



Minnesota Office of Broadband Development Updates
Governor's Broadband Task Force

September 22, 2025

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

- **June 6** National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) issued BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice
- **July 8** NTIA approved Minnesota's Initial Proposal BEAD Correction Letter
- **July 14-24** Prequalified applicants (all technologies) to submit applications for the Restructured BEAD Round, compliant with the updated changes to the NTIA's June 6 Restructuring BEAD Policy Notice
- **August 5-8** Direct Negotiation (All providers & technologies) for locations (BSLs) that did not receive any bids in the Restructured BEAD Round
- **August 28** Final Proposal will be posted to the [OBD BEAD webpage](#) for a 7-day public comment period, information sessions to be held virtually and in-person around the state beginning August 28
- **September 4** Final Proposal due to NTIA

MN Results and Data of Interest

76,000 eligible BEAD BSL's (Broadband Serviceable Locations)

- Total applications: **110**
- **22** ISPs (Internet Service Providers) participated in the Restructured BEAD Round
 - Fiber: **19**
 - LEO (low earth orbiting aka Starlink/Amazon Kuiper) : **0**
 - Wireless: **3**
- **52,643** locations received applications (prior to Direct Negotiation)

Overview of Preliminary Awards, Program Cost

Preliminary Program Costs

Total Eligible Project Cost	\$ 568 million
Total Grant Amount (BEAD request)	\$ 391.6 million
Total Match Provided	\$ 187 million
Average Cost per location	\$5,098
Lowest Cost per location for a project	\$490
Highest Cost per location for a project	\$36,575

All figures are estimates until final revisions received and confirmed.

Overview of Preliminary Awards – Technology Types

Technology Type	BSLs covered (locations)		BEAD investment (costs)	
Fiber/Coax Cable	57.7%	43,339	89%	\$345,000,000
Satellite	24.8%	18,651	2%	\$14,000,000
Licensed Fixed Wireless	17.5%	13,031	9%	\$22,000,000
<i>Totals</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>75,021</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$381,000,000</i>

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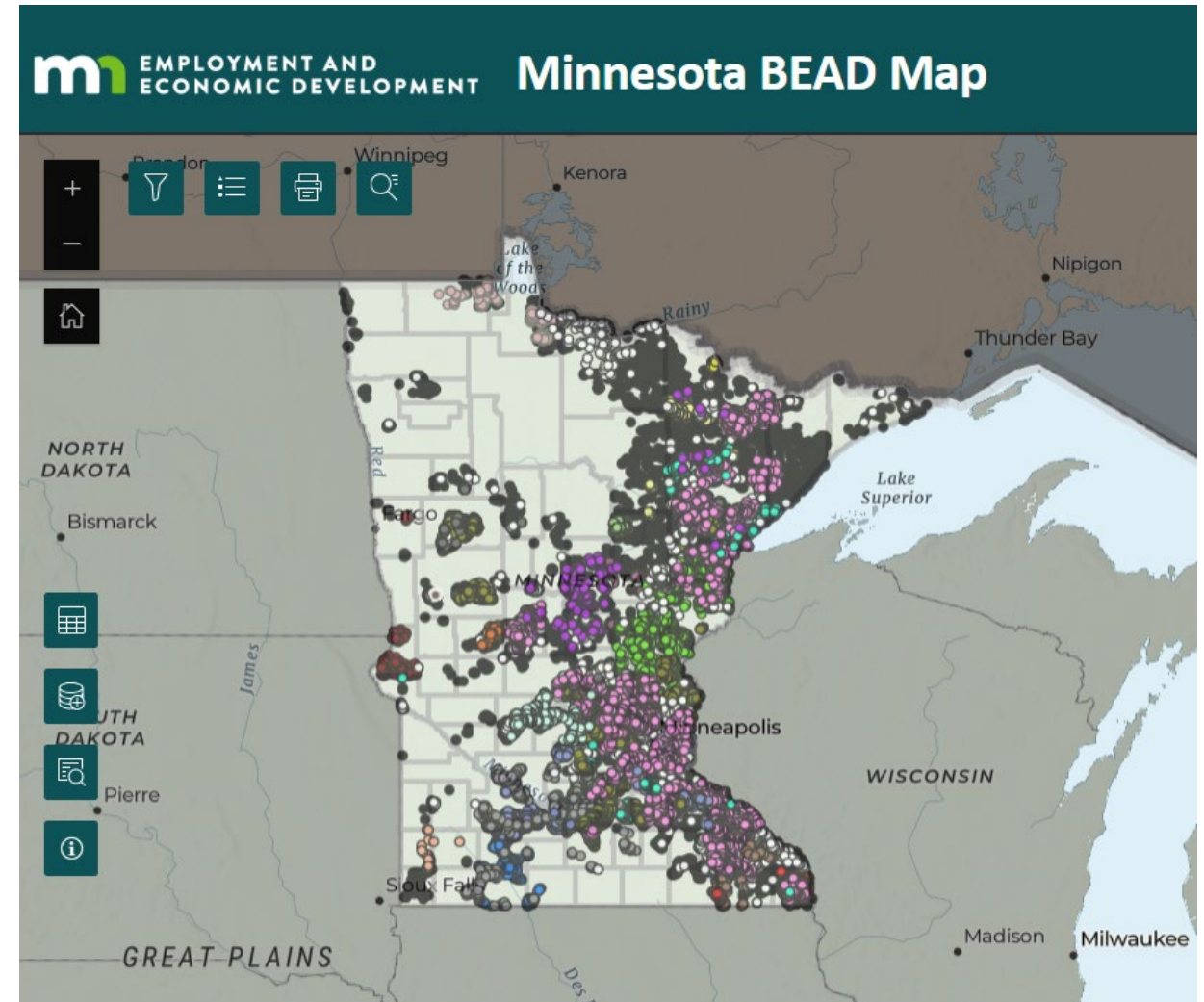
BEAD Map & Served Locations

View the status of BSLs on the Minnesota BEAD MAP:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/920b770a657d453cbe854332ef8ff540>

- The map provides an overview of the BEAD program across Minnesota
- Zoom in on individual BSLs to view preliminary award offers, including the applicant and technology type
- Other layers include: No BEAD Locations, BEAD Eligible Locations, and NTIA-Defined High-Cost Areas

Subject to change prior to NTIA Approval



Thank you

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