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Broadband Opportunity Council (BOC) Request for Comments

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Welcome!



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Presenters

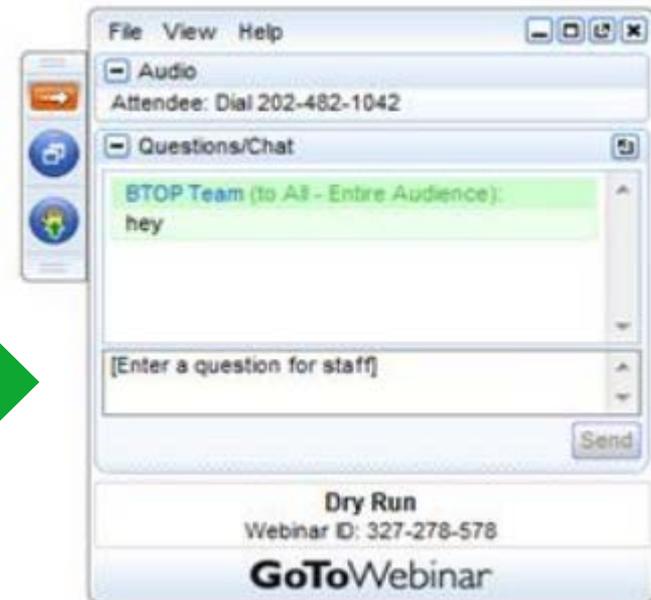
- Keith Adams, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications, Rural Utilities Service, USDA
- Doug Kinkoph, Associate Administrator, BroadbandUSA, NTIA
- Representatives from Broadband Opportunity Council member agencies will be available during Q&A



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Technical Information

- During Q&A, press *1 to speak with the operator
- OR
- Type your question into the chat box throughout the presentation



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What is the Broadband Opportunity Council?

- Established by President Obama on March 23, 2015
- Plans to address a compelling national need for broadband expansion
- Includes a wide-ranging examination of Executive Branch options for action
- Requirements:
 - Agency survey
 - Recommendations from agencies for executive actions
 - Final report to the President in August



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What agencies make up the BOC?

Co-Chairs

- Commerce (NTIA)
- USDA (Rural Development)

Members

- Council of Economic Advisors
- Council on Environmental Quality
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Interior
- Department of Labor
- Department of Justice
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- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Domestic Policy Council
- Environmental Protection Agency
- General Services Administration
- Institute of Library and Museum Services
- National Economic Council
- National Science Foundation
- National Security Council
- Office of Management and Budget
- Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Small Business Administration



What are the goals of the BOC?

-  Engage with industry and other stakeholders to understand ways the government can better support the needs of communities seeking broadband investment
-  Identify regulatory barriers unduly impeding broadband deployment or competition
-  Survey existing programs that currently support or could be modified to support broadband competition, deployment or adoption
-  Work with executive departments and agencies to use all available and appropriate authorities to remove these barriers and realign existing programs to increase broadband competition, deployment and adoption

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Why this Request for Comment

- Seek a broad range of stakeholder input
- Get firsthand feedback on current issues and opportunities: your experience
- Identify key constituencies and stakeholders
- Solicit bold new ideas

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How your comments can be most effective

- Be specific in regard to programs, rules, agencies, obstacles and opportunities
- Present clear information about anticipated benefits and costs of actions
- Suggest how stakeholders can engage in recommended actions
- Do not comment about areas under the FCC's scope such as net neutrality; direct those comments to the FCC
- Refer to the numbered questions in the RFC, if applicable
- Machine-readable comments are more efficient to process; Microsoft Word preferred over PDF



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How the BOC will use the information

- All comments will be public
- Comments will be analyzed and presented to the BOC
- The BOC will use them as input for a report to the President in August



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Suggested areas for comment

- Overall scope: broadband competition, deployment and adoption
- Regulations, program guidelines and other discretionary barriers
- Promoting public and private investment in broadband
- Promoting broadband adoption
- State, local and tribal government issues
- Issues related to communities that are vulnerable or unserved
- Rural issues
- Measuring broadband availability, adoption and speeds



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Deadline for submitting comments is June 10, 2015

- Submit written comments by:
 - Email to: BOCrfc2015@ntia.doc.gov
- OR
- Mail to:
 - National Telecommunications and Information Administration
 - U.S. Department of Commerce
 - 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4626
 - Attn: Broadband Opportunity Council
 - Washington, DC 20230
- Federal Register Notice:
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Question and Answer Period

