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AZBSN Meeting Chat – February 8, 2024

08:07:55 From Vanessa Figueroa to Everyone; Thank you for your service

08:08:06 From Doc W to Everyone; Reacted to "Thank you for your s..." with 👍

08:08:26 From Leslie King to Everyone; You are very welcome.
Thank you for your support.

08:08:43 From Erin Lorandos | ACA (she, her) to Everyone; Hi Judy!

08:11:02 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; It was mentioned that E-Rate is now being looked at to do a replacement to ACP.

08:22:53 From Paul Ross to Everyone; That is a good point Rory, people are paying for what they can afford.

08:23:08 From David Krassa to Everyone; Reacted to "That is a good point..." with 👍

08:26:56 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.

08:27:50 From Paul Ross to Everyone; The confounding variable Rory noted could have a significant impact on the results, cause and effect and relying on SpeedTest data. Why are we not building our own measuring system for the state building on to the speedtest data with other needed metrics?

08:28:58 From Erin Lorandos | ACA (she, her) to Everyone; Happy birthday!

08:28:59 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; Reacted to "Happy birthday!" with 👍

08:29:13 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; Reacted to "That is a good point..." with 👍

08:29:16 From Harry Meier to Everyone; Reacted to "Happy birthday!" with 🎉

08:29:19 From Doc W to Everyone; Reacted to "Happy birthday!" with 👍

08:29:31 From Tina Gounder to Everyone; Reacted to "Happy birthday!" with 🎉

08:30:32 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Reacted to "Happy birthday!" with 🎉

08:31:53 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; The testing process should include the customer entering the plan that they pay for.

08:39:55 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Sandip how will you ensure that 80% of the residents take the speed test on the same day? Is there some outreach we need to do from our end?

08:41:57 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; I can get most of the WISPs in Arizona to work together on this.

08:43:12 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; oh okay.... it would be great to promote the speed test for residents through our public libraries - we have a wide reach into the communities.

08:43:35 From Erin Lorandos | ACA (she, her) to Everyone; Reacted to "oh okay.... it would..." with ❤️

08:45:44 From Erin Lorandos | ACA (she, her) to Everyone; Thank you all, I need to hop off to prepare for another call. Have a wonderful day!

08:47:10 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone; The currently active bipartisan and bicameral S. 341/H.R. 889, the Broadband Grant Tax Treatment Act would amend the Internal Revenue Code to ensure funding for broadband deployment from the Infrastructure Law including programs such as BEAD, the Middle Mile program, and the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Fund, and other similar federally funded broadband programs will not be considered taxable income. See <https://insidetowers.com/telecom-industry-to-congress-spare-broadband-grants-from-taxes/>

08:47:23 From Paul Ross to Everyone; I understand what is needed to meet the requirements for NTIA for the purposes of the challenge process and BEAD. When the speedtest data is being collected it means we have made a point of contact with the end user where an interaction is taking place . . . we are missing a potential valuable opportunity to gather additional data which could be very informative for digital equity literacy & inclusion (DELI) discussions and initiatives.

09:00:35 From Paul Ross to Everyone; Are the towers on the map your CBRS installations?

09:10:00 From Michael Holcomb to Everyone; I have to leave for another call. Great info today as always.

09:11:02 From Judy Sulltrop to Everyone; Thanks everyone. I have to leave for another call as well. Great information

09:11:22 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Awesome job Harry and team ... are you aware if they are doing anything similar in Tempe and Chandler areas as well?

09:12:54 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Did you have any issues putting these barrels on the Street light poles? The weight of those on the poles and maintenance?

09:14:04 From Joy Whiting to Everyone; Thanks for everything. I need to attend another meeting.

09:14:05 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Also you spoke about availability... are the higher speeds affordable?

09:14:09 From David Krassa to Everyone; Replying to "Did you have any iss..."

The weight is minimal (~10lbs). We do need a permit to install, which requires a Load Study to be completed on each pole type. There's never been any issues.

09:20:31 From Paul Ross to Everyone; I have heard reports from schools that across hotspots and laptops issued to students the damage and loss rates were as high as 40%. The follow-up from a staffing point was very labor intensive and did not bring in the results they wanted.

09:20:38 From Kirk Busch to Everyone; LOVE Mala's Soapbox!

09:21:17 From Rory Conaway to Everyone; That's why fixed wireless was a better option. Unfortunately, ACP had a loophole that allowed users to use the money for their cell phone.

09:21:45 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Thank you Kirk

09:21:51 From Heather Floyd to Everyone; Reacted to "That's why fixed w..." with 👍

09:23:38 From Paul Ross to Everyone; What model Harry?

09:24:49 From Harry Meier to Everyone; Replying to "What model Harry?"

Cradlepoint R500s and Sierra ... looking up the model number

09:25:16 From Harry Meier to Everyone; Replying to "What model Harry?"

RV55 I believe

09:26:02 From Manny Villa to Everyone; Thank you, everyone. Got to jump out to get to other meeting.
Have a great rest of your day!

09:29:52 From Kirk Busch to Everyone; Reacted to "Thank you Kirk" with ❤️

09:31:07 From David Krassa to Everyone; Harry has actually made a couple of home visits. We call it
"the Mesa Way" 😊

09:41:24 From Paul Ross to Everyone; Reacted to "Harry has actually m..." with 👍

09:42:59 From Paul Ross to Everyone; When it comes to schools consider how much their network and
internet service is used after 3pm? It is a resource, a pipe that is ripe for use.

09:43:47 From Harry Meier to Everyone; Reacted to "When it comes to sch..." with ❤️

09:44:08 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; And Libraries traffic goes up after school hours :)

09:45:41 From Harry Meier to Everyone; Thanks everyone!

09:46:17 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone; Paul we tried asking if schools could be open to
public after school hours. There was horror ... when the question of security was brought up.

09:52:56 From Marc Haley to Steve Peters(Direct Message); can you please share the job description
mentioned by Sandip with me?

09:54:25 From Paul Ross to Everyone; Schools are great anchors, along with libraries...