



Broadband USA

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Broadband Workshops & Pre-Workshop Outreach Events

Hosted by: Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), are co-sponsoring ten workshops for the general public, aimed at helping prospective applicants better understand the mission, scope, process and requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) will also make a presentation regarding broadband technology and licensed spectrum at the close of each workshop.

On the date of the workshops, attendees must choose to attend either the BIP or BTOP information sessions. Information for the respective programs will be shared simultaneously (please reference the workshop agenda). The Portland and Denver workshops will be webcast live. The recorded webcasts will be

available online. Information is available on the website.

In addition to the workshops, RUS and NTIA will jointly host six Pre-Workshop Outreach Events targeted at vulnerable populations, including minority groups and tribal entities who otherwise might not fully participate in the ARRA broadband programs.

The Pre-Workshop Outreach Events are open to the general public and the information shared during the sessions will include: contact information for RUS and NTIA program personnel; a presentation on how to do business with the federal government; and topics of interest to local attendees. The pre-events will provide networking opportunities as well as highlight the opportunities broadband deployment and adoption offer for promoting economic growth, job creation, education, health care, and public safety in minority, tribal and rural communities.

ARRA Broadband Workshops & Pre-Workshop Outreach Events Schedule				
25-Jan	5 - 7 PM	Portland, OR	Pre-Workshop Event 1	Red Lion Hotel Jantzen Beach
26-Jan	9 AM - 5 PM	Portland, OR	Broadband Workshop 1	Red Lion Hotel Jantzen Beach
27-Jan	9 AM - 5 PM	Reno, NV	Broadband Workshop 2	Peppermill Resort
28-Jan	5 - 7 PM	Denver, CO	Pre-Workshop Event 2	Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport
29-Jan	9 AM - 5 PM	Denver, CO	Broadband Workshop 3	Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport
31-Jan	2 - 5 PM	San Antonio, TX	Pre-Workshop Event 3	Omni Hotel San Antonio - Colonnade
1-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	San Antonio, TX	Broadband Workshop 4	Omni Hotel San Antonio - Colonnade
2-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Eureka, MO	Broadband Workshop 5	Holiday Inn--St. Louis West Six Flags
3-Feb	5 - 7 PM	Sioux Falls, SD	Pre-Workshop Event 4	Best Western Ramkota Hotel Sioux Falls
4-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Sioux Falls, SD	Broadband Workshop 6	Best Western Ramkota Hotel Sioux Falls
4-Feb	2 - 5 PM	Detroit, MI	Pre-Workshop Event 5	The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel
5-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Detroit, MI	Broadband Workshop 7	The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel
9-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Blacksburg, VA	Broadband Workshop 8	The Inn at Virginia Tech
11-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Fayetteville, NC	Broadband Workshop 9	Holiday Inn Bordeaux
11-Feb	2 - 5 PM	Atlanta, GA	Pre-Workshop Event 6	Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center
12-Feb	9 AM - 5 PM	Atlanta, GA	Broadband Workshop 10	Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center

More Information

For more information regarding the BIP and BTOP programs please visit www.broadbandusa.gov.

Questions regarding the BIP and BTOP programs or applications can be answered by calling or emailing the BroadbandUSA Help Desk:

Phone 1-877-508-8364
Email BroadbandUSA@usda.gov

Workshop Registration

Registration for the workshops is available at: www.broadbandusa.gov

Broadband Workshop Agenda: BIP

- 8 - 10 AM Registration & Introduction
- 10 AM - 12 PM BIP NOFA Review
Application Technical Review & Financial Review I
- 12 - 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 - 4:15 PM Application Financial Review II
BIP Mapping, EZ Grants, & Compliance
- 4:15 - 5:00 PM FCC Broadband Technology Licensed Spectrum

Broadband Workshop Agenda: BTOP

- 8 - 10 AM Registration & Introduction
- 10 AM - 12 PM BTOP Policy Review
Elements of a Successful BTOP Application
- 12 - 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 - 4:15 PM BTOP Compliance
BTOP Technical Support
- 4:15 - 5:00 PM FCC Broadband Technology Licensed Spectrum



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