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Subject: Upcoming FCC Broadband Data Collection Deadlines

Greetings from the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy and the Broadband Data Task Force. We are reaching out to share information about two important dates related to the FCC's National Broadband Map:

March 1, 2023 is the deadline for broadband service providers to submit their availability filings (as of December 31, 2022) in the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) system (more details below).

March 15, 2023 is the date to target for Tribal governments or other Tribal entities that want to submit challenges to the second version of the Fabric, which is the list of locations that will be included in the updated National Broadband Map.

For entities and individuals interested in submitting a challenge to add missing locations or to add the correct location information for existing locations:

The FCC [recently announced](#) that challenges to the current version of the Broadband Serviceable Location [Fabric](#) (version two) should be filed by **March 15, 2023** in order to have the best chance of being resolved in time for results to be included in the next version of the Fabric (version three). Version three of the Fabric will be released in conjunction with the BDC filing window for provider availability data as of June 30, 2023 and will appear along with provider reported availability data on [Broadbandmap.gov](#) in the Fall of 2023.

The [announcement](#) also provides "best practice" guidance for submitting bulk challenges to the Fabric data. These best practices are based on our review of the bulk challenges submitted to version one of the Fabric and include tips on how to align your data with the Fabric.

Additional resources to assist users with viewing and interacting with the Fabric are available at <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/categories/10275178002075-The-Location-Fabric>, and questions may be directed to: <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new>.

The current version of Fabric is available for review by stakeholders who have obtained a no-cost license. If you currently do not have a license to the Fabric, you can follow the steps in this article to receive one: <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/6785010654235-How-Government-Entities-Can-Access-the-Location-Fabric->.

Please note that the FCC will continue to accept challenges to provider-reported [availability](#) data on an ongoing and rolling basis.

For Tribal Broadband Service Providers:

This is a reminder that facilities-based providers of fixed and/or mobile broadband internet access who have one or more end-user connections in service as-of December 31, 2022, must file availability data in the BDC system by **March 1, 2023**. **Please note** that 2.5 GHz license holders that *had at least one mass market broadband service end user connection as of December 31, 2022* are also required to file their

verified broadband availability data in the BDC by March 1, 2023. If you are still building out your 2.5 GHz network and did not provide any other mass market broadband services that had at least one end user connection as of December 31, 2022, you are **not** required to file during the current BDC filing window.

If you are required to file availability data, the FCC is committed to providing support during the filing process. FCC staff are available to set up a video call where they can assist you with the process and answer any questions you may have. To request a one-on-one support session, visit: www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/Help and use the “Get Help” form to submit your request.

Tribal governmental entities primarily responsible for mapping or tracking broadband internet access service coverage in their areas may also file availability data. Additional guidance for governmental entities seeking to file verified broadband availability data in the BDC can be found in this [Public Notice](#).

For more information on who is required to file availability data and the availability data specifications, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers>.

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