



November 9, 2015

Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a **Tribal Breakfast** at the “California Broadband Workshop,” hosted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on November 17th in Mountain View, California.

The **California Broadband Workshop** is designed to share best practices and lessons learned from network infrastructure build-outs and innovative digital inclusion programs from California and surrounding states, including projects funded by NTIA’s Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and State Broadband Initiative (SBI) grant programs. The workshop will share information to help communities build their broadband capacity and utilization. The summit will also explore effective business and partnership models.

Tribal Breakfast on November 17

The Tribal Breakfast will explore findings from the **2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference** and **NTIA’s Listening Session on Broadband on Native Lands**, and the results of the **Broadband Opportunity Council Report**. The discussion topics will include tribal policy on broadband, broadband challenges and opportunities for tribal lands. The purpose is to continue to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country, and to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives through access and adoption of high-speed broadband.

About the California Broadband Workshop

NTIA’s BroadbandUSA initiative convenes workshops on a regular basis to bring stakeholders together to discuss ways to improve broadband policies, share best practices, and connect communities to other federal agencies and funding sources for the purpose of expanding broadband infrastructure and adoption throughout America’s communities. The California Broadband Workshop will feature subject matter experts from NTIA’s BroadbandUSA initiative and include NTIA presentations that discuss lessons learned through the implementation of the BTOP and SBI grants. Attached is the day’s agenda, which kicks off with the Tribal Breakfast.

About AnchorNETS

Also at the Computer History Museum, on November 16, 2015, the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) in collaboration with Interwork Media, is hosting AnchorNETS, an educational and networking event designed to bring policy, funding partnership and other key information to the public leadership from schools, libraries, health facilities – and the private sector as well, including network operators, communications carriers, technology vendors and professional services firms. View the event’s website and register now for AnchorNETS at

<http://www.shlb.org/calendar/view/AnchorNETS-Conference-Exhibition>.

Registration

The California Broadband Workshop (including the Tribal Breakfast) is a free event, open to the public and press. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Attendees may register online through EventBrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/california-broadband-workshop-tickets-18943452376>.

Webcast

Portions of the meeting will be webcast. Information on how to pre-register for the meeting and how to access the free, live webcast will be available on NTIA's website.

Hotels

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Ramada Mountain View and the Wild Palms Hotel under "NTIA."

Ramada Mountain View
55 Fairchild Drive
Mountain View, CA 94043
Tel: 1-650-967-6856

Wild Palms Hotel
910 E. Fremont Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Tel: 1-408-738-0500

Location

Computer History Museum, Hahn Auditorium
1401 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Mountain View, CA 94043

Thank you in advance for your interest in broadband on native lands. We look forward to seeing you at the Tribal Breakfast!

Sincerely,



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