

Attention Local Governments, Tribal Governments, Non-Profits, and Internet Service Providers: BEAM Rebuttal Process Begins September 18th!

The Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) office reminds all eligible entities that the **rebuttal process for the BEAD Challenge Process will begin on Wednesday, September 18th** and will conclude on **Thursday, October 3rd**.

PLEASE NOTE: ISPs who received challenges to their service areas will receive an email notice.

All eligible entities can participate in the rebuttal phase, even if they did not participate in the first phase of the Challenge Process.

Important Information to review:

- Find details and evidentiary requirements for rebuttals in the challenge guide:
- BEAM website: https://www.beam.ms.gov/
- Challenge Portal website: https://broadbandms.com/register/bead
- Challenge Portal: https://apply.broadbandms.com
- View the Challenge Rebuttal Webinar on the BEAM website.
- Important Note: Both Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Other Eligible Challengers will have the opportunity to rebut the below listed challenge types. Rebuttals to the below listed challenge types must include evidence as outlined in the challenge guide.
- Existing Service Challenges
- Planned Service Challenges
- Enforceable Commitment
- Location is a Community Anchor Institution (CAI)
- Qualifying Broadband Service is available to CAI
- Missing CAI

For Internet Service Providers (ISPs):

- Review challenged locations in your service area on the Challenge Dashboard under the "Challenges Received" tab.
- Review the "Open for Rebuttal" tab in the Challenge Dashboard to view challengeable locations.

For All Other Eligible Challengers:

 Access the "Open for Rebuttal" tab in the Challenge Dashboard to view challengeable locations.

Contact Information:

- Challenge Process Policy questions: info@beam.ms.gov
- Challenge Portal questions/assistance: <u>helpdesk@broadbandms.com</u>