

Public Meeting Notice

Broadband in Pennsylvania

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is very pleased to announce a series of public meetings across Pennsylvania to engage in public input, raise awareness, and collect comments concerning the Federal Broadband stimulus within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Act provides for grants and loans through two Federal agencies the Department of Commerce National Telecommunication and Information Administration, which provide grants through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and the Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service, which provides loans, loan guarantees, and grants. These two programs will provide funds to assist in accelerating broadband access and deployment to unserved and underserved areas.

Governor Rendell's Office of Administration and the Department of Community and Economic Development are hosting outreach sessions to meet with local leaders, businesses, citizens and economic development organizations, informing them of the opportunities made available by the Federal Broadband stimulus. We are seeking your comments and suggestions as to the public needs and concerns, and the role of states in energizing the economy, and building an innovative environment through availability of broadband throughout the State.

Three sessions are scheduled as follows:

Potter County- May 11, 2009 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Education Council 227 N. Main St. Coudersport, PA 16915

- RSVP to janine@pottercountyedcouncil.org or by phone at 814-274-4877
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 8th): Janine Morley, Potter County Education Council, 227 N. Main St Coudersport, PA 16915
- Five offsite locations will be available, please visit www.pottercountyedcouncil.org or call 814-274-4877 for more information

Central PA- May 26, 2009 4:00pm to 6:00pm at WITF Public Media Center 4801 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

- RSVP to www.techquestpa.com or by phone at 717-635-2172
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 19): Technology Council of Central PA 415 Market St., suite 201, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Bedford- May 27, 2009 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Heartland Hall Conference Center 5564 Business 220, Bedford PA 15522

- RSVP to mreigh@sapdc.org or by phone at 814-949-6740
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 20): Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission 541 58th St. Altoona, PA 16602

Matters to be considered will be: current understanding of the Federal stimulus programs, definitions of speed and unserved/underserved, broadband to public safety agencies, eligible applicants, and the needs of communities and businesses.

Please note: These sessions are open to all that are interested and we welcome your input and attendance. A Signer will be present during the meetings to assist the hearing impaired.