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Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network
Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council & Greater Arizona eLearning Association

Partners Wanted - Help Promote this Important Statewide Initiative

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Stakeholder Roundtable
April 25, 2019 -- 2:00-6:00 PM
Location TBA
www.arizonatele.org

GAZEL, the Greater Arizona eLearning Association, and ATIC, the Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council are leading the development and coordination of the Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network. On April 25 we will present the first of a series of **Stakeholder Roundables** from 2:00-6:00 pm in Phoenix Arizona (location TBA).

We are inviting associations and government, education and nonprofit organizations like yours to partner with us to promote participation in the Network and Roundtable. **This is not a request for funding. No cash contribution is required, although a paid sponsorship will be welcome.**

We expect 75 + public and private stakeholders to attend the April 25 Roundtable representing economic development, education, local and state government, health services, public safety, libraries, telecommunications and technology companies, and more

As a cooperating organization you will join other organizations such as the: Greater Arizona eLearning Association; Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council; Arizona Technology Council; Arizona Telemedicine Program; Arizona State Library; Archives and Public Records; Arizona Technology In Education Association; Arizona Commerce Authority; Sun Corridor Network; State of Arizona; and many others like you being invited.

The Challenge For Arizona

Like water, roads and electricity, in today's Networked World of anytime/anywhere connectedness, where everyone and everything will be connected, broadband internet access is a critical infrastructure for community development and the health, safety, welfare, educational advancement, and economic prosperity in Arizona communities. Unfortunately, many tribal, rural and other underserved communities in Arizona do not have fast, reliable and affordable broadband access. And many Arizona citizens still do not have the technology and skills to participate effectively in the *Networked World*.

Enter the Stakeholder Network and Roundtables

The Network and Roundtables will provide Arizona public, private and nonprofit stakeholders opportunities to collaborate on initiatives and strategies to accelerate deployment of affordable and reliable Broadband Internet access in communities throughout the Arizona, and to enable those communities to utilize those connections to: support 21st Century education, create jobs and support economic development; train a 21st century workforce; enhance public safety and health care and; connect their citizens to the world.

There are a number of individuals and organizations engaged in initiatives to promote the expansion of broadband deployment in Arizona. These Stakeholders will come together to build a constituency and enable collaboration, coordination, information sharing and communication. They will learn something new, share what they know, make connections with other collaborators, find resources and help for their initiatives, and hear about and provide updates on state and local initiatives in Arizona.

The Network may lead to collaborative projects, development of joint grant applications, sharing of funding opportunities and other resources, aggregation of demand at the state and local level, policy discussions and recommendations, etc.

Here is How You Can Help

As a partner for the April 25th Roundtable we are asking you to help us get the word out to your members/constituents. This may include:

- ✓ Allowing us to use your organization's name and logo on our website and marketing materials
- ✓ Sending email announcements to your members/constituency
- ✓ Including an announcement about the Roundtable and Network in your next newsletter
- ✓ Announcing the Roundtable and Broadband Stakeholder Network at your events
- ✓ Including information on your website and/or adding a Roundtable icon on your site with a link to our web page

To make it easy to help us we will provide you a web icon, and any content you may need for your newsletter, website, emails, etc.

What We Will Do For You?

In return we will include your logo and link to your web site on the Roundtable web page and in our email announcements, and acknowledge your partnership at the Roundtable. You are also welcome to distribute information about your organization at the Roundtable. We will also include your logo and link to your web site on future Roundtable web pages.

The Roundtable Program

The April 25th Roundtable will include:

- ✓ Networking
- ✓ A keynote and featured presentations
- ✓ Federal and State and local updates
- ✓ Information sharing
- ✓ A sponsor/partner/project showcase
- ✓ A reception
- ✓ More

So Much More To Tell You

There is lots more to tell you about the **Stakeholder Roundtable and Network,** but I want to keep this document relatively short. See our web site for details about the Roundtable, the program, presenting organizations and more. www.arizonatele.org

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Network Leadership Organizations

Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council

The Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council (ATIC) is a non-profit organization that engages in, promotes, and supports initiatives and guides adoption of effective public policies that will enable the development of a statewide Technology Infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide and support Arizona's educational, economic and community development. ATIC's public and private partners include large and small businesses, economic development organizations, libraries, consumer organizations, local and state government agencies, educational institutions, health care, the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Arizona legislature, and information technology and telecommunications companies.

ATIC's vision is that all of Arizona's citizens, businesses, schools, organizations and communities will have access to high capacity Internet and the tools, technologies and skills to participate effectively in the networked world.

See the ATIC web site at www.arizonatele.org for details.

Greater Arizona eLearning Association

The Greater Arizona eLearning Association is a nonprofit organization leading the development of the Arizona Innovative Learning Collaborative. The Collaborative will be promoting and supporting adoption of innovative ideas and new technologies in libraries, K-12 education, charter schools, public and private colleges and universities, community colleges, and nonprofit community schools and organizations. Just some of these ideas and technologies include blended learning, digital curriculum, innovative learning spaces, mobile learning, individualized self paced learning, competency and outcome based education, flipped classrooms, adaptive learning models, Innovation Labs and Makerspaces, 3D printing, coding, project based learning, robotics, game based learning and virtual lab experiences, and more.

The Collaborative will be creating Teams/Communities of Interest to network, share ideas and resources, exchange best practices, pursue joint funding opportunities, develop mutual professional development strategies, pursue and share research opportunities and cooperate in other initiatives that will support adoption of innovative strategies and technologies. **See our web site www.gazel.org for details.**

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