No BEAD Location Evidence Guidance

As specified by the NTIA, the following standards are being requested for evidence supporting the removal of locations from North Carolina's BEAD eligible BSL list and onto a separate list of locations that should not be served using BEAD funds, due to any of the NTIA-approved reason codes. If your office has compelling evidence in support of one or more reason codes that is not listed below, please contact the Broadband Infrastructure Office at <u>BEAD@nc.gov</u> to discuss.

- **Photographic Evidence**: Photographic evidence must be a JPEG file, timestamped and geocoded with two decimal digits resolution for the seconds part of longitude and latitude. The photo should show a terrestrial (street-level) view. Only if the entity is restricted from accessing the location, it may rely on aerial or satellite images but needs to justify 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.
- 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 street addresses or Location IDs.
- 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.
- **Network Diagram**: A network diagram should include an attestation by an officer of the provider.
- **Network Speed Test**: The speed test results can be recorded in a PDF or CSV file. Speed tests can use any of the applications named in NTIA Model Challenge Process or the Eligible Entity's Initial Proposal Volume I.
- **Grant agreement (contract)**: A copy of the enforceable commitment grant contract can be submitted as a PDF, which should include signed dates and signatures from all contracted parties. The agreement should list all affected locations. Supplemental information should be submitted if listed locations in the grant contract are in a version of the BSL fabric other than v4, or any form other than BSL v4.

For further details on the data and evidence requirements under the BEAD program, please refer to the Read Me tab of the provided data template (No_BEAD_Location_Data_Template_YYMMDD.xlsx) and the NTIA BEAD Final Proposal Guidance issued in June 2025.