



Federal Communications Commission
Office of Native Affairs & Policy

Tribal Workshop

Host: **Federal Communications Commission**
Date: July 24-25, 2024
Location: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Billings
27 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101

Tribal Workshop Agenda Highlights

Day 1: ONAP Updates

National Broadband Map: Location (Fabric) Basics and Challenges
Tribal Contributions to the National Broadband Map
Federal Agency Coordination for Broadband Programs and Funding
Broadband Availability Challenges
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Updates

Day 2: Broadband Provider Reporting

BDC System Demonstration
Technical Assistance

Wednesday July 24, 2024 (all times are MDT)

9:00-9:10 AM

Welcome Remarks and Introduction

Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Task Force, FCC

9:10-9:30 AM

ONAP Update and Overview on How to Participate in FCC Proceedings

ONAP will highlight important FCC proceedings, dates and deadlines (e.g., E-Rate program and deadlines). ONAP will also provide a brief overview about how the FCC is organized and how to follow and participate in FCC proceedings, including a step-by-step introduction on how to file comments.

Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

Jamie Saloom, Acting Deputy Division Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

9:30-10:10 AM

Location (Fabric) Basics and Improvements

This session focuses on the National Broadband Map Locations, also known as the “Fabric,” what the Fabric is, how it came to be, and how it has improved on each new version.

Chelsea Fallon, Chief, Data Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC

Mark Guttman, VP, Chief Solutions Officer, CostQuest Associates

- 10:10-10:55 AM** **How to Work with and Challenge the Fabric**
This session teaches participants how to map the Fabric dataset in GIS software, how to identify possible corrections (challenges), and how to format data into bulk challenges for submissions.
Chelsea Fallon, Chief, Data Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC
Ken Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC
- 10:55-11:10 AM** **Break**
- 11:10-12:00 PM** **A Panel from the Field: How Tribes, Vendors, and Tribal Providers Are Contributing to the National Broadband Map**
This session brings together Tribal broadband industry experts to talk about how they have been successful in bringing broadband availability and accurate data reporting to the tribes they serve.
Panel Facilitator: Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Task Force, FCC
Madonna Peltier-Yawakie, President, Turtle Island Communications, Inc.
Mel Yawakie, Vice-President, Turtle Island Communications, Inc.
Mark Guttman, VP, Chief Solutions Officer, CostQuest Associates
- 12:00-1:30 PM** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:30-2:30 PM** **Federal Agency Coordination of Broadband Programs and Funding**
This panel brings together staff from the Commerce Department, the Department of Agriculture, and the FCC to discuss how the agencies work collaboratively on Broadband Funding Programs.
Panel Facilitator: Ken Akini, Attorney Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC
Federal Communications Commission: Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Task Force
Commerce Department: Margaret Gutierrez, Acting Division Chief, NTIA, OICG, Tribal Connectivity and Nation-to-Nation Coordination Division
Andrew Orosco, Broadband Program Specialist, NTIA, OICG, Tribal Connectivity and Nation-to-Nation Coordination Division
Agriculture Department: Peter Hawkes, General Field Representative - Telecom, USDA-Rural Utility Service (Idaho/Montana)
- 2:30-3:15 PM** **How to File Broadband Availability Challenges**
This session teaches participants how to use the National Broadband Map to challenge availability data through bulk challenges.
Ken Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC
Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Task Force
- 3:15-3:30 PM** **Break**

3:30-4:30 PM

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) Updates

This session focuses on recent WTB guidance issued for Tribal 2.5 GHz wireless licensees, and other important updates from the Bureau pertaining to the regulation and licensing of wireless communications services, devices, facilities, and electromagnetic spectrum resources.

Susan Mort, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Thursday, July 25, 2024 (all times are MDT)

9:15-10:00 AM

Welcome and Review of July 24 Session; Q and A

ONAP and the BDTF will provide a brief review of the previous day's sessions. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about the topics presented on the previous day.

Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Collection Task Force, FCC

10:00-11:00 AM

Provider Reporting for Broadband Data Collection

This session will focus on Broadband Data Collection reporting requirements for broadband providers, who must report and when, and ways to incorporate BDC requirements into network design and planning.

Ken Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC

Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Collection Task Force, FCC

11:00-11:15 AM

Break

11:15-11:45 PM

BDC System Demonstration

A demonstration on how to file submissions in the BDC system.

Ken Lynch, Chief, Industry Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC

Chelsea Fallon, Chief, Data Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, FCC

11:45-12:00 PM

Workshop Concludes: Closing Remarks and Looking Forward

Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

Ed Bartholme, Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Collection Task Force, FCC

12:00 PM Start

Onsite Technical Assistance for Mapping and BDC Questions

Technical assistance is available to anyone who has registered for the FCC Tribal Workshop. Please bring your laptop.

Additional Resources

[Bulk Availability
Challenge Quick Start
Guide](#)



[Bulk Fabric Challenge
Quick Start Guide](#)

