



Lander County Announces Comprehensive Technology Action Plan

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Lander County moving forward with strategies to increase broadband access and use

Battle Mountain, NV – Lander County, Nevada now has an action plan to make way for greater technology use across the community and pave the way for a brighter economic future. The [Technology Action Plan](#) was unveiled earlier this month as part of Lander County’s participation in the [Connected](#) Community Engagement Program through the Connect Nevada initiative. Fourteen Nevada communities are currently involved in some stage of the Connected program.

The occasion was marked with a public event at the Battle Mountain Civic Center where Lander County officials were presented with a detailed action plan for the future.

“Technology opens the door to the future. From healthcare to education, agriculture to business – everything we do now, we can do better, faster, and more efficiently,” said Lander County Community Champion Gina Little. “Making broadband technology a reality for the citizens of this community places a world of opportunities at their fingertips.”

Participation in the Connected program means Lander County has gone through an extensive assessment of its overall broadband and technology innovation. The Technology Action Plan sets general community-wide broadband connectivity requirements to be worked toward that will support economic development and residential quality of life. Some of Lander County’s top goals from the new plan are to verify available Internet speeds through countywide broadband speed testing, create a county consortium to access fiber running through the I-80 corridor, collect and display business and zoning information, and support current broadband projects underway in the area along with new digital learning, healthcare, and public safety initiatives.

The new plan gives the community step-by-step action items to make sure that goal is met. The plan will also support growing digital literacy through future broadband expansion and programs that will ensure the community maintains widespread Internet access, adoption, and use.

“This Connected Technology Action Plan is a big key to success for both the present and the future of Lander County,” said Connect Nevada State Program Manager Lindsey Niedzielski. “Lander County is paving the way with this Technology Action Plan for a bright and prosperous future. The new plan means this community is serious about making sure it’s ready to benefit from all the economic and lifestyle opportunities that the digital age provides. It’s all part of Nevada’s solid plans for future growth.”

The Connected program is part of the Connect Nevada initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA State Broadband Initiative program. Connect Nevada is working to facilitate the access, adoption, and use of technology throughout the state to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, more efficient government, enhanced education, and improved quality of life. Residents are encouraged to get involved by joining their local Connected technology team and using the free [Every Community Online](#) program offered by Connect Nevada to get training in computer and Internet skills which makes them eligible for discounted computers and home Internet service.

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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, adoption, and use across the state. Connect Nevada is a nonprofit organization that was commissioned by the state to work with all Nevada broadband providers, create detailed maps of current broadband coverage, and 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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Connected Nation developed the Connected Community Engagement Program to help guide a community through an assessment of its overall broadband and technology status. Connected Certified

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