



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Office of Native Affairs and Policy

**FCC Tribal Workshop**  
**Hosted by the Penobscot Nation**  
Council Room, Nick Sapiel Building  
**November 2-3, 2023**  
**DRAFT AGENDA\***

**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

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| <b>8:30 am – 9:00 am</b>   | <b>Doors Open – Registration</b>   |
| <b>9:00 am – 9:15 am</b>   | <b>Welcome Remarks from Host and FCC</b>   |
| <b>9:15 am – 9:30 am</b>   | <b>Overview of Workshop Agenda and Logistics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy</i></li></ul>  |
| <b>9:30 am – 10:30 am</b>  | <b>Working with the FCC</b> <p>This session will provide an introduction to the FCC rulemaking process, including how to file comments, meeting with FCC staff about rulemakings, and keeping up with the FCC proceedings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Lloyd Collier, Attorney Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy</i></li></ul>   |
| <b>10:30 am – 10:45 am</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>10:45 am – 11:15 am</b> | <b>Update from the Native Nations Communications Task Force (NNCTF)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Office of Native Affairs and Policy</i></li><li>• <i>Allyson Mitchell, Task Force, General Manager of Mohawk Networks, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe</i></li></ul> <p>ONAP staff and a Task Force member will provide an overview of the NNCTF. Included in the presentation will be an overview and discussion of their report, "<a href="#">Handbook on Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands</a>" (2022).</p> |
| <b>11:15 am – 12:15 pm</b> | <b>Affordable Connectivity Program Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Jennifer Best Vickers, Special Counsel, Wireline Competition Bureau</i></li></ul> <p>This session will provide an overview of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), including eligibility; the enhanced Tribal benefit; recent application enhancements; and resources the FCC has developed to assist outreach partners and others directly serving their communities.</p>  |

- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm**      **Morning Wrap Up and Questions**
- *Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*
- 12:30 pm- 1:30 pm**      *Lunch Break*
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**      **Universal Licensing System Forms**
- *John Schauble, Deputy Chief, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*
- The Universal Licensing System (ULS) is the consolidated database and application filing system for most wireless services. ULS supports electronic filing and provides public access to licensing information, weekly Public Notices, FCC rulemakings, processing utilities, a telecommunications glossary, and much more.
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm**      **Break**
- 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm**      **Broadband Data Collection and Mapping**
- *Eduard Bartholme, Deputy Chief, CGB, and Senior Outreach Director, Broadband Data Task Force*
- This session will review the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) system for Tribal leaders, Tribal providers and other Tribal filers. It introduces the FCC broadband data map and will familiarize participants with how to navigate the BDC system. This session will provide a step-by-step demonstration on how to submit location and availability data, and how to access, review, and work with the production “fabric,” including how to submit challenges.
- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm**      **Questions and Answers with FCC Staff**
- An opportunity for Workshop attendees to ask questions and discuss matters of interest.
- 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm**      **End of Day One Closing Remarks**
- *Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*



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**Friday, November 3, 2023**

**8:00 am – 8:30 am**

**Doors Open – Registration**

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Programs**

- *Rebecca Seewald, Broadband Program Specialist, NTIA*  
This session will cover NTIA broadband funding programs aimed at connecting Tribal consumers, institutions, and communities, including the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) and Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Program, Connecting Minority Communities and Digital Equity Act Programs.

**9:30 am – 10:30 am**

**Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding Opportunities**

- *Jessica Beal Hamilton, General Field Representative, USDA*  
USDA Rural Utilities Service representatives will share information about USDA programs that support broadband internet service and infrastructure in rural areas and their upcoming application windows.

**10:30 am – 10:45 am**

**Break**

**10:45 am – 11:45 am**

**Universal Service Fund Programs and USAC Overview**

- *Molly O'Connor, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau*  
This session provides an overview of the FCC's Universal Service Fund and its subsidy programs: (1) the Schools and Libraries program, also known as E-Rate (recent updates for Tribal Libraries and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking); (2) the High Cost program; (3) the Rural Health Care Program; and (4) the Low-Income program, also known as Lifeline and Link Up. Staff will also describe the role of the Universal Service Administrative Company in these programs.

**11:45 am – 12:00 pm**

**Final Questions and End of Day One Closing Remarks**

- *Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*

*\*Agenda subject to change.*