**BEAD Challenge Weekly Office Hours**
**August 8th, 2024**

Presented by the Office of Broadband Development

**Today's agenda:**

- BEAD Challenge timeline
- Updates
- Additional resources
- Questions?

Today's Agenda

# BEAD Challenge Timeline

*July 15th-July 21st:*
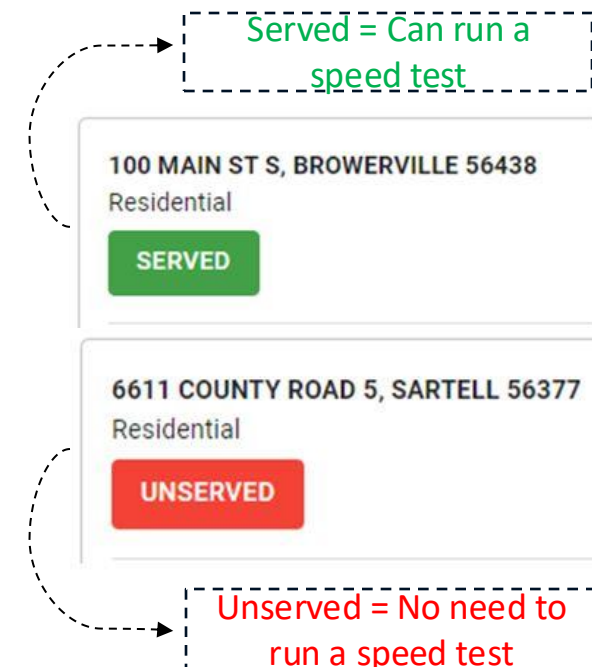*BEAD Challenge Portal opens, pre-registration begins*

**July 22nd-August 21st**
30-day BEAD Challenge Window

**August 22nd-September 20th**
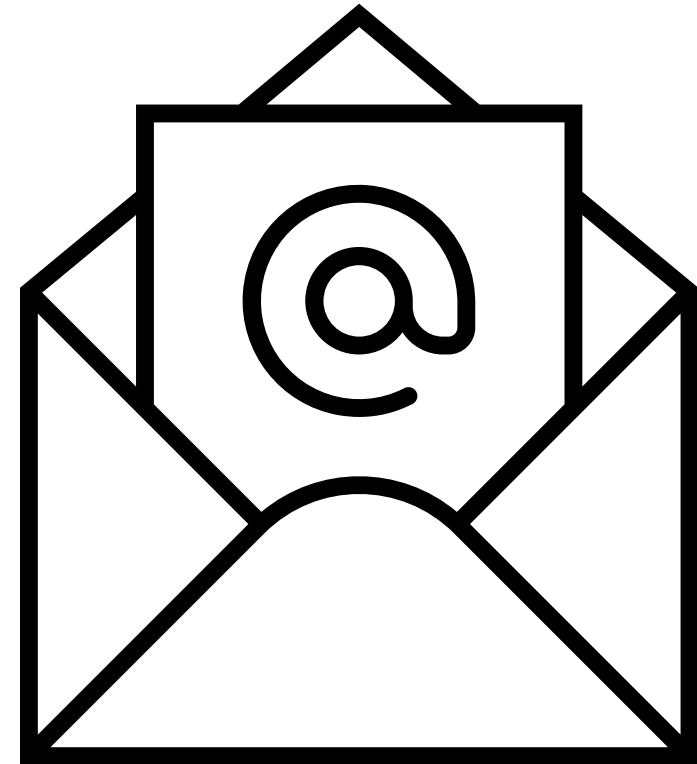30-day BEAD Rebuttal window. *Rebuttal is due 30 days after notification.*

**September 21st-October 21st**
30-day BEAD Adjudication by OBD

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- The BEAD Challenge window closes **August 21** – don't wait until the last day in the event your Challenge is rejected as incomplete as you won't have any time to fix it

- **Reminder on speed tests.** Residents and businesses should only do speed tests in the BEAD Challenge Portal if their location shows as **SERVED** and they subscribe to service of at least 100Mbps download and 20Mbps upload and do not get those speeds when they do a speed test. The speed tests are then used to challenge your location as erroneously being listed as served. **If your location already shows as unserved, there is no reason to do a speed test as there is nothing to challenge.** Valid speed tests will then be submitted as BEAD Challenges by the non-profit Connected Nation. (Under NTIA requirements, only providers, non-profits, local and Tribal governments are eligible to submit BEAD Challenges.)



Served = Can run a speed test

100 MAIN ST S, BROWERVILLE 56438
Residential
**SERVED**

6611 COUNTY ROAD 5, SARTELL 56377
Residential
**UNSERVED**

Unserved = No need to run a speed test

- The FAQ on BEAD, the Challenge Process, and Challenge Portal is live! It's available on the webpage, or as a downloadable PDF, found here: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/faq/

- Sign up for the OBD emails: **mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/contact/**

- Keep an eye on the OBD webpage for the latest info + resources on BEAD: **mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/**

- Contact OBD: **deed.broadband@state.mn.us** or (651) 259-7610

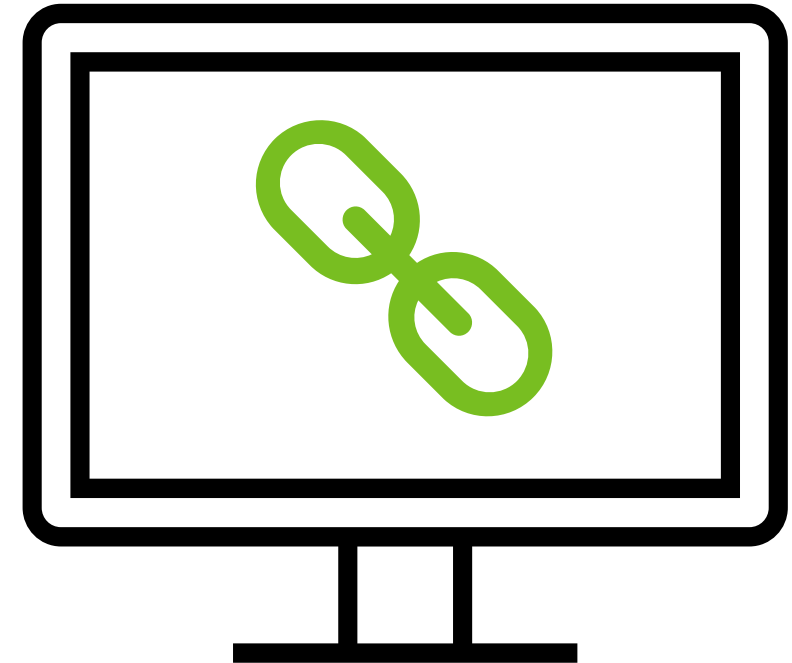**EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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- **Registration links for upcoming sessions:**

  - Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>, register here

  - Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, register here

  - Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>, register here

  - Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>, register here

  - Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, register here

  - Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, register here

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# Questions?

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