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Broadband Summit

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Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, West Virginia

DAY 1: TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2024

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8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration, Visit Display Booths Breakfast hosted by the Thrasher Group

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mitch B. Carmichael, Cabinet Secretary, WVDED
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, U.S. Senator, State of West Virginia
Chip Spann, Ben Fineman, Federal Program Officers, NTIA
Kelly Workman, Director, West Virginia Office of Broadband

9:30 AM

Broadband Mapping for Telecoms with ArcGIS, a West Virginia Perspective

Patrick Ryan, Senior Solutions Engineer, Telecommunications, Esri

10:00 AM

Measuring Progress for Broadband Network Performance

Bryan Darr, Vice President, Government Affairs, Ookla

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM

West Virginia Broadband Data

Jamie Hoffmann, Program Manager and GIS Coordinator, WVDED
William Richey, Vice President, Consulting, CGI Technologies & Solutions, Inc.

11:30 - 1:00 PM

Keynote Address

Brandon Dennison, Ph. D.

**Vice President, Economic and Workforce Development
Marshall University**

William J. Walker, Senior Advisor, WVU CyberForce/MU National Center for
Excellence in Cyber Security in Critical Infrastructure

1:05 - 1:35 PM

BEAD Full Application-Extension Update

Kelly Workman, Director, West Virginia Office of Broadband

1:40 - 2:30 PM

BEAD Environmental Requirements

Jill Springer, Senior Policy Advisor for Permitting
Chief Environmental Review and Permitting Officer, NTIA

2:30 - 3:20 PM

BEAD Buy American Requirements - How Equipment Leaders Support Compliance

Leader: Chris Campbell, Principal Consultant, Tilson

Panel:

- Andre Viera, Product Marketing Director of Broadband Access Networking, Calix, Inc.
- Robert J. Whitman, VP, Carrier Networks Market Development, Corning Optical Communications
- Vini Santos, Marketing Intelligence Senior Advisor, Ciena

3:20 - 3:30 PM **Break**

3:30 - 4:20 PM

Unlocking the Pole Attachment Process

Leader: Jeff Hartley, Project Manager, The Thrasher Group, Inc.

Panel:

- Gary Jack, Sr. Corporate Counsel First Energy/Mon Power
- Jeffery Foster, Public Services Commission of West Virginia
- Marc Feeney, Contract Services Manager, AEP
- John Conwell, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Comcast
- Joe Starsick, Frontier (Invited)

4:20 - 4:50 PM

WV Compatible Use Law and BEAD Anti-Collusion Policy

James Kelsh, Partner, Bowles Rice LLP

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Welcome Reception Hosted by Tilson 5:00 - 7:00 PM

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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2024

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8:00 - 8:30 AM

Breakfast Hosted by The Thrasher Group

8:30 AM

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

8:45 - 9:45 AM

The Broadband Workforce in West Virginia: Presentation and Panel

Presenter: Kent Sowards, Associate Director, Marshall University Research Corporation Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER)

Leader: Tiffany Ellis-Williams, Director of Workforce & Economic Development WV Council for Community & Technical College Education

Panel:

- Keith A. Hall, Vice President, Regulatory Policy, Armstrong
- Rob Hinton, President and CEO, Micrologic, Inc.
- Ron Follett, Director of Technical Operations, Fiber Network Services
- Terry Ellis, Vice President, Government Affairs, Comcast

9:45 - 10:05 AM

WV Broadband Workforce Funding Opportunities

Maria Millard, Broadband Consulting Manager, Tilson

10:05 - 10:20 AM

Break

10:20 - 10:50 AM

NCTI: Broadband Workforce Training Resources

Jeff Gibson, Vice President, Learning and Development

10:50 - 11:30 AM

WIA: Broadband Sector Partnerships

Amelia R. De Jesus, Vice President, Workforce Solutions

11:30 - 1:00 PM

Keynote Address

Evan Feinman, Deputy Associate Administrator for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment, National Telecommunications Information Administration

Angela Vance, Associate State Director, AARP West Virginia

Brian Hendricks, Ph.D., Executive Director, WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health

1:00 - 1:20 PM

WV Broadband Digital Equity Funding Opportunities

Derek Zelkowski, Digital Equity Coordinator, WVDED

1:20 - 1:45 PM

Securing Broadband Funds: West Virginia Grant Resource Centers

Priscila Santos

Director, West Virginia Grant Resource Center - WVU Office

1:45 PM

West Virginia 2024 Champions of Connectivity Awards Presented by the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband

Special Recognition and Closing Remarks Governor Jim Justice

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