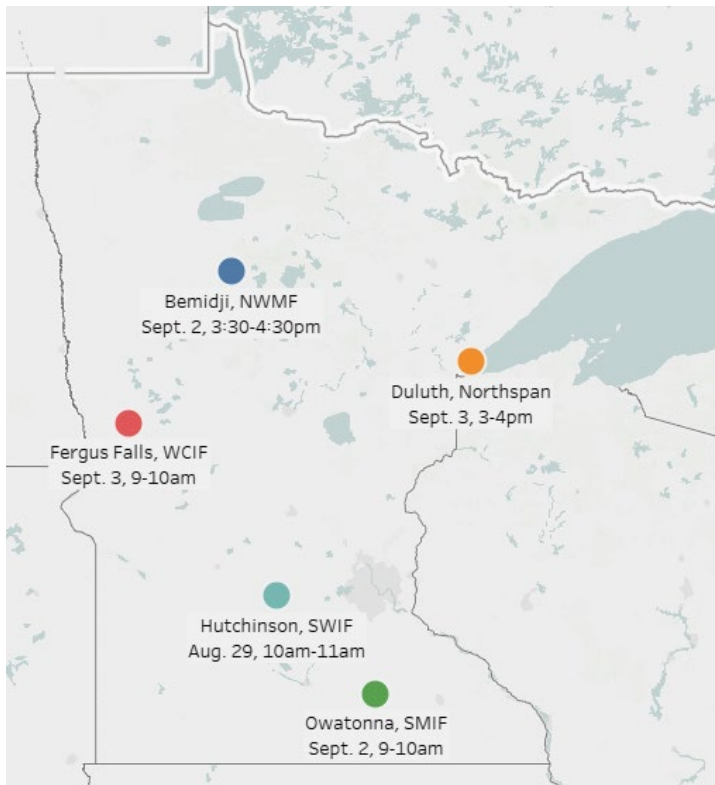


Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Draft of Final Proposal Information Sessions

The Office of Broadband Development (OBD) will hold regional, in-person, information sessions on the draft of the BEAD Final Proposal. These will provide an **overview of the Final Proposal, steps for public comment, and next steps for BEAD in Minnesota.**



Sessions are scheduled for:

- Friday Aug. 29, **Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF), Hutchinson**, 10—11am
15 3rd Ave NW Hutchinson, MN
- Tuesday Sept. 2, **Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), Owatonna**, 9—10am
525 Florence Ave, Owatonna, MN
- Tuesday Sept. 2, **Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF), Bemidji**, 3:30—4:30pm
201 3rd Street NW Bemidji, MN
- Wednesday Sept. 3, **West Central Initiative Foundation (WCIF), Fergus Falls**, 9—10am
1000 Western Ave, Fergus Falls, MN
- Wednesday Sept. 3, **Northspan, Duluth**, 3—4pm
202 West Superior Street, Suite 600, Duluth, MN

OBD will also be holding an online event for Tribal partners on Wednesday September 3.

*A recording of a virtual information session from Thursday September 28 and **details on the logistics of the events above** will be available on the OBD webpage:*

mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/bead/

Interested in submitting a public comment on the Minnesota BEAD Final Proposal?

Comments can be submitted beginning **Thursday August 28** through the OBD webpage, by email to the DEED Broadband Inbox (deed.broadband@state.mn.us), over the phone at (651)- 259-7610, or written response collected at the in-person regional information sessions. Public Comments must be received by the Office of Broadband Development no later than **Wednesday September 3.**

Questions on information sessions should be sent to deed.broadband@state.mn.us