



## SAVE THE DATE!

### FCC/USDA Rural Broadband Educational Workshop Austin, Texas September 18, 2008

Please join us for a rural broadband educational workshop designed to provide communities, organizations, and businesses in rural America seeking to bring the benefits of broadband to their communities with an opportunity to learn about the resources, programs, and policies of the FCC and USDA. The exact location of the workshop in Austin will be provided at a later date, and registrants will be notified of the location when available.

The topics to be covered at the workshops include the following: different technology platforms used to provide broadband services, USDA funding for broadband deployment, the Universal Service Fund, the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot program, and wireless spectrum access. The workshops will also provide communities and organizations an opportunity to share their experiences about broadband deployment in rural and hard-to-reach areas. The USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Program specialists will be available to meet individually with prospective applicants to discuss the broadband loan and grant programs.

The workshops will be held free of charge; however, attendees will be responsible for providing their own transportation, lodging, and meals. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please register no later than **August 15, 2008**.

Below is the information required to register:

- Community/Organization Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Contact Person
- Workshop Location You Wish to Attend (Austin, TX)
- Number of Expected Attendees
- Description of Accommodations Required for People with Disabilities (Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities will be made available upon request.)

There are several ways for you to register for a workshop:

- **Online.** Go to the FCC's website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband/workshop> and fill in the online registration form.
- **By Email.** Send the information outlined above in an email to [ruralworkshop@fcc.gov](mailto:ruralworkshop@fcc.gov).



- **By Telephone.** Call (877) 480-3201 and press Option 1. For TTY, dial (717) 338-2824.
- **By U.S. Mail.** Send a letter with the information outlined above to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
ATTN: Matt Nodine  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

The contact person listed in the registration will receive additional information at a later date regarding the workshop, including the exact time and venue, as well as a detailed agenda.

For additional information about the workshops, please visit the FCC's website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband/>; send an email to [ruralworkshop@fcc.gov](mailto:ruralworkshop@fcc.gov); or contact Cecilia Sulhoff at (202) 418-0587 or Matt Nodine at (202) 418-1646. Further information on rural programs is available on the FCC/USDA Broadband Opportunities for Rural America website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband>, at a local USDA Rural Development office, and on the USDA's web site at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/>.

#### **AGENDA**

<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome Remarks</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Session I: Overview of Broadband Technologies</b>
<b>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Session II: Spectrum Access and Use</b>
<b>12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Session III: Broadband Funding Opportunities</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rural Broadband Success Stories</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Networking Session</b>

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