

Office of Broadband Development Weekly BEAD Office Hours



BEAD Timeline in Minnesota

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—February 27:

Pre-Qualification process for BEAD in Minnesota

*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

October 3:

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



Updates

- The Pre-Qualification portal opened last week January 27 and will close on February 27.
- Registration information and guides on using the portal are available on: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/.
- If you have any technical questions on the portal, please email mnhelpdesk@ready.net.
- The live demo of the Bead Grantor Portal has been posted to the <u>OBD BEAD</u> webpage.
- If you participated in the BEAD Challenge, be sure to review your profile in the BEAD Grantor Portal and ensure all information is there and accurate. OBD cannot make any changes to your registration or forms, so you need to be sure to review, update, and correct as needed.



OBD BEAD Office Hours

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.

- February 11: 10am-12pm, 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.
 - <u>Register here</u> to attend and visit the <u>DLI webpage</u> 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, register here
- March 25, register here
- April 1, register here



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