeline

 October – Challenges Accepted

 Non-Profits, Municipalities, ISPs

 November – Rebuttals Accepted

 ISPs, Municipalities

 December – Adjudication of Results

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Permissible Challenges

 Existing Broadband Service

 Identification of Community Anchor Institutions

 Enforceable Commitments

 Planned Service

Challenge Evidence

📶 Availability – service noted is not offered

📶 Screenshots from provider website, letters, emails, etc.

📶 Latency – speed of latency threshold

📶 Speed test showing excessive latency

📶 Data Cap – unreasonable capacity allowance

📶 Screenshots from provider website

Challenge Evidence

📶 Technology – type of service incorrectly listed

📶 Details from network equipment

📶 Business Service Only – business service offered at residence

📶 Screenshots from provider website

📶 Enforceable Commitment (Yes/No) – tied to existing funding project

📶 Community Anchor Institution (Yes/No) – whether a location is a CAI

📶 Planned Service – service to be offered by ISP by June 30, 2024

Area and MDU Challenges

- 📶 Assists with burden of proof for challenges across similar geographic areas
- 📶 Area – six or more locations within the same census block group
- 📶 MDU – three units or 10% of the unit count

Next Steps

- 📶 Review of challenge platform
- 📶 Creation of account profile
- 📶 Request for fabric data license (Tier E)
 - 📶 Will be available for non-profits within the next week.
- 📶 Identify local stakeholder groups for feedback



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