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BROADBAND EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT (BEAD) SUBGRANTEE SELECTION OFFICE HOURS
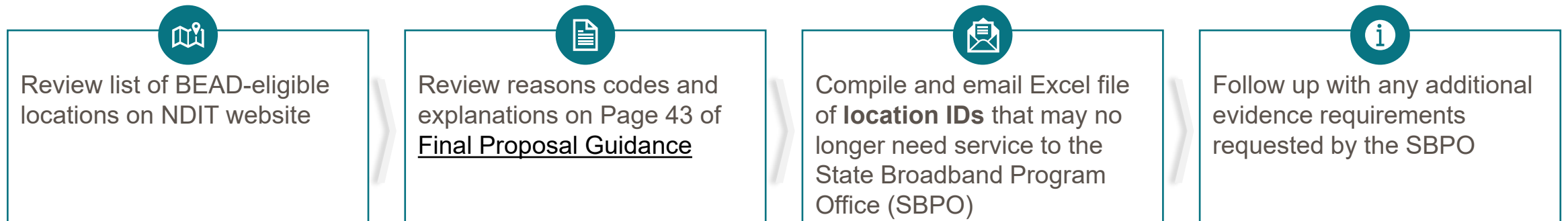
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Process for Flagging Eligibility Status of Locations

The State has posted the list of BEAD-eligible locations on the NDIT website. Please review locations and identify those that no longer need service, based on the criteria below:

Acceptable Reason Codes for Flagging Eligibility Status of Locations

- Location should not have a broadband connection (i.e. location has been demolished, is not habitable, is not a building, etc.)

- Location does not need mass-market broadband service due to the nature of use (i.e. enterprise location or government building)

- Location has been removed from the latest version of the fabric data from the FCC

- Location is already served by an enforceable commitment

- Location is already served by non-subsidized service (privately funded network)

Action Requested

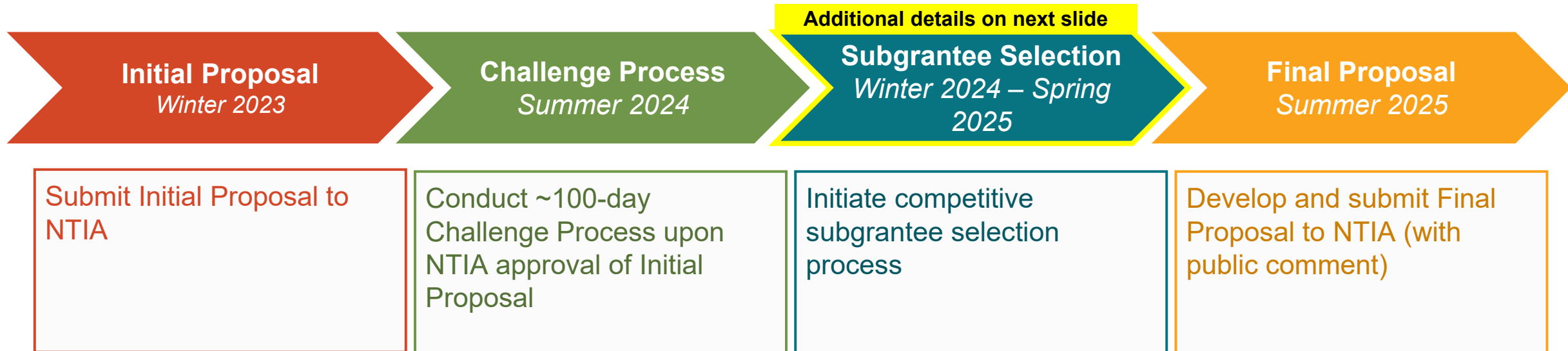| Review list of BEAD-eligible locations on NDIT website | Review reasons codes and explanations on Page 43 of Final Proposal Guidance | Compile and email Excel file of **location IDs** that may no longer need service to the State Broadband Program Office (SBPO) | Follow up with any additional evidence requirements requested by the SBPO |

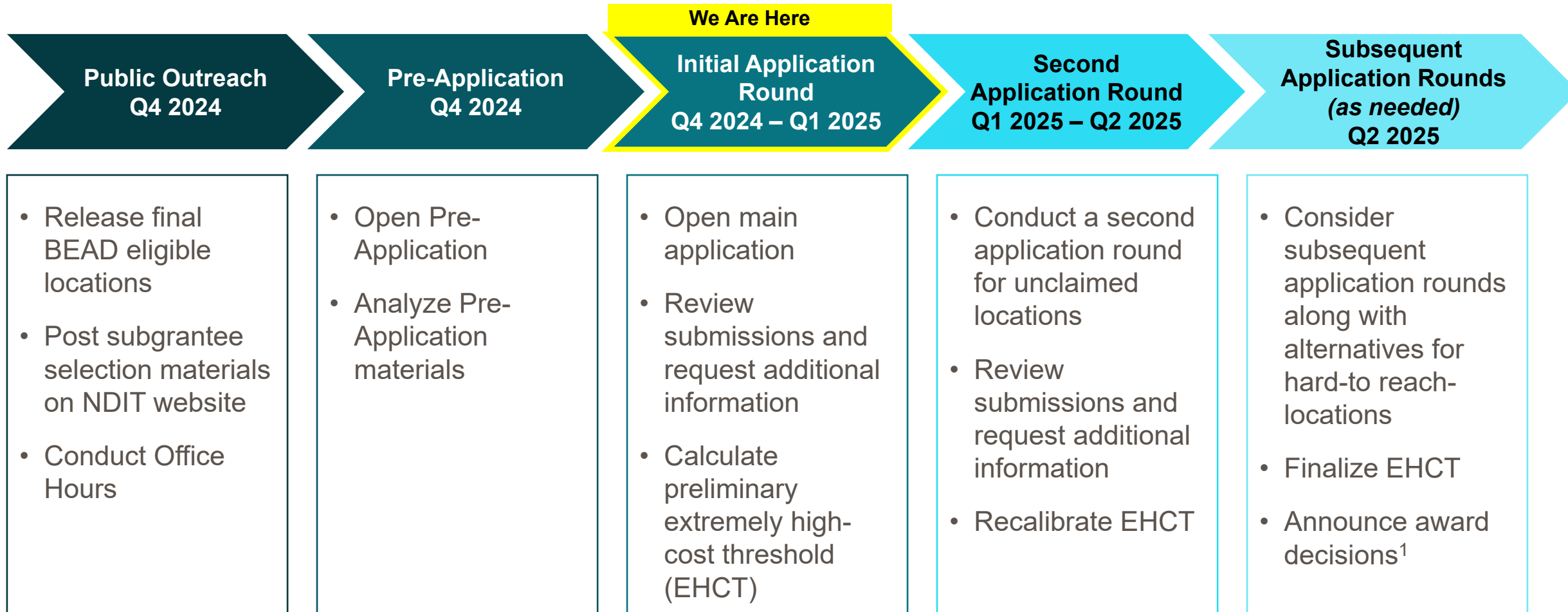# Broadband Equity, Access, And Deployment (BEAD) Program Overview

BEAD provides funding to eligible entities and territories for broadband planning, deployment, mapping, and adoption activities, with the primary purpose of expanding high-speed internet access.

Eligible Activities

- Deploy broadband service to **unserved** locations and **underserved** locations

- Ensure deployment of **gigabit connections to community anchor institutions** (e.g., schools, hospitals, libraries)

- *Remaining funds can support access, adoption, and equity-related uses*

Initial Proposal *Winter 2023*	Challenge Process *Summer 2024*	Subgrantee Selection *Winter 2024 – Spring 2025* (Additional details on next slide)	Final Proposal *Summer 2025*
Submit Initial Proposal to NTIA	Conduct ~100-day Challenge Process upon NTIA approval of Initial Proposal	Initiate competitive subgrantee selection process	Develop and submit Final Proposal to NTIA (with public comment)

Subgrantee Selection Timeline

Public Outreach
Q4 2024

Pre-Application
Q4 2024

We Are Here

Initial Application Round
Q4 2024 – Q1 2025

Second Application Round
Q1 2025 – Q2 2025

Subsequent Application Rounds
(as needed)
Q2 2025

Public Outreach	Pre-Application	Initial Application Round	Second Application Round	Subsequent Application Rounds
• Release final BEAD eligible locations • Post subgrantee selection materials on NDIT website • Conduct Office Hours	• Open Pre-Application • Analyze Pre-Application materials	• Open main application • Review submissions and request additional information • Calculate preliminary extremely high-cost threshold (EHCT)	• Conduct a second application round for unclaimed locations • Review submissions and request additional information • Recalibrate EHCT	• Consider subsequent application rounds along with alternatives for hard-to reach-locations • Finalize EHCT • Announce award decisions[1]

1. Final award decisions will not be made and / or announced until all serviceable locations eligible for BEAD funding have received a bid

Overview of BEAD application requirements

BEAD Application
Initial Round: 11/22/2024 – 1/17/2025

The BEAD Application will request information required by the NTIA BEAD NOFO. *ND SBPO does <u>not</u> have the authority to amend information required by the BEAD NOFO* to complete the BEAD Application. The application is broken down into **13 sections in WebGrants** that address project, applicant, and compliance requirements:

I.   **Applicant Information:** Information about the applicant
     (Contact, State Business Registration, etc.)

II. **Project Information:** Information about the project(s)
     (Area, Design, Pricing, Cost Schedule, etc.)

III. **Compliance:** Evidence and attestations of compliance with Federal requirements
     (Cybersecurity/Supply Chain Risk, Labor standards, Build America Buy America, Environmental/Historical Preservation, etc.)

You will be able to copy over required information related to **Applicant Information** and **Compliance** to other applications, so this information can be provided just once across multiple projects

NTIA Requirements Crosswalk

Documents requested throughout the North Dakota BEAD Application are required by the NTIA BEAD NOFO. *ND SBPO does not have the authority to amend the information required*. For further information, ND SBPO has provided a link to the relevant section of the NTIA BEAD NOFO that details each documentation requirement.

North Dakota BEAD Application	NTIA BEAD NOFO	North Dakota BEAD Application	NTIA BEAD NOFO
Section 1: Applicant Information	Section I.C.p	Section 7.5: Operational Capability	Section IV.D.2.e
Section 2: Project Overview	Section I.C	Section 7.6: Ownership Disclosure	Section IV.D.2.f
	Section I.C and Section IV.B.7.a	Section 7.7: Existing Public Funding	Section IV.D.2.g
	Section IV.B.9.b.15	Section 7.8: Cybersecurity/Supply Chain Risk	Section IV.C.2.c.vi
Section 3: Project Area and Design	N/A	Section 8: Labor Standards & Protection	Section IV.C.1.e
Section 4: Service Pricing	Section IV.C.2.c.i		
Section 5: Project Cost & Match	Section III.B.	Section 9: Skilled Workforce	Section IV.C.1.e
	Section IV.D.2.c	Section 10: Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) / Labor Surplus Firms Inclusion	Section VII.D.7
Section 6: Project Timeline	Section IV.D.2.c		
Section 7: BEAD Qualifications	Section IV.D.2		
Section 7.1: Financial Capability	Section IV.D.2.a.		
	Section IV.D.2.a.iii.		
	Section IV.D.2.a.ii	Section 11: Weather & Climate Risk Mitigation	Section IV.C.1.h
	Section IV.D.2.a.iv	Section 12: Build America, Buy America	Section VII.D.6
	Section IV.D.2.a.i		
Section 7.2: Managerial Capability	Section IV.D.2.b		
	Section IV.D.2.a.i	Section 13: Environmental/Historical Preservation	Section VII.D.4
Section 7.3: Technical Capability	Section IV.D.2.c		
Section 7.4: Compliance with Laws	Section IV.D.2.d		

BEAD Application

BEAD Application in ND WebGrants

📤 Funding Opportunity Details   ✏️ Start New Application

1084205 - Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) - 2024

Funding Opportunity Details

Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD)

Template provided

I.   Applicant Information
1.   Applicant Information

II. Project Information
2.   Project Overview
3.   Project Area and Design*
4.   Service Pricing
5.   Project Cost & Match*
6.   Project Timeline*

Additional information on next slide

III. Compliance
7.   BEAD Qualifications*
8.   Labor Standards & Protection
9.   Skilled Workforce and Equitable Workforce Development Plans
10. Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)/ Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs)/ Labor Surplus Firms Inclusion
11. Weather & Climate Risk Mitigation
12. Build America, Buy America
13. Environmental and Historical Preservation

BEAD Application – Project Information

The BEAD Program prioritizes projects designed to provide **fiber** connectivity directly to the end user.

Internet Service Providers are encouraged to leverage their understanding of their service boundaries to define their own project areas and submit applications for both **Priority Broadband Projects** and **Other Last-Mile Projects**[1].

Priority Broadband Projects: a project that will provision service via end-to-end fiber-optic facilities to each end-user premises.

Other Last Mile Projects: a project that provides services to the end-user through a reliable broadband service (RBS)[2] hybrid of fiber and other RBS technology, or solely any RBS technology other than fiber.

Applicants will **submit** information for **each project** for the following sections

II. Project Information

2. **Project Overview** *(Project Name, Project Description, Project Priority by Technology, Speeds, Permits, Letters of Tribal Consent)*
3. **Project Area and Design**[3] *(Service and Network Design, Project Area, Proposed Route Miles)*
4. **Service Pricing** *(Service pricing, Low-cost service option)*
5. **Project Cost & Match**[3] *(Total funding cost/match, total project cost, project cost breakdown, capital investment schedule)*
6. **Project Timeline**[3]

[1] Project types are defined by the BEAD NOFO; [2] Fiber, cable modem/HFC, DSL, FWA licensed and hybrid spectrum; [3] Templates provided

BEAD Eligible Locations

How many un- and under-served locations remain?

Unserved: 1,304 locations

Underserved: 466 locations

Community Anchor Institutions: 202 CAIs

Note: These totals do not include locations with existing or planned enforceable commitments
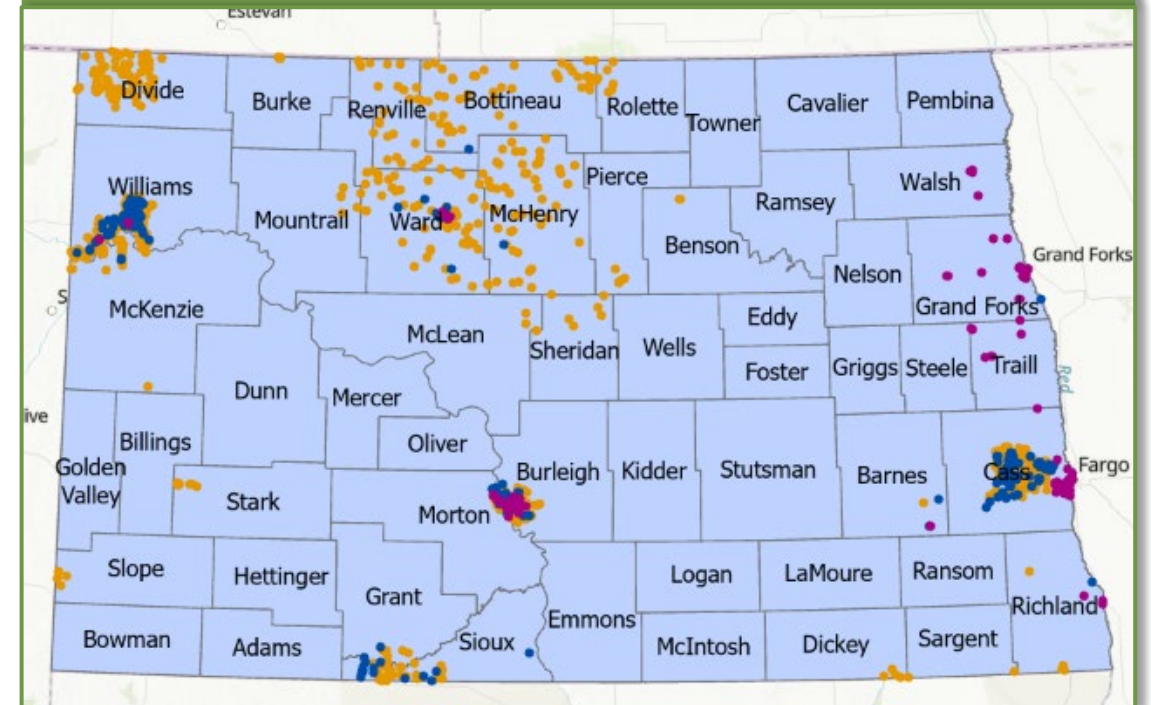
What version of federal fabric data was used?

NTIA V3 Fabric Data (Update 2) was initially used and then challenge process findings were **re-adjudicated using NTIA V4** Fabric Data.

NTIA Tier D License

Providers that plan to submit an application for BEAD funds need to obtain an **NTIA Tier D License from CostQuest,** which will allow ISPs to view the **latitude/longitude** for each location. ***To request a license:***

1. *Go to https://apps.costquest.com/ntiarequest/*
2. *Confirm that you have an FRN and contact details for the account*
3. *Enter basic organizational information*
4. *Follow emailed link to input detailed organizational information and information on federal programs*
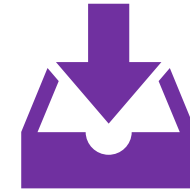5. *Submit and follow emailed account creation steps*

Un- and Under-served Broadband Serviceable Locations
(excludes locations with enforceable commitments)

Key

🟠 Unserved 🔵 Underserved 🟣 CAI

Full list of BEAD eligible locations is accessible on the NDIT website: broadband.nd.gov

Next Steps

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1. Request Tier D License at CostQuest

2. Register for WebGrants *(further instructions are in the WebGrants User Guide available on NDIT website)*

3. Review BEAD Eligible locations*

4. Review application and propose project areas

5. Submit application

6. Respond to additional data requests

NOTE: Upon reviewing BEAD-eligible locations, please submit to the State Broadband Program Office a list of location IDs that may not be in need of service with the applicable justification

Questions? Reach out to us at: broadband@nd.gov

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