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**COVID-19 DIGITAL ACCESS TASK FORCE**

## Task Force Meeting Chat –August 15, 2022

- 07:33:06 From Ilana Lowery To Steve Peters(Privately): Can you mention our ACP awareness campaign launch today?
- 07:36:36 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: USDA has launched their ReConnect Program Round 4 for up to \$150 million in loans, up to \$300 million in loan/grant combinations & up to \$700 million in grants including several improvements in community eligibility & matching requirements with applications due by 11/2/22. See the press release at <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/08/04/biden-harris-administration-begin-accepting-applications-september> & program landing page at <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect> for details.
- 07:41:18 From Karla Morales To Everyone: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[https://www.aztechcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ICBD-580-AZTC-Public-Policy-2022\\_V12-Digital\\_Compressed.pdf](https://www.aztechcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ICBD-580-AZTC-Public-Policy-2022_V12-Digital_Compressed.pdf)
- 07:43:52 From Karla Morales To Everyone: Page 71 of the Public Policy Guide
- 07:44:28 From Ilana Lowery To Everyone: Yay Cindy!
- 07:45:46 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: Here's the AZTC State & Federal Broadband Policy Brief for 2022 that is our baseline for editing the 2023 version due shortly. Please review and send me any suggestions or markups to [markg@researchedge.com](mailto:markg@researchedge.com). Thanks!
- 07:47:35 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: The Marconi Society is partnering with Arizona State University's Center on Technology, Data & Society (<https://techdatasociety.asu.edu/>) to create the first professional accreditation for digital inclusion leadership, a program that will shape the field of digital inclusion and establish a workforce development pipeline. Details and waitlist at <https://www.marconisociety.org/programs-services/digital-inclusion-leadership-certificate/> FYI.
- 07:49:29 From Erin Carr-Jordan To Everyone: great news for AZ!
- 07:50:56 From Drew Garner To Steve Peters(Privately): just FYI: Sandip is pronounced Sandeep.
- 07:52:33 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: Here's Jeff Sobotka's LinkedIn post on the newly deployed fiber optic network connecting the Grand Canyon School built in 1911 that sits within the park at the south rim of the Grand Canyon with epic engineering & construction work by Commnet Broadband & leadership from Milan Eaton. See <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6963634443785838592/>
- 07:55:08 From Drew Garner To Everyone: Re: ACP - In August, FCC began the ReCertification process, which will require some households to recertify their eligibility or be de-enrolled.
- 07:55:11 From Drew Garner To Everyone: <https://www.usac.org/lifeline/national-verifier/recertification/>

- 07:55:15 From Heather Floyd To Everyone: I had the opportunity to share about the ACP program at 2 public meetings this week: the Benson Rotary and Patagonia Town Council. The information is always well received.
- 07:55:40 From Paul Ross To Everyone: The FCC declined to fund Starlink.
- 07:57:43 From Ilana Lowery To Everyone: <https://www.marconisociety.org/programs-services/digital-inclusion-leadership-certificate/>
- 07:58:45 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: And here's Brad Burgess/ADOT's post on 2 fiber deployment projects along I-17 and on the route to Superior at [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/brad-burgess\\_i-had-the-opportunity-to-conduct-two-broadband-activity-6963263748425875456-i4JQ/](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/brad-burgess_i-had-the-opportunity-to-conduct-two-broadband-activity-6963263748425875456-i4JQ/) FYI.
- 07:58:58 From Holly Henley To Everyone: Link to the job description and application information for the Digital Inclusion Library Consultant: <https://www.azstatejobs.gov/jobs/digital-inclusion-library-consultant-phoenix-arizona-united-states>
- 08:01:08 From Drew Garner To Everyone: English Website: <https://getmyinternet.org/>
- 08:01:17 From Drew Garner To Everyone: Spanish Website: <http://internetparami.org/>
- 08:01:41 From Erin Carr-Jordan To Everyone: Great work, Drew and Ilana!
- 08:01:57 From Ilana Lowery To Everyone: His timing is awful!
- 08:09:18 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: The Center for Digital Education in association with AzTEA will hold the 16th annual Arizona CIO/CTO Forum on 10/25/22 at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. The forum is designed to specifically address the unique interests & needs of Arizona's K-12 educational IT community. Details & free registration at <https://events.govtech.com/Arizona-CIO-CTO-Forum-2022.html> FYI.
- 08:09:48 From Kelly Krusee To Everyone: <https://www.azed.gov/odtl/trusted-apps>
- 08:10:29 From Drew Garner To Everyone: yeah I think she just wants to talk about the website/look up tool/NDIA. Our main debrief will be during the normal 9:30 call
- 08:10:41 From Drew Garner To Everyone: oops 😊
- 08:11:53 From Erin Carr-Jordan To Everyone: We are in the beginning stages of planning for our annual Digital Inclusion charity gala. We are looking at the end of January.
- 08:12:10 From Erin Carr-Jordan To Everyone: Great news Kelly!
- 08:12:20 From Joy Whiting To Everyone: Kelly is doing a great job!!
- 08:12:52 From Ilana Lowery To Everyone: Ditto Joy!
- 08:18:20 From Jan Schiller To Everyone: I'm not seeing the slides advance.
- 08:18:29 From Holly Henley To Steve Peters(Privately): Thanks for helping get the word out about our job opening! Sorry I have to leave now for another meeting.

- 08:24:43 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: Bipartisan Senate & House members introduced national broadband strategy legislation, the Proper Leadership to Align Networks (PLAN) for Broadband Act on 8/4/22 requiring the President to develop a national strategy & implementation plan to close the digital divide based on the Government Accountability Office report (<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-22-104611>). See press release at <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2022/8/senate-and-house-members-introduce-plan-for-broadband-act> for details.
- 08:27:03 From Paul Ross To Everyone: It's a growing network. Thank you Blake.
- 08:27:03 From Mark Goldstein To Everyone: The U.S. Senate introduced the Grant to Rapidly Invest and Deploy (GRID) Broadband Act, a pioneering proposal that would provide a robust new federal cost-share to spur investment in a nationwide middle mile backbone along the nation's existing electricity grid. (8/10/22) - <https://www.capito.senate.gov/news/press-releases/capito-cantwell-propose-broadband-buildout-along-americas-electricity-grid>
- 08:27:30 From Lindsay Dietz To Everyone: Good information. Thank you for the updates
- 08:30:12 From Kirk Busch To Everyone:  
<https://www.aztechcouncil.org/event/smartcity2022/>
- 08:33:16 From Paul Ross To Everyone: I suggest people consider ATC events  
<https://www.aztechcouncil.org/phoenix-tech-events/>
- 08:33:54 From Mala Muralidharan To Everyone: got to jump off...thanks all
- 08:37:26 From Paul Ross To Everyone: I just found out I have a membership through my college. Events will shortly be on my calendar.