



**EMPLOYMENT AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

BEAD Challenge Weekly Office Hours July 25th, 2024

Presented by the Office of Broadband Development



Today's agenda:

- Where we are at in the BEAD program and BEAD Challenge timeline
- Updates
- Additional resources
- Challenge portal demo from AppGeo
- Questions?



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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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- **On CostQuest Licenses:**

- The CostQuest NTIA helpdesk will pause distribution of new fabric data requests starting on 7/31/24. CostQuest is doing this to prepare for distribution of the FCC release 06302024, version 5 to the NTIA Fabric license holders. CostQuest anticipates resuming new distribution requests by 8/15/2024.

- **Waiver requests**

- NTIA guidelines are that States cannot waive any program rules or issue any waivers beyond those laid out in its Initial Proposal.* Thus, if you are seeing barriers to participating in the BEAD program, let us know so that we can include in Minnesota's Vol. 2 while it is still under review the ability of the State Broadband Office to waive the requirement without having to submit to NTIA for approval in the Final Proposal.

*It is possible that NTIA will not approve language in an Initial Proposal that allows the State to waive a requirement but at least we know sooner rather than later whether a specific provision is waivable

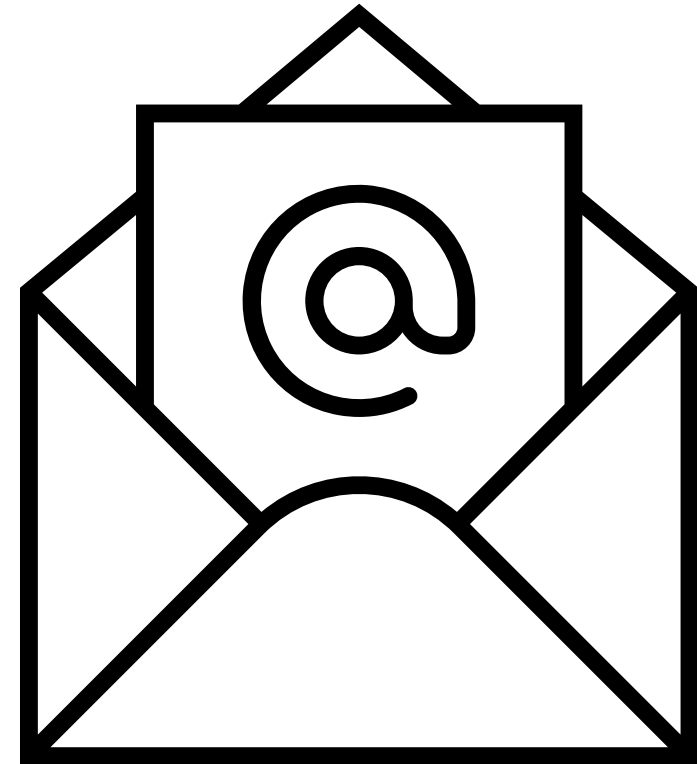
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Additional resources

- 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



Minnesota's Federal Program Officer

Tom Karst (he/him)

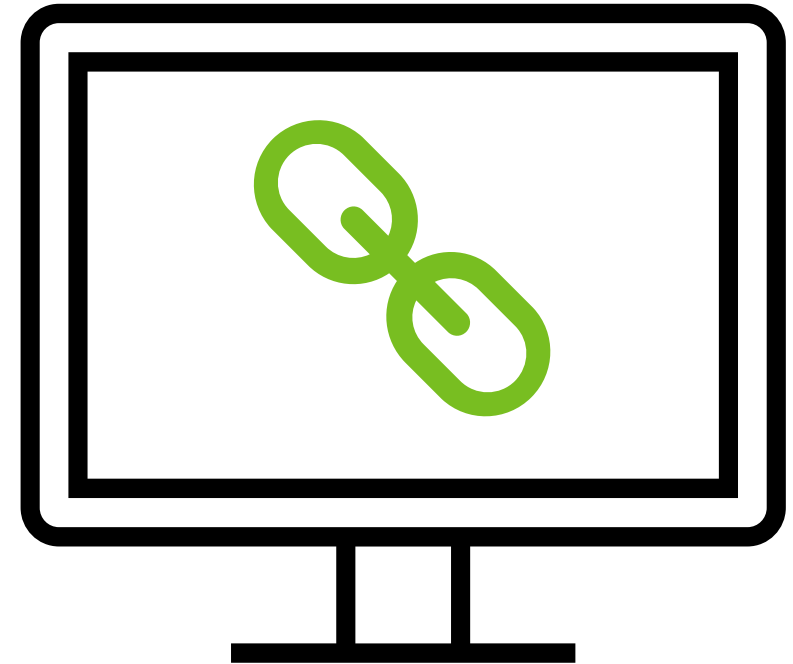
- Federal Program Officer, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth (OICG)
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Upcoming office hours

- **Registration links for upcoming sessions:**

- Thursday August 1st, [register here](#)
- Thursday August 8th, [register here](#)
- Thursday August 15th, [register here](#)
- Thursday August 22nd, [register here](#)
- Thursday August 29th, [register here](#)
- Thursday September 5th, [register here](#)
- Thursday September 12th, [register here](#)
- Thursday September 19th, [register here](#)



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