

Office of Broadband Development Weekly BEAD Office Hours



Updates

- NTIA approved Minnesota's Final List of BEAD eligible locations last Friday,
 January 17
- Portal for registration and pre-qualification close to launch
- Collecting questions—plan to post response to FAQs submitted recently in an update this week



Links to Websites

- OBD has a specific BEAD webpage where we post the most current information: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/
- NTIA has resources available for permitting planning and environmental review preparation for your project: <u>Permitting and Environmental</u> <u>Information Application</u>
- Sign up for email updates on BEAD and other broadband updates from OBD: <u>mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/contact/</u>



BEAD in MN (all future dates are tentative)

May 29, 2024: BEAD Volume 1 Approved July—Nov. 2024: BEAD Challenge Process October 3, 2024: BEAD Volume 2 Approved December 18, 2024:

Final List of BEAD
Eligible locations
submitted to NTIA

Jan/Feb 2025:

Prequal process for interested applicants; NTIA approved final list of BEAD locations January 17, 2025

March 10-April 7:

Subgrantee selection subround 11a; fiber projects only and applicant proposes project area

April 23-May 21:

OBD defined project areas posted.
Subgrantee selection subround 11b; applications accepted for all technologies by OBD project area

June 19-July 10:

Remaining OBD defined project areas posted;
Subgrantee selection subround 11c

July 10-Sept. 3:

OBD finalizes list of selected subgrantees, commissioner approval, public comment period

Oct. 3, 2025:

Deadline for the BEAD Final proposal to be submitted to NTIA for its approval



Additional resources

OBD weekly office hours on **Tuesdays 11am**, until **April 1, 2025**.

Register through links below, and on the <u>OBD BEAD webpage</u>. Office hours will not be recorded, unless otherwise noted, but materials from each week will be posted online.

- January 28, <u>register here</u>
- February 4, <u>register here</u>
- February 11, Instead of office hours, OBD will be offering in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) a webinar on the new Safety-qualified Underground Telecommunications Installer Program. Register here to attend and visit the DLI webpage to learn more about the program.
- February 18, register here
- February 25, <u>register here</u>
- March 4, <u>register here</u>
- March 11, <u>register here</u>
- March 18, <u>register here</u>
- March 25, register here
- April 1, register here



Contact

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Questions?

