

Office of Broadband Development | Weekly BEAD Office Hours

February 25, 2025

## BEAD Timeline in Minnesota, Updated dates in green

May 29, 2024: BEAD Volume 1 Approved July—November 2024: BEAD Challenge Process

October 3, 2024:
BEAD Volume 2
Approved

#### December 2024:

Final List of BEAD Eligible locations sent to NTIA

January 17: NTIA approved final list of BEAD locations

Jan. 27—March 13:

Pre-Qualification process for BEAD open until 3/13 at 11:59pm CST

#### \*March 24—April 21:

Subgrantee selection subround 11a: Fiber projects only and applicant proposes project area

#### \*May 7—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

\*October 3:

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

## **Updates**

- The <u>BEAD Pre-Qualification portal</u> has been extended, and will now close **March 13 at 11:59pm CST**
- Reminders on the BEAD Pre-Qualification process:
  - If you have any technical questions on using the BEAD Grantor Portal, please email mnhelpdesk@ready.net.
  - View a demo of the Bead Grantor Portal from the January 28 BEAD office hours
  - Participants need to fill out the Organization Profile before completing the Pre-Qualification.
     While some of the information is prepopulated, you will need to check for completeness and edit your information if needed.
- **NEW**: <u>BEAD FAQ form</u>. Moving forward, please submit **all questions for the FAQ** via online web form. OBD will continue to review responses as a team and with our federal partner, and the FAQs will be updated weekly. Please also plan to submit all Pre-Qualifcation portal questions by **Thursday March 6**.

### **OBD BEAD Office Hours**

OBD weekly office hours continue **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. Materials from each week are posted online.

- March 4, register here
- March 11, <u>register here</u>
- March 18, <u>register here</u>
- March 25, <u>register here</u>
- April 1, register here



# Questions?

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