

VPS Memo

BDC Fabric Challenges due March 15, 2023

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Summary

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced Fabric challenges submitted before March 15, 2023 should be included in the June 2023 Fabric. Additional information is available in the [Public Notice](#).

Fabric Challenge Inclusion Date

The Broadband Data Task Force recommends all new *Fabric* challenges to be submitted are derived from version 2 of the Fabric (Fabric 2) released on December 27, 2022. The best date to have submitted challenges included in the third version of the Fabric (Fabric 3) is March 15, 2023. Fabric 3 is scheduled to be released by June 30, 2023. Challenges submitted after March 15, 2023 are unlikely to be included in Fabric 3.

Bulk Fabric Challenge Quick Information	
Fabric Version to Utilize for New Challenges	Fabric 2
Fabric 3 Inclusion Date	March 15, 2023
NTIA BEAD Funding Map Release Target	June 30, 2023
Challenges submitted Nov. 11, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023	Adjudicated against Fabric 2
Challenges submitted after March 15, 2023	Fabric 4 Inclusion
Email Address CostQuest sends Fabric from:	nbfsupport@costquest.com

The Fabric challenge process is on-going. Challenges submitted between November 11, 2022 and January 2, 2023 are being “carried over” and will be reviewed and adjudicated against Fabric 2. All challenges submitted will be reviewed on a rolling basis and adjudicated as part of a future version of the Fabric.

Missing Addresses

A missing address doesn't equal a missing Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL). The FCC reminds filers the bulk Fabric challenge is fundamentally a geospatial process. As a result, the data should be reviewed from a geospatial perspective.

Missing BSLs (Category 1 Challenge)

Possible addresses identified from billing or E911 data is a good starting point. However, a thorough geospatial review of all Fabric data associated with the parcel of land tied to the address should be completed prior to submitting a challenge.

Note: All addresses submitted with a challenge are required to pass a [USPS CASS](#) validation.

Bulk Challenge Categories

Service Providers must identify the appropriate challenge category, format the challenge data to FCC specifications, and submit the challenge in the BDC portal.

Additional information can be found at the [BDC Help Center](#). The specific challenge categories are listed below:

1. Missing Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL)
2. Incorrect Location Primary Address
3. Incorrect Location Unit Count
4. Incorrect Location Building Type Code (used for BSL False Location)
5. Location is Not Within Footprint of the Correct Building
6. Location is Not Broadband Serviceable
7. Add Supplemental Address

Immediate Action Recommended

Vantage Point recommends reviewing your service territory while completing the BDC filing for data as of December 31, 2022 due March 1, 2023, to determine if there are challenges to file.

Here To Help

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