



Nevada Statewide Broadband Summit to Focus on Connecting Communities

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Second annual Summit addresses Nevada job creation and local economic development through broadband access, adoption, and use

Carson City, NV – Details are now set for Nevada’s second annual Broadband Summit taking place in Las Vegas next month. The event, called Connecting Communities, will bring state, county, and local leaders together to discuss local engagement and local issues surrounding broadband expansion and the critical role technology is playing in Nevada’s economic future.

“Broadband is the key to better education, more jobs, improved medical services and more efficient government services,” says Nevada State Librarian and the Governor’s Broadband Task Force Chairperson Daphne DeLeon. “Whether you live in rural or urban Nevada, connecting our communities is vital to the future prosperity of our state.”

The one-day meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, at Windmill Library in Las Vegas, Nevada. The summit is being co-hosted by nonprofit [Connect Nevada](#) and the governor’s [Nevada Broadband Task Force](#) and sponsored by the [Las Vegas-Clark County Library District](#).

State Senator Ruben Kihuen from the Committee on Economic Growth and Development is set to give the keynote address. Nevada USDA Rural Development Director Sarah Adler is also scheduled to speak 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.

Nevada's numerous broadband providers have also been invited to showcase their newest technology offerings in a morning expo that will take place at 9 a.m. before the official [summit agenda](#) begins.

“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 www.connectnv.org/broadband-summit. The deadline to RSVP is October 19. For further information, please contact Lindsey Niedzielski at (775) 343-9600 or 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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