

South Carolina Broadband Office (SCBBO)

Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) Eligibility Cleanup (BEC) Webinar



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SC BEAD Program Background

- NTIA allocated \$551.5M of BEAD funding to provide financial support to install and deliver broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas throughout South Carolina.
- The SCBBO concluded the formal BEAD Challenge process in July 2024 and resultant list of locations was approved by NTIA in September 2024.
 - o This list of locations has been further refined through Enforceable Commitments issued by the SCBBO
- As a result of work performed by ISPs deploying additional facilities during the intervening period, additional locations should be removed and no longer considered for BEAD funding.

SCBBO BEC Phase

- Final Opportunity for ISPs to remove BSLs from BEAD funding
- Not another challenge process
- Existing ISPs in South Carolina can participate
- BSLs can only be removed

BEC Timeline

Event	Date/Deadline
BEC Submission Opens	4/2/2025
SCBBO BEC Webinar	4/9/2025
BEC Submission Closes	4/30/2025
SCBBO Begins BEC Submission Review	5/1/2025

BEC Phase Criteria

Current SC BEAD Eligible BSLs <u>MUST</u> meet one of the following criteria along with accompanying evidence for each location:

<u>Location is Currently Served</u> and may be connected via a high-speed cable or fiber within 10 business days (with no aid in construction). Note, per NTIA guidance, the current FCC National Broadband Map must depict currently available qualifying broadband service at the location. The location's current service level must have been **reported as of December 31, 2024**, to the FCC and meet or exceed the following criteria:

- a. BSLs as having 100/20 Mbps (or higher) service; or
- **b.** Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) 1 Gbps symmetrical service (or higher)

<u>Location is Invalid</u> and applicant has evidentiary proof that the FCC fabric location is not a valid BSL.

- a. Not applicable for Unserved/Underserved CAIs
- b. Not applicable for a single BSL improperly placed within a parcel of land that includes a valid BSL

BEC Phase Criteria

Each location submitted will have a corresponding GIS_Code

No BEAD Table

Reason Code	Sub-Code	Evidence	GIS_Code
t. I ocation should not have a	D: Location has been demolished and is not expected to be rebuilt	Attestation from unit of government or property owner (e.g., zoning or land use change) Geotagged Photographic evidence (no aerial imagery for structure) Attestation from unit of government or property owner Geotagged Photographic evidence (no aerial imagery for structure) IU or natural formation, bales Attestation from property owner Geotagged Photographic evidence (no aerial imagery for structure) IR Evidence of subscription (service record showing a minimum of 100/20 for a non-CAI location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs) Evidence of service available (screenshot of available service depicting a minimum of 100/20 for a non-CAI location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs) Single Sheet of Stamped Engineering as-built showing fiber or cable drop to the location and	
1: Location should not have a broadband connection (Not applicable for a single BSL improperly placed within a parcel of land that includes a valid BSL)	U: Location is a support structure (e.g., a garage, parking structure, barn, silo, storage shed) to a nearby building		IU
	R: Location is not a building but a land or natural formation, such as a large rock or collection of hay bales		1R
2: Location is already served by non- subsidized service (privately funded network) and no aid in construction or cost to hookup to the consumer. The current FCC National Broadband Map must depict currently available qualifying broadband service at location.	N/A	location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs) • Evidence of service available (screenshot of available service depicting a minimum of 100/20 for a non-CAI location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs)	2

Detailed Explanation of Evidence:

The following are acceptable forms of evidence **REQUIRED** for each BSL

Geo-Tagged Photographic Evidence: Photographic evidence must be a JPEG file, timestamped and geocoded with three decimal digits resolution part of longitude and latitude. The photo should show a terrestrial (street-level) view. Only if the Applicant is restricted from accessing the location, it may rely on aerial or satellite images that is up to date and clear along with a justification on why terrestrial photographic evidence could not be collected.

Attestation by a Unit of Local or Tribal Government: An attestation by a unit of local or Tribal government, agency of the federal government, or other government entity owning the location must be dated and retained as a PDF file. Attestations for locations on Tribal Lands must be made by a representative of the Tribal government. The signatory must be identified by title as a representative of the unit of local or Tribal government or federal government agency. The signature may be either digital or scanned. If a single attestation applies to multiple locations, the attestation should list all Location IDs and must be submitted for each location.

Attestation by Private Property Owner: An attestation by a private property owner should be retained as a PDF file. It should contain a date and a digital or scanned signature. If a single attestation applies to multiple locations, it should list all FCC Location IDs sourced from the SCBBO BEAD Eligibility Data and must be submitted for each location.

Land use or zoning change: Documentation of a land use or zoning change should include an attestation by a unit of government for the jurisdiction.

Evidence of Subscription (Service Record): Evidence of subscription must be preserved as a PDF file and must contain a date. Any personally identifiable information should be redacted. The evidence of subscription should indicate the service address, service provider, the technology type, and the speed tier. Service record must show a minimum of 100/20 for a non-CAI location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs.

Evidence of Service Available: Evidence of service available must be preserved as a PDF file and must contain a date. The evidence of service should indicate the service address, the name of the service provider, and the speed tier. The record must show a minimum of 100/20 for a non-CAI location, or 1 Gig-symmetric for CAIs.

As-Builts: Single sheet of stamped Engineering as-built showing fiber or cable drop to the location and date built.

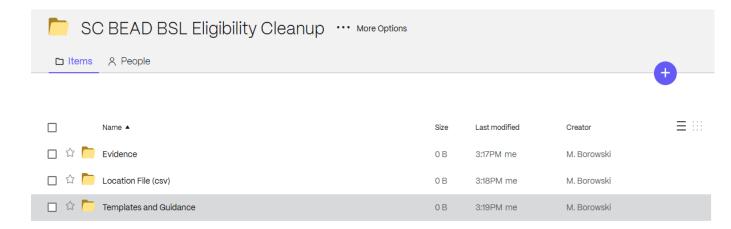
Network Speed Test: The speed test results can be recorded in a PDF or CSV file. Speed tests must follow protocols outlined in NTIA's Model Challenge Process or the SCBBO's approved Initial Proposal Volume I.

How to Submit

ISPs will be required to submit the following to participate in the BEC Phase:

- 1. A subset of the SC BEAD Eligible locations ISPs believe qualify for the BEC Phase in (.csv) format based on the template provided
- 2. The required evidence per location that corresponds to the list of BSLs included in the (.csv) file

All items will be uploaded to the following folders on Citrix



What to Submit

Template CSV file (Location File)

Field Name	Location_i	Lat	Lon	Eligibilit	FCC_Addr	GIS_Code	Filename	Actual_Add	Tech	Comment
Field Type	integer	float	float	text	text	text(2)	text	text	integer	text
	sourced from the SC	REALI FLIGINILITY MAN	coordinates	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO Eligibility Status sourced from SC READ Eligibility Man	FCC Address components sourced from the SC BEAD	GIS_Code from SCBBO's No-BEAD	Citrix. Multiple files to be separated by comas.	components IF DIFFERENT: Address must	CONDITIONAL; only applicable for GIS_Code = 2	comments
Example	12345678	99.99999	-99.99999	Unserved	111 Main St, Columbia SC 29210	2	12345678_2.jpg	123 Main St, Columbia SC 29210	50	Location includes multiple examples of evidentiary proof

Fields Pre-Populated by the SCBBO

- Location_i FCC Location ID
- Lat FCC Latitude
- **Lon** FCC Longitude
- Eligibilit BEAD Eligibility Classification
- FCC_Addr FCC Address Components

Fields Populated by the ISP

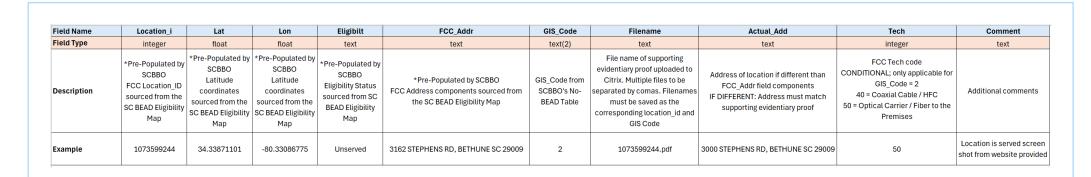
- *GIS_Code Code from No BEAD Table
- *Filename Filename of the evidence submitted for each location and the name of the file must correspond to the FCC Location ID Actual_Add The physical address of the location. To be filled out only if address differs from the FCC Addr
- Tech Technology deployed at the location using the FCC Tech Code
- Comment Any additional comments needed

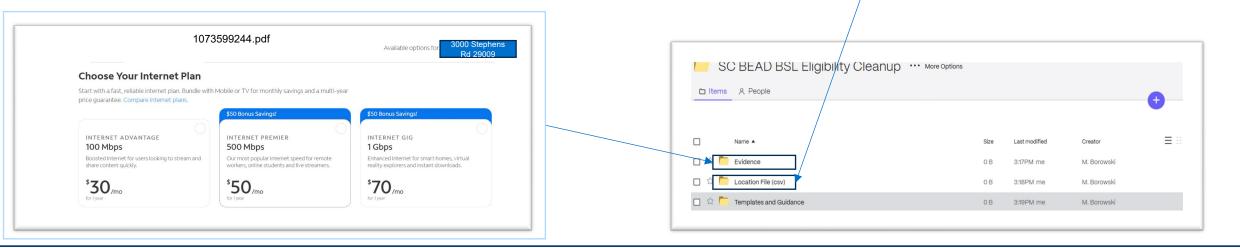
^{*}Denotes a required field

Example Submission

<u>Location is Currently Served</u> and may be connected via a high-speed cable or fiber within 10 business days (with no aid in construction) and the BSL's current service level meets or exceeds the following criteria:

a. Unserved or Underserved BSL - 100/20 Mbps

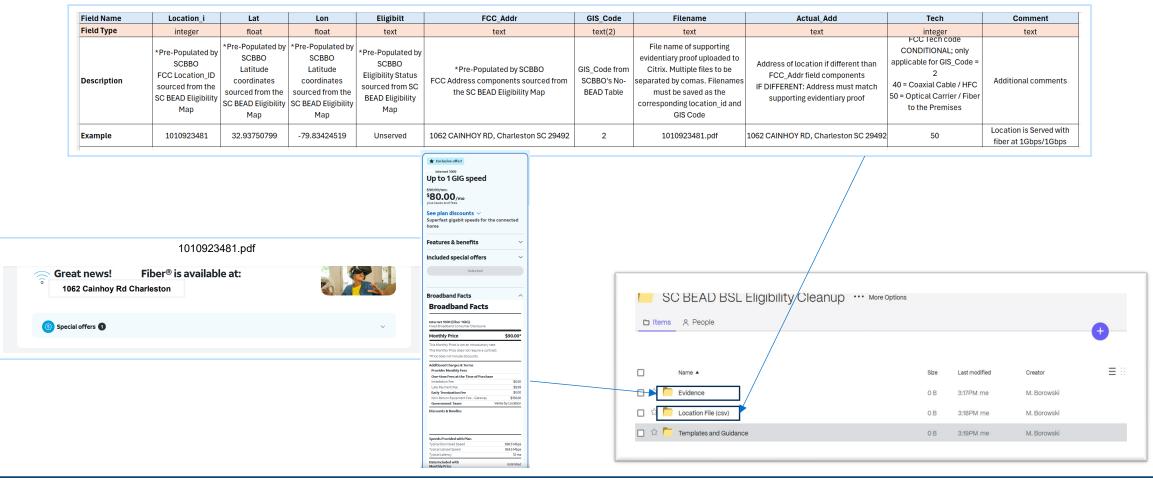




Example CAI Submission

<u>Location is Currently Served</u> and may be connected via a high-speed cable or fiber within 10 business days (with no aid in construction) and the BSL's current service level meets or exceeds the following criteria:

a. Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) - 1 Gbps symmetrical

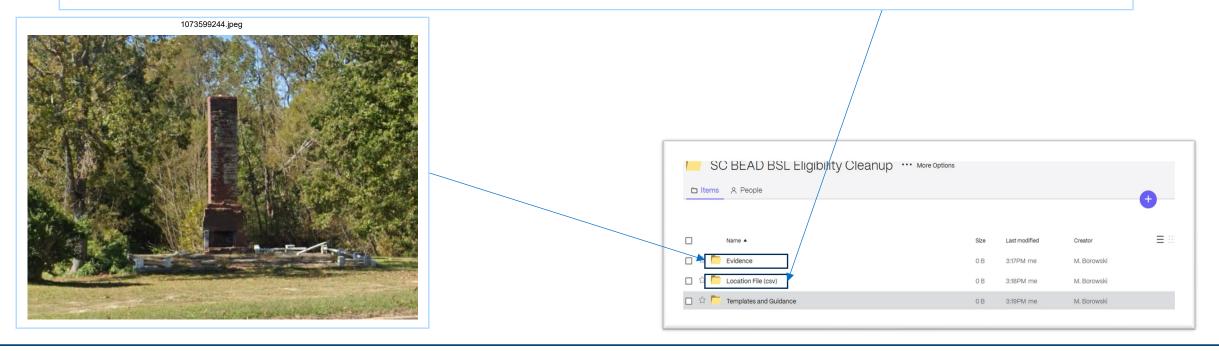


Example Submission

<u>Location is Invalid</u> and applicant has evidentiary proof that the FCC fabric location is not a valid BSL.

a. Not applicable for Unserved/Underserved CAIs

Field Name Field Type	Location_i integer	Lat	Lon	Eligibilt text	FCC_Addr text	GIS_Code text(2)	Filename text	Actual_Add text	Tech integer	Comment text
Description	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO FCC Location_ID sourced from the SC BEAD Eligibility Map	SCBBO Latitude coordinates	Latitude coordinates sourced from the	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO Eligibility Status sourced from SC	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO FCC Address components sourced from the SC BEAD Eligibility Map	GIS_Code from SCBBO's No- BEAD Table	File name of supporting evidentiary proof uploaded to Citrix. Multiple files to be separated by comas. Filenames must be saved as the corresponding location_id and GIS Code	Address of location if different than FCC_Addr field components IF DIFFERENT: Address must match supporting evidentiary proof	FCC Tech code CONDITIONAL; only applicable for GIS_Code = 2 40 = Coaxial Cable / HFC 50 = Optical Carrier / Fiber to the Premises	Additional comments
Example	1073599244	34.33871101	-80.33086775	Unserved	3162 STEPHENS RD, BETHUNE SC 29009	1D	1073599244.pdf	3000 STEPHENS RD, BETHUNE SC 29009		Location no longer exist



Example **INVALID** Submission

<u>Location is Invalid</u> and applicant has evidentiary proof that the FCC fabric location is not a valid BSL.

a. Not applicable for Unserved/Underserved CAIs

Field Name	Location_i	Lat	Lon	Eligibilt	FCC_Addr	GIS_Code	Filename	Actual_Add	Tech	Comment
Field Type	integer	float	float	text	text	text(2)	text	text	integer	text
Description	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO FCC Location_ID sourced from the SC BEAD Eligibility Map	coordinates	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO Latitude coordinates sourced from the SC BEAD Eligibility Map	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO Eligibility Status sourced from SC BEAD Eligibility Map	*Pre-Populated by SCBBO FCC Address components sourced from the SC BEAD Eligibility Map	GIS_Code from SCBBO's No-BEAD Table	File name of supporting evidentiary proof uploaded to Citrix. Multiple files to be separated by comas. Filenames must be saved as the corresponding location_id and GIS Code	Address of location if different than FCC_Addr field components IF DIFFERENT: Address must match supporting evidentiary proof	FCC Tech code CONDITIONAL; only applicable for GIS_Code = 2 40 = Coaxial Cable / HFC 50 = Optical Carrier / Fiber to the Premises	Additional comments
Example	12345678	99.99999	-99.99999	Unserved	111 Main St, Columbia SC 29210	2	12345678_2.jpg	123 Main St, Columbia SC 29210		Location is on a garage



This Submission would **NOT** be accepted

• There is a valid structure within the same parcel



Final Determinations

Review Process

- The SCBBO will make determinations on all locations submitted, all determinations will be final
- Any location submitted must have a GIS_Code and accompanying evidentiary proof
- If a location submitted during the BEC Phase is accepted by the SCBBO, the location will be removed from SC BEAD Eligibility, thus making it unavailable for BEAD funding
- Review by the SCBBO will be stringent and comprehensive to produce accurate determinations

Final Results

- At the conclusion of BEC Phase the SCBBO will publish all remaining BSL Eligible for the SC BEAD Program Main Application Phase
- In addition, the SCBBO will upload a list of all final determinations (per location), to Citrix

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BEC Participation

- BEC is open to all ISPs and participation is optional
- ISPs that have made it through the SC BEAD Prequalification will already have access to the BEC Data and Folders
 - Downloadable Data: "BEAD Maps and Data" Folder > "Proposed_Served_Structure_04022025.zip"
 - Upload Folders: "BEAD [ISP NAME]" > "BSL Eligibility Cleanup (BEC)" Folder
- ISPs that <u>DID NOT</u> submit SC BEAD Pre-Qualification application but would like to participate in BEC will need to sign up for Citrix Sharefile Access at the following link: https://arcg.is/101ueC2 which can also be found on the ORS BEAD webpage under the "Challenge Process (Complete) SC BEAD Eligibility Data Download" section.
 - ISPs will be added to a "BEAD [ISP NAME]" folder with a "CostQuest License" Folder. ISPs will need to submit a copy of their Tier D license to get access to the "BEAD Maps and Data" Folder
- Any issues accessing data or accessing the Citrix platform can be emailed to <u>BEAD@ORS.SC.GOV</u>

Citrix Access Form