



SE Oklahoma / Choctaw Nation
Promise Zone 2-Day Workshop
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Rural Development

EASTERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE-MCALESTER CAMPUS
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MAKING COMMUNITIES BETTER WITH BROADBAND

Learning how to build Strong Rural Economies with Broadband for Educational Opportunities; Improved Healthcare; Job Creation, Retention and Growth; and other Economic Expansion.

Speakers and Topics

- Rural Development (RD) updates
- Local and regional BIP, BTOP, ConnectHome & broadband success stories
- Substantially Underserved Trust Area (SUTA) provisions
- Instructions on starting a broadband project
- Pros and cons of broadband technologies
- Environmental review help and guidelines
- An update on the OK broadband initiative
- Available RD Funding – Business, Community and Housing Programs
- NTIA broadband adoption strategies
- FirstNet Updates
- The FCC e-rate program

Audience

- State and local elected officials
- Federal, State and local stakeholders
- Tribal leaders
- Tribal Telecom Authorities
- Community Development Organizations
- Local and Regional Broadband and Electric Co-ops
- Business and Community leaders
- Current Service Providers, including RUS borrowers, BIP awardees, and BTOP Grantees
- Residents of unserved or under-served communities

Focused on Broadband Access, Community Economic Development, and Successful Broadband Deployments

Space is limited - Please RSVP to Nicole Payne at nicole.payne@wdc.usda.gov or (202) 720-0667 by October 26th, 2015