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## **Nevada Prepares for Statewide Broadband Summit**

*Event agenda confirms Nevada's power players coming together for job creation and economic development through high-speed Internet*

**Carson City, NV** – Details are now set for the first-ever Nevada Broadband Summit taking place in Dayton this month. The event, called Wired for Success, will bring state, county, and local leaders together to discuss broadband expansion and the critical role technology will play in Nevada's economic future.

"Whether you live in a rural or urban area, high-speed Internet enables access to quality jobs, information, and vital services ranging from interactive telemedicine to higher education," says Nevada State Librarian and the Governor's Broadband Task Force Chairperson Daphne DeLeon. "Broadband gives you the opportunity to work from home, take online classes, and market your products - all of which have a positive impact on the local economy."

The one-day meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, at Dayton Intermediate School in Dayton, Nevada. The summit is being co-hosted by nonprofit [Connect Nevada](#) and the governor's [Nevada Broadband Task Force](#). The planned [agenda](#) includes the governor's Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Wilkinson, Michael Skaggs from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and State Health Information Technology Coordinator Lynn O'Mara, along with several other leaders and experts who will play instrumental roles in creating and implementing plans for broadband expansion, technology adoption, and improvement of digital literacy skills for all Nevadans. In addition to the speakers, there will be several opportunities for attendees to interact directly with grant awardees, providers, and stakeholders through Q&A panels and direct conversations.

“Connect Nevada is focusing on expanding broadband access, adoption, and use by designing and implementing regional broadband deployment strategies,” says Connect Nevada State Program Manager Lindsey Niedzielski. “The plans will include partners from both the public and private sectors, all working together on local and regional technology planning, technical assistance, and ultimately, increased broadband adoption and digital literacy.”

Several tools and interactive resources will be demonstrated during the summit. Anyone with an interest in championing local broadband expansion in his or her Nevada community is encouraged to attend and contribute to the discussion by submitting questions through [Connect Nevada Twitter](#) using hash tag [#NVbroadband](#).

To [RSVP](#), please see the [invitation](#) on the home page of the Connect Nevada website at [connectnv.org](#). The deadline to RSVP is November 9. For further information, please contact Lindsey Niedzielski at (775) 343-9600 or [lniedzielski@connectnv.org](mailto:lniedzielski@connectnv.org).

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**About Connect Nevada:** The Governor’s Office and the Nevada Broadband Task Force are leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access and information about availability throughout Nevada and to ensure sustainability. Connect Nevada is a non-profit organization that was commissioned by the state to work with all Nevada broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage in order to accurately pinpoint remaining gaps in broadband availability as well as to coordinate efforts with other Federal grant award recipients in the state. Connect Nevada is now supporting the development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. The goal is to spread high-speed Internet across the state and make sure all Nevada residents have access to its life-changing benefits. For more information visit: [www.connectnv.org](#).

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