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AZBSN Meeting Chat – February 1, 2024

08:12:46 From Sandip Bhowmick to Everyone; <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs/arizona-commerce-authority-570ed71a/deputy-director-broadband-digital-equity-a34826ca?source=share-email&tsid=>

08:14:28 From Karina Jones to Everyone; We submitted our comments yesterday yay!!

08:14:46 From Marilyn Anderson to Everyone; Reacted to "We submitted our com..." with ❤️

08:15:12 From Heather Floyd to Everyone; Reacted to "We submitted our c..." with ❤️

08:15:15 From Heather Floyd to Everyone; Removed a ❤️ from "We submitted our c..."

08:15:43 From Corey Christians to Everyone; When will that drop?

08:16:07 From Corey Christians to Everyone; The grant application

08:16:51 From Corey Christians to Everyone; Reacted to "The grant applicatio..." with 👍

08:17:07 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program: \$1.44 billion formula grant program for states and territories distributed via annual grant programs over 5 years to implement digital equity projects and support the implementation of digital equity plans.

Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program: \$1.25 billion discretionary grant program distributed via annual grant programs over 5 years to implement digital equity projects. Eligible applicants include specific types of political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a state; tribal governments; nonprofit entities; community anchor institutions; local educational agencies; and entities that carry out workforce development programs.

08:20:16 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone; Benton Institute posted "Centering Communities in Arizona's Digital Equity Plan" with analysis of the recently published draft plan in their post available at <https://www.benton.org/blog/centering-communities-arizonas-digital-equity-plan> FYI.

08:28:07 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; @David Krassa Broadband technologies other than fiber are eligible as long as they meet network capability requirements: Speeds at or above 100/20 Mbps or 1/1 Gbps for anchor institutions, 95% of speed packets below 100 ms round trip, and less than 48 hours of outages over any 365 day period

08:28:58 From Jennifer A Toothaker, AICP to Everyone; Will providers need to follow NEPA requirements with the Fed dollars? Thinking of particularly archeological issues.

08:30:55 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; @Jennifer A Toothaker, AICP Yes, NEPA is triggered any time federal dollars are spent. BEAD project awardees are responsible for obtaining all permitting for a given project

08:31:21 From Jennifer A Toothaker, AICP to Everyone; I hate to go but am double booked. Thank you so much for the information! This is a fantastic group to be connected to. Have a great rest of your weeks!

08:34:35 From Drew Garner to Everyone; Reacted to "Benton Institute pos..." with 🙏

08:35:47 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone; Cartesian & ACA Connects recently released their 4th version of their estimates for how far the BEAD money will go in every state. You can download the National Overview Framework and Arizona Funding Framework slide decks at <https://acaconnects.org/bead-program-framework/> FYI.

08:41:39 From Drew Garner to Everyone; Reacted to "ACP wind-down v.5 final.png" with ❤️

08:42:19 From Tina Gounder to Everyone; Reacted to "ACP wind-down v.5 final.png" with ❤️

08:43:37 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has provided a Fact Sheet (DOC-399616A1.pdf (fcc.gov)) and letter (DOC-399614A1.pdf (fcc.gov)) to appropriators regarding the future of ACP

08:44:16 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; USDA Community Connect grants are due Feb 20: Community Connect Grants | Rural Development (usda.gov)

08:44:36 From Drew Garner to Everyone; Reacted to "FCC Chairwoman Jessi..." with 🙏

08:44:38 From Ben Blink to Everyone; Reacted to "FCC Chairwoman Jessi..." with 👍

08:44:46 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone; Reacted to "FCC Chairwoman Jessi..." with 👍

08:44:59 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program NOFO 2 deadline extended to March 22: Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Round 2 (2023) | Internet for All

08:45:44 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; NTIA is recruiting new FirstNet Authority Board Members. Letters of interest are due Feb 2: NTIA Announces Recruitment of New FirstNet Authority Board Members | National Telecommunications and Information Administration

08:46:09 From Karina Jones to Everyone; Reacted to "NTIA is recruiting n..." with 👍

08:47:07 From Nicole Umayam to Everyone; NTIA's BroadbandUSA Federal Funding site connects stakeholders to funding opportunities that support broadband planning, digital inclusion, and infrastructure deployment projects: Federal Funding | BroadbandUSA (doc.gov)

08:48:18 From Karina Jones to Everyone; Reacted to "ACP wind-down v.5 final.png" with ❤️

08:50:09 From Milan Eaton to Everyone; You guys have a great day! I have to prep for my 9AM.

08:50:18 From Karina Jones to Everyone; Reacted to "You guys have a grea..." with 👍

08:52:45 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone; The US Dept. of Education's Office of Educational Technology (OET) has just published the National Educational Technology Plan for 2024 available for download at <https://tech.ed.gov/netp/> FYI.

08:54:23 From Marilyn Anderson to Everyone; <https://www.azed.gov/adultedservices>

08:55:26 From Kelly Krusee, ADE to Everyone; Reacted to "<https://www.azed.gov...>" with 👍

08:57:28 From David Krassa to Everyone; Need to drop. Thank you everyone!

08:58:09 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone; Craig Settle's recent whitepaper "Be All You Can BEAD" criticizes NTIA's fiber-centric BEAD policy making the case for a more significant role for unlicensed fixed wireless access. PDF downloadable at <http://tinyurl.com/27zax9fr>

09:01:12 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone; Sorry all, need to jump for a 9 a.m. meeting. Good information, just out of time.

09:02:59 From Cindy Hogan to Everyone; Same here, need to jump! Thanks Everyone!

09:06:59 From Kelly Krusee, ADE to Everyone; feedback please!
<https://forms.office.com/r/9H8kyZFt8x>

09:09:44 From Kelly Krusee, ADE to Everyone; Thanks for your time and input!

09:10:04 From Ben Blink to Everyone; Have to run as well. Thanks for the great info today

09:10:22 From Kelly Krusee, ADE to Everyone; www.azed.gov/edtech and edtech@azed.gov

09:10:32 From Drew Garner to Everyone; <https://www.benton.org/blog/heres-what-isps-are-telling-acp-subscribers-today>

09:11:53 From Drew Garner to Everyone; <https://www.dontdisconnectus.org/>

09:13:52 From Tina Gounder to Everyone; Reacted to "<https://www.dontdisc...>" with ❤️

09:14:28 From Michael Holcomb to Everyone; I have to drop off. A few brief updates from the Arizona Telemedicine Program and its Southwest Telehealth Resource Center. We are looking forward to continuing to partner with the AZ State Library to support their telehealth in libraries work. We welcome opportunities to provide letters of support and partner with organizations on grant programs and applications to improve telehealth capabilities in the state. Lastly, for a quick update on clinical services eligible for coverage / reimbursement under Medicare which Medicaid generally follows, please see our most recent blog: 2024 Medicare telehealth billing and reimbursement updates with Carol Yarbrough | Southwest Telehealth Resource Center (southwesttrc.org)

09:14:30 From Michael Holcomb to Everyone; Most COVID-19 public health emergency telehealth flexibilities are continuing in 2024 but may end if not additionally extended or made permanent. Finally, I appreciated the opportunity to speak about Healthcare Navigation and digital equity at the Broadband Summit last week.

09:19:00 From Drew Garner to Everyone; I have to drop too. Thanks everyone for the good info, and Steve for hosting!

09:20:20 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-schools-libraries-cybersecurity-pilot-program-0>

09:21:12 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; I have to jump off

09:21:17 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Thanks all

09:21:26 From Kelly Krusee, ADE to Everyone; Thanks everyone! Dropping off, have a great day!

09:31:05 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; rory@triadwireless.net

09:32:44 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; Take care everyone..