

USDA RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program provides loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities.

Information on the USDA Rural Broadband, Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Community Connect Programs is available at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.



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BROADBAND AWARENESS SEMINAR

AND

**"HANDS ON—HOW TO APPLY"
WORKSHOPS**

FOR

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS**

APRIL 4, 2007



*Hosted by
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT*

*In Partnership with
CONGRESSMAN JO BONNER*

FREE One-Day Workshop
presented by
**USDA Rural Development's
 Telecommunications Experts**

- ⇒ **WHAT** the Broadband, Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Community Connect Programs are all about
- ⇒ **WHAT** types of loans/grants are available
- ⇒ **WHO** qualifies as a borrower
- ⇒ **WHAT** types of broadband services are eligible for funding
- ⇒ **WHAT** communities are eligible for funding
- ⇒ **WHAT** types of technology are eligible
- ⇒ **WHAT** types of services are eligible
- ⇒ **WHAT** support is available from USDA Rural Development

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Please Register Soon!

- ⇒ **Improve** the quality of your Broadband Loan application.
- ⇒ **Learn** how to use the Broadband Loan Application Guide.
- ⇒ **Understand** USDA Rural Development's regulatory requirements.
- ⇒ **Speak** with telecommunications experts from Washington, DC and Alabama USDA Rural Development.

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks Steve D. Pelham, State Director, USDA Rural Development
	Welcoming Remarks Honorable Jo Bonner U.S. Representative, 1st Congressional District, Alabama
	Keynote Address Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary USDA Rural Development, Washington, DC
	Overview—USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Programs Jacqueline M. Ponti, Assistant Administrator, USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Program, Washington, DC
	The Rural Access Broadband Loan and Loan Guarantee and Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Programs Wanda Lloyd, Southern Operations Branch Chief, Broadband Division, USDA Rural Development, Washington, DC
	A Distance Learning Grant Success Story Jerry Weeks, Technology Coordinator, Escambia County School District, Escambia County, Alabama
	A Broadband Loan Success Story Davy Autrey, Project Manager, Camellia Communications, Greenville, Alabama
	The Community Connect Grant Program Alyssa Clemens, Program Manager, Community Connect Grant Program, Broadband Division, Washington, DC
	Morning Session Closing Remarks Steve D. Pelham, State Director, USDA Rural Development
Noon	LUNCH <i>(On Your Own)</i>
1:15 p.m.	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
	Loans—The Application Process Wanda Lloyd, Southern Operations Branch Chief, Broadband Division, Washington, DC
	Grants—The Application Process Alyssa Clemens, Program Manager, Community Connect Grant Program and Broadband Division, Washington, DC Andrew Hayes, General Field Representative
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Date and Location

April 4, 2007

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For workshop attendance, please indicate Loan Workshop or Grant Workshop.



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