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15:07:22 How you determine the locations missing from the national data fabric?

15:07:30 Or is that in your domain to be doing it all

15:07:34 Sandip, would you like to start answering? And I can fill in there

15:07:37 Sure good to see you. Mark. How are you?

15:07:43 Good Sir, happy New Year.

15:07:46 So let me give you all a quick overview of the process we are following right now and then we can take our questions from there, so Jenna and myself, we're working very closely, and we are trying.

15:08:03 We came up with a workflow, that how we can address this whole missing address situation, what we did we already had existing.

15:08:13 E, 9, 1, one data. We took that data set and added the county Ssor map, Apn.

15:08:19 And parcel data which you know already had in the database, and we are working with.

15:08:25 One of our existing vendor to verify those addresses, and compared them against Fcc.

15:08:36 Man. You are right, Park. We are still going through the evaluation process.

15:08:51 Right.

15:08:41 We did not select a mapping vendor, because what we are exactly looking in in a mapping vendor, it's not easy for us to select in that short time frame, even though that was the target decided to work with an existing vendor, and out of that whole mapping scope there

15:08:57 I think 40 mapping scope under the mapping category, we're only fulfilling 2 when we're working with our existing vendor and that, too, is like finding the missing addresses and sub meeting those missing addresses as a database directly to the fcc so

15:09:12 We are just working on this 2 very straightforward niche scope out of this whole scope, and apparently we are vendors who will be hiring for the full fledged mapping system.

15:09:24 In addition to that, we are getting data from Arizona Department of Education without the students information.

15:09:34 Just the home addresses, so we will be. We'll be adding those running a check against that data too, to find out.

15:09:43 We find out the missing addresses. Another thing, our our vendor brought in table is the building footprint.

15:09:52 Right.

15:09:51 So yeah, basically using a AI technology to script the building footprints from a satellite imaging.

15:10:01 So, if there there is a shed in middle of Navajo County on a 20 year old land, the AI technology was able to identify that.

15:10:10 So we took that those those data, and also taking for which addresses are missing by doing that, we approximately retrieved around 100,000 220,000 missing address.

15:10:22 So far, that might, that number might change, but also I would like to add this, on top of this number, that it doesn't mean that 120,000 addresses are missing from the Fcc.

15:10:34 Database because Fcc is updating their map every single day.

15:10:38 Basically, but they're not releasing it. So they are going to check all this.

15:10:43 This missing address against the map they will have by March party first, Nicole, correct me if I were wrong, and then they would let us know that how many addresses are missing, and how many of them they are going to accept it can be 50%, it can be 40% it can be 70% so that's

15:11:01 Where we are, we, I personally feel like we are pretty well situated when it comes to missing address data challenge.

15:11:10 Good.

15:11:10 We're not well equipped with the availability challenge because of the timeframe.

15:11:16 Fcc. Give us. It was very short time for him to do the Fcc.

15:11:20 Challenge, but without without releasing too much details. I made the carriers, and I'm meeting them regularly for last 3 weeks.

15:11:28 They are challenging basically the availability data themselves by going into their business focus market.

15:11:33 So I think we are making significant progress on that side, too.

15:11:38 That's pretty much the root summary. But please feel free to ask question based on my briefing

15:11:43 Thank you. Helpful in understanding the sourcing. You're gonna be using.

15:11:50 Excellent. Thank you.

15:11:53 Thank you.

15:11:54 Just as a reminder. I know we. We have a number of people who we either haven't seen before or haven't seen in a long time.

15:12:02 So sandy, as you may know, is our new broadband manager for the State, and doing a great job, and overwhelmed at this point in time.

15:12:12 But really appreciate Sandy all the work, and we're going to hear more from him just a little bit, Jenna.

15:12:18 Do you have anything else that you want to add? I know you got a bug out pretty quickly.

15:12:23 No, not anything specifically Sandy covered it pretty well. We are in constant contact, with.

15:12:30 There's a lot of activity right now, so I'm I can stay for a few more minutes and answer any questions. If they come

15:12:35 Okay.

15:12:35 Let me! This is Mark again. Then let me talk about something I know it's also important to Mala and and and others in the community.

15:12:46 Is that back in the day we tracked community anchor institutions, we actually had someone spend 2 years from my team collecting and annotating 10,500 cais, and that worked for the best of my knowledge, stopped in December 20 fourteenth with a lockdown so I'm glad

15:13:08 You're shaking your head. No, so could you give us some idea of what data sources might exist?

15:13:15 And are they on the open access portal that people can use or held internally?

15:13:22 Okay.

15:13:21 Give us some idea of community anchor institution, cap.

15:13:24 Yeah, so mark the data that your team helped help to create.

15:13:29 We have kept that, and we have kept updating that as time has gone on, so it is current.

15:13:36 We've worked with various stakeholders in the State to maintain that appropriately, I would have to check to see if it's available to everyone on a cgo.

15:13:46 But I do know it's available to our broadband mapping group on easy.

15:13:50 Geo, so, yeah.

15:13:49 Okay, that's great to know that you actually have been enhancing and and updating that.

15:13:59 That's great!

15:13:58 Yeah, it's it's been maintained for certain

15:14:01 And if you might check or and also see if it would be appropriate, it used to be up on Acgo back in that day, and I don't think there's really privacy issues with it.

15:14:14 So.

15:14:13 Yeah, I I would agree. I don't think there's privacy issues, either.

15:14:18 As you may or may not be aware. Easy. Gio has had a basel since since you really interacted with it.

15:14:25 We've modernized it. So access is a little different now, and we do have a public facing side.

15:14:33 That is, does not require registration to access data. So I will.

15:14:39 I'll look and make sure that I understand what the sharing permissions are, and I can share that information with Steve after the

15:14:46 Absolutely wonderful, load to hear that that data has been maintained over these years.

15:14:53 That's one thing we really felt the Fcc.

15:14:55 Lost, you know, in the transaction that they were getting that data, and really, nationally should have had some process. That's great.

15:15:03 Thank you.

15:15:07 Any other questions. So so, Mya, I know you, Janet, and a few others have been participating in that group.

15:15:16 He guys have any other comments other than what you've already heard today?

15:15:21 No, actually, I I sent Jenna and Sandy the link to our library directory, which has the latest you know.

15:15:33 List of all our public library, all our libraries, not just public, public, academic, tribal libraries, addresses so that they can verify it against that map to ensure that we have all of them.

15:15:48 Bye.

15:15:48 But that is only of academic interest, because the fabric does not actually cover anchor institutions. Currently

15:15:57 Right, but it's an overlay that if we had access to, we could integrate and use for analysis

15:16:05 Correct.

15:16:05 Right, and and also later, to use the the funding because we we will have.

15:16:13 We also, we currently have high speed access to our libraries, but that would be even better once the corridors are built, the fiber is laid, so at least you would know from which point, that is, you know, th.

15:16:32 There is a point of presence that can that you can link to

15:16:38 Please, Janet, do you have anything else you want to add?

15:16:42 I've really enjoyed participating in the meetings.

15:16:45 I've learned so much, and it's been fascinating to see how powerful it is to have all that data with all the layers and of course, my favorite, the hospital layer, and I look forward to seeing if we can contribute questions to a survey that is going out to

15:17:04 Identify telehealth service providers, and wouldn't it be great if we could increase the amount of data in the number of layers in the health care world like, for instance, wouldn't it be great if we could if we could have a layer of of community health centers and and make it easy to look

15:17:21 At, and in terms of, who has the bandwidth and his providing services, and therefore we get an idea of where the gaps are.

15:17:28 So it's been amazing, and I really enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to participate

15:17:33 Good, anything else so I've invited Jenna to join us.

15:17:38 Pretty regularly for our task force meetings, and hopefully Jenna will see you whenever you

15:17:46 Yeah, I'm happy to join

15:17:48 In the meantime, thank you for being here this morning. This afternoon.

15:17:52 I'm good. Okay, okay, yeah. This afternoon. Okay, thank you.

15:17:58 Okay, so moving on, I'm gonna share my screen here for a minute.

15:18:03 Talk about the agenda

15:18:09 So, first of all, I would. We didn't take some.

15:18:12 We didn't take time yet to introduce. We have a number of people, new people who were participating this morning, and some we haven't seen in a while.

15:18:22 So I'm gonna go ahead and and just ask people to introduce themselves.

15:18:26 We can't do the whole. Obviously the whole group. But there's a few people who are fairly new to us.

15:18:33 Coleman, Ham

15:18:38 Hi Coleman introduced yourself. Please

15:18:41 Yes, I'm well. I'm Colman Hammer Tabzuka.

15:18:46 I'm the tech, and he recycling manager for a week.

15:18:49 Here Tucson, where nonprofit in Tucson, and we basically take in donated technology focusing on computers.

15:19:00 But we'll take pretty much anything and refurbish and resell it.

15:19:04 We also give some away for free, or we have a low cost program for students and low income people for desktops, laptops, and that's basically half of our program.

15:19:16 So the other half is we give away. Hmm. Free medical supplies with help from the profits that we get from the refurbishing side.

15:19:24 But and yeah, so that's been basically our model up until this point.

15:19:29 But one thing that I am interested in is doing more with networking, because at least as far as equipment goes.

15:19:40 You know, we have quite a lot of networking equipment, and not a lot of demand for it.

15:19:45 With the people who walk into our store or ask from, ask for assistance from us.

15:19:52 But clearly there is a need. And I think that through this network, potentially, we could be doing a lot better at identifying who needs what we've got and getting it out to them

15:20:06 Okay, thank you. And April, I see you're online.

15:20:11 We haven't seen you in a while. I know you've joined us in the past, but want to just quickly introduce yourself

15:20:16 Sure. Thank you, Steve. It's nice to be with you.

15:20:22 Looks like for a lot of people. We got 40. Some people on this call this today

15:20:19 Afternoon seem to work better for me. So great to yeah. It's good to be back with you again.

15:20:28 April Jones. I'm with the Department of Economic Security Office of Community Engagement, and I'm the Central Region Community engagement liaison.

15:20:37 So that means I work with our community partners sort of the bridge between our community partners.

15:20:45 Service agencies and the Department of Economic Security. So if you need to contact someone in the agency and you don't know who to contact, please feel free to reach out to me

15:20:57 Great. Thank you. April and Stephanie you haven't been with us for quite a long time.

15:21:03 You wanna reintroduce yourself. Please

15:21:06 After you point out that I haven't been with you for a really long time, Steve, I feel tardy.

15:21:11 You're right, I I to benefit from the Monday afternoon switch from Monday mornings.

15:21:18 I apologize for being absent so much last year.

15:21:20 We have a conflicting internal meeting on Monday morning.

15:21:21 So this is great. But I'm Stephanie Healey on the director of public Affairs here at Cox communications in Arizona. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in 2,023

15:21:30 Great thanks, Stephanie, welcome back.

15:21:32 Thanks.

15:21:33 Thank you. See, it's not only me and the call.

15:21:37 Actually, there are a lot more people to attend because of the time.

15:21:40 Change. Right? Yeah.

15:21:40 Apparently, so. I guess we've done a good thing

15:21:44 Yeah, I guess

15:21:38 It's good. Thing you don't have to buy as well.

15:21:48 Coffee, Steve

15:21:48 Hmm! Well, when we first started, everybody said, Oh, yeah, 7, 30 Monday morning be great.

15:21:54 We won't have any conflicts, you know. We don't have other things going on.

15:21:58 It'll be perfect. But the world has changed. Huh!

15:22:02 Okay, moving on, cause, we got a lot more to cover today.

15:22:06 So, James Kristen, you wanna introduce yourself.

15:22:09 Your May. You've been been on calls with us in the past, but you wanna just tell people who you are real quickly

15:22:16 Sure. Yeah. Hi, everyone. My name is James Christian. I'm the government Relations Director, for at T.

15:22:22 I work primarily down at the Legislature and with municipalities, and with our 22 tribes

15:22:28 Right, and we should talk with you about doing a presentation.

15:22:34 The task works. I don't think we've had a much of an 18 t presentation recently

15:22:40 Yeah, feel free to reach out, and we can connect, offline and try to coordinate something

15:22:43 Sounds, great

15:22:44 How about? I'm former at T employee. Just an Api

15:22:48 Well, there you go, and Ricardo, you haven't been here in a while.

15:22:55 You want to just give us a quickie update

15:22:58 Sure. Thank you. Happy New Year. I'm Ricardo platinum with LED.

15:23:02 2 corp. We're a An Rf technology company based in Tucson on the commercial side, we focus on developing, network infrastructure, hardware specifically for Fiveg, we've got some network repeaters and and an antenna 4 Fiveg that she's 300

15:23:22 And 60 degrees. We also build components for Rf.

15:23:27 Per the for both the commercial and defense sectors

15:23:45 Sure, happy to do it.

15:23:30 Yeah, and so we should get back together again, Ricardo, and talk about you know what you're doing here in Arizona, and we're either on a demonstration basis or understanding what the opportunities are for your technology I know we've we've talked about

15:23:49 That a couple of times

15:23:50 Yep. Oh, love to do it!

15:23:54 Sounds good. So let's see. So, Francis, we I don't know that we've seen you in a ages and ages back to talk to you a long time ago.

15:24:03 You want to introduce yourself. Please

15:24:04 Hi, yeah, it's been a while. So I'm Francis.

15:24:09 Sorry about that. And I'm with LED.

15:24:13 Economic development administration. And I'm the economic development integrator.

15:24:19 You, where you know basically federal support, although we're not any.

15:24:23 We're not a lead agency or anything in in broadband.

15:24:27 That would be ntia, but our do have our.

15:24:31 I think maybe a couple of our colleagues on as well.

15:24:35 If you sharing my TV, I'll let her introduce yourself.

15:24:38 I don't see Jeff, but I do want to say we do have a new field rep for Arizona.

15:24:43 Jeff Hayes. Some of you might know him from Usda real development.

15:24:47 We got lucky, and we stole him, and so he'll be on the ground.

15:24:50 There doing any kind of support work? If you have any questions there.

15:24:55 But my colleague, Sharon Mativa. I see her on, so I'm gonna let her introduce herself

15:24:59 Okay. So, Francis, you're in California, San Francisco, or

15:25:03 Hi, I'm I'm actually out of the Seattle Regional office. But we cover Arizona as one of our 8 States

15:25:10 And I knew you weren't faced here in Arizona. But you know

15:25:12 Yeah, I'm not there. But but Jeff is there.

15:25:16 So, so, yeah, yeah.

15:25:15 Okay, so we'll definitely have to get acquainted with him.

15:25:20 Yeah, I will. I'll give you his contact. I'll put that in the chat.

15:25:23 But but yeah, no, I'm up here as well as as Sharon.

15:25:27 Oh, thanks for joining us today. And Sharon, you wanna say something, please

15:25:32 Sure. Hi! All this is Sharon Mkiva. I've been on and off some in your meetings periodically when I get a moment, but I am also the Project officer that supports Arizona.

15:25:45 So that's why I jump in, in and out of your meeting.

15:25:48 Sometimes I wanna hear what's going on. And, as Francis says, you know, she's the Integrator, I'm the Po.

15:25:55 So we work together to support our different constituents.

15:26:01 So.

15:26:01 Sounds great, thank you. And Cynthia Bell. I think you've been.

15:26:08 You've been on before, but you wanna introduce yourself real quick

15:26:11 Yeah, sure. Thank you. This is Cindy Bell. I'm the sales manager for alluvian communications, which is a ceiling.

15:26:20 We are wholly owned by the Hela River telecommunications, which is a dialogue operating on Heal River, Indian community.

15:26:29 We're holy owned by the Hela River Indian community.

15:26:31 I am not a tribal member, and sometimes our sales rep domain.

15:26:36 We'll also jump on some of these calls. He is no, not a tribal member either, but we are.

15:26:42 I'll see Lac. You provide Internet services primarily to cellular companies doing cellular back call.

15:26:51 But we are starting to get more outreach into the areas between Phoenix and Tucson.

15:26:57 So we're starting to provide fire services to commercial folks.

15:27:03 Small business and enterprise, as well as wholesale, so eventually we will provide residential.

15:27:13 But that is not on the the plan at the very moment.

15:27:18 So. But it's definitely we're building out like crazy.

15:27:23 So that's that's who we are, only in communications.

15:27:26 Thank you very much.

15:27:25 Right? Yeah. And Germany. German has been a regular participant in the task force meeting.

15:27:32 So we we appreciate that. So is there anybody else new that I've missed, that we need to acknowledge before we move on

15:27:42 Thank you. Yeah. He's our call.

15:27:46 Sorry. Who was that?

15:27:54 I'm sorry I'm not here. Anybody else. Yes.

15:28:11 Okay.

15:28:00 Okay, well, let's move on, then. So just a reminder that our meeting schedule we're not meeting again next week, although I may be looking at, we'll talk about that later.

15:28:13 About maybe having a kick off for our planning process.

15:28:17 But we will be meeting on Twenty-third and thirtieth, and I will send out a meeting.

15:28:23 Invite to everybody. I didn't want to do that, because I don't want to confuse people so, anyway, with that, I wanna give to some of our really important, more other important stuff today shouldn't say more important.

15:28:39 And but important stuff for you to be, and one of the reasons that we know that we changed our meeting time was to accommodate the sand deep, and Nicole you may have with Ntia, because so much is happening with being in and digital equity and everything and the state has been in the middle of all

15:29:01 of that kind of stuff as his ntia, that it would be really good to get regular briefings from them.

15:29:08 So with that Sandy, in addition to the mapping stuff you talked about, you want to kind of give us an update and your quote jump in wherever you feel, and then we'll get you some time. Also

15:29:24 Yep, just a second

15:29:23 Sandy, are you there? Okay, there you go, Sandy.

15:29:28 Do you have anything to share you? Wanna do you need to share your screen or anything

15:29:36 Okay.

15:29:32 No, I'm I I already shared our process.

15:29:38 So if anyone have any question, I would be happy to take that

15:29:40 Okay, so can you talk about what's happening with the beat and the digital equity.

15:29:47 And the planning and consultants and staffing, and all that kind of good stuff

15:29:51 Sure. So we already have an Rfq.

15:29:59 We posted few, I guess, approximately a month ago.

15:30:03 We closed out of queue. We are currently evaluating the R. Q.

15:30:05 To select a vendor for be planning a digital equity, planning, mapping, and some of other scopes, mostly focused on other broadband.

15:30:15 Grant which is state, will be receiving soon from the Treasury, mostly the upper money.

15:30:22 Regarding the beat side. We already received the planning grant, and as well as for digital equity.

15:30:29 Once we select the mapping vendor and I'm beefing up my team, hiring more people.

15:30:35 I am going to post a link of the of the recent post off a Gis.

15:30:40 And analyst and data called. And there analysts. Please feel free to send that link to anyone you know who's looking for a job.

15:30:48 We are looking for. We're looking for actually, multiple position in broadband under broadband team.

15:30:56 Once we have everything in place. I'm hoping by end of January we'll start working on the initial planning process.

15:31:02 So that's the quite a few update along with the mapping mapping is taking most of the time, probably 60% of my, our hmm, 60% of our total time is going towards mapping.

15:31:16 But also these things are going in parallel. So these are, is it the recent updates?

15:31:23 Yeah, since month of December and January.

15:31:25 So please feel free to ask me question. Probably there might be more answer more questions.

15:31:31 Once you start like asking me

15:31:45 Okay.

15:31:33 Yeah, so, Sandy, if I know that one of the questions that people are asking, may be a little premature for you yet to answer that, since you're still gonna be hiring the consultants and staff but people were gonna be asking about so how do they pro how are people going to be able to

15:31:51 Provide input. I know you and I have talked many times that you're real big looking for community engagement and involvement.

15:31:57 And input from people and so forth, will certainly be a part of the planning process do you have any thoughts about that?

15:32:03 At the same time. I know it's a little pretty mature to the consultants and staff get on the road, but

15:32:11 I mean no, I think it's a it's a valid question.

15:32:15 I don't have any say a strategy in this mind.

15:32:17 Of course we will be seeking for our stakeholders feedback.

15:32:21 I think that's a that's an way consultants will find, and we will assist the consultants will be doing the heavy lifting in the planning process because they are basically, they have the subject matter specialists in this case and we'll be helping them to facilitate t at the whole

15:32:38 Process, so there will be a way at this point. We have some things.

15:32:42 We are drafting it. Our, you know, warehouse.

15:32:46 But basically, I don't have a clear guideline at this point

15:32:50 And again, I know you're really focused on the mapping, as you have indicated that we have any timeframe about when you think you'll get the consultants on board and the staff, and all that kind of good stuff

15:33:03 For digital equity, and and we probably end up this this month mapping not sure it's very complicated, because if you, if you look at the guideline from bead and sorry from Ati basically we will end up building a map for both.

15:33:24 Internet like connectivity as well as the digital inclusion.

15:33:28 So it's a big scope, and we have a lot more.

15:33:33 We have other factors we need to think about before we decide or finalize a vendor.

15:33:38 I think mapping will take a little bit more

15:33:39 Hey? Thank you. Any questions for Sandy

15:33:47 Only on grant programs. So the 100 million dollars in announced awards, how are they moving along?

15:33:57 And what is your outlook for? Perhaps refreshing the grant portion of your portfolio with some of the new monies

15:34:09 The 100 million dollar, as you all know, it's coming from Persian, and we went through 2 round of questionnaire, with treasury, because it's part of the process that they will send us a question we need to answer.

15:34:22 We need to justify the project. What we have selected and why we selected those.

15:34:26 So we answered those questions, and the last update was probably on December twenty-foot, right before the Christmas.

15:34:34 I send them the last round of questionnaire. That does not mean they will not send us more additional questions, but I'm hoping at this point that they will go ahead and approve it.

15:34:44 And we'll start executing the contracts. But the way time, please don't quote me on that, but it can be from a month to one and a half month to 2 months.

15:34:55 We are not sure but there is nothing due or pending from State side, or from a Csi or Broadway office side.

15:35:05 Thank you.

15:35:05 Any other questions for Sandy

15:35:10 Well, Sandy, if I really appreciate all your work, I know it's been a.

15:35:15 It's been a challenge to pick up with Jeff leaving and picking up what right the middle of one all this stuff is starting to roll out. So I think you said you're getting like 4 h of sleep. But I did so really appreciate you hanging in there

15:35:29 Yeah, no, I really appreciate your support Steve. And I I really enjoy what I do.

15:35:36 So probably that's why I'm not getting time. So thank you, guys, everyone for your support.

15:35:40 Sure, Fernando, you have a question

15:35:44 I do, Sir Sandy? Very nice to meet you. I know the Nti will specifically, so.

15:35:50 You'll work with the labor union and community organization.

15:35:55 Have you chosen those organizations? Yeah.

15:35:58 No, basically, we will work on it once we have the consultant on board by any means or form.

15:36:05 Those are the new requirements we haven't indicated before, so we'll work with our customer and will come up with the stand.

15:36:12 Oh!

15:36:12 But the person right. I read those guidelines from the http and board digital inclusion.

15:36:19 If if you Fq. Pdf. Documentation

15:36:22 Thank you, sir.

15:36:24 Any other questions for Sandy

15:36:28 If not, let's move on, Nicole. You know.

15:36:32 Give us an update. And I know you've been busy also. And you kind of give us an update on what's happening.

15:36:35 Yup, sure, yeah, and just really heads off to Sandy for hitting the ground, running you know, when I configure my colleagues across the country, I really talk about how we have impeccable timing here in Arizona with you know, getting a new Broadband director on Board submitting mapping challenge

15:36:54 Processes, trying to hire 6 new full-time positions as well as award contracts on top of the.

15:37:04 You know the Federal reporting that already starts with the awards, with with both awards coming to the office.

15:37:10 So it's. It's a a giant amount of work, that's all falling on one person currently.

15:37:16 So you know, we're all looking forward to when Sandy's team gets built out.

15:37:20 But that's sort of the, you know, even from my perspective.

15:37:25 Just some of the things that Sandy's working on.

15:37:27 So I I think in February, we're gonna have a different landscape in front of us.

15:37:33 And so we're, you know, just gonna do our best and and work day by day until until we get there.

15:37:40 I just wanted to give some numbers to the 2 awards that I have come to been awarded to the Arizona commerce authorities.

15:37:49 So they were awarded 5 million dollars for planning activities for bead, and they have 270 days from that planning award to devise the initial proposal as well as to conduct all of the stakeholder engagement that's hitting all of those

15:38:08 requirements in the no phone, you know, like like workforce, like engaging with labor, like meeting every you know.

15:38:14 Really as many, as many stakeholders in Arizona as possible.

15:38:18 They've also received \$1,160,110 and 78 cents for the digital exchange planning funds.

15:38:28 And that's to help with the States. Digital equity plan that works in tandem with the bead deployment plan.

15:38:37 In addition, you know, we've got all these different, you know, requirements for engaging with different sectors.

15:38:46 And so Nt I. A. Is working with the Arizona Broadband office, and others to to strategize around how we can best leverage consultants.

15:38:56 The incoming staff, ntia resources and different different groups on the ground to make sure that we're we're really able to pull this off in a good way.

15:39:07 So, Nicole, just remind people about what your job is

15:39:10 Oh, sure! So I am. The Federal program officer with Ntia.

15:39:17 This is a sort of a new position for this type of State agency, where we are liaisons between stakeholders on the ground and the Federal Government.

15:39:28 We are grants, officers for the bipartisan infrastructure law broadband programs coming to each of our respective States and Territories.

15:39:37 So in Arizona. That's bead.

15:39:40 The broadband equity, access and deployment programs. So that's 40 42.4 5 billion dollars that is distributed amongst states in Us.

15:39:51 Territories, for broadband deployment and broadband adoption projects, and we also administer the 2.7 5 billion digital equity act funding.

15:40:02 That is also disturbed out to States and Territories and tribal nations are also able, eligible for the you know.

15:40:11 So in my role, I'm really committed to making sure that the broadband into digital equity work here in Arizona gets pulled off in the right way that all the stakeholders have a line of communication with the broadband office as well as the Federal government and to make sure

15:40:26 that everybody is represented in the planning and the deployment process.

15:40:31 I'd love to hear from all of you. I've learned so much from everybody in this group and from everybody I get a chance to meet with.

15:40:38 So please share my contact, info widely, and and reach out as often as you can

15:40:42 Right. Thank thank you, Nicole, and again, really appreciate all your hard work.

15:40:49 This is really interesting and challenging times. It's kind of good, bad exciting stuff.

15:40:57 Lot of good money coming down the road. On the other hand, a lot of stuff that has to get done and it's exciting that we will actually have a real broadband office with real staff.

15:41:08 Besides, just the one man band that we've had in the past. So I'm sure, Sandy, you're going to be happy about that

15:41:16 Once it's all in place. So so any other questions for Nicole

15:41:22 Yes, this is Cindy Hogan up. Yeah, thanks.

15:41:23 Yeah, Cindy, you got a question. Go ahead.

15:41:27 Just wanted to know. The start dates for, and that is it.

15:41:31 270 days for a digital equity, planning as well.

15:41:35 And what are the start dates based on the awards

15:41:42 Let me let me pull that up for you. Send you, and I'll put it in the chat cause.

15:41:44 Hey? That'd be great.

15:41:47 It's it's different, based on the they have 2 different award days

15:41:49 Right great yup, thanks. Great

15:41:53 Okay. Any other questions for Sandy, for Nicole before we move on

15:41:59 My last question is just that, Hi, I'm Lucy.

15:42:02 And am I curious? So I assume that you would actually have a great insight, as other States are deploying very similar grants and programs at state levels across the board as well. Right?

15:42:13 Like all the States, are getting this at the same time, and at about the same rate.

15:42:18 Yes, yeah, but but that that doesn't mean they're all in the same place.

15:42:19 Okay. Cool. That's that's exciting. Right? No, exactly.

15:42:24 So there's some states that got their money right away exactly

15:42:25 So we can prove a readiness and a collaborative factor for acceleration, which is cool, cool.

15:42:29 Exactly, exactly.

15:42:31 What, which I think Nicole sort of alluded to that a lot of states have had broadband offices with 2, 3, 5, 10 people, and so we're now just having to gear up while we've got all this money coming in.

15:42:45 It's a it's quite the challenge. But, on the other hand, it's very exciting for us

15:42:51 Have you other questions for Santa Fe, for Nicole?

15:42:56 If if not, let's go. I'm sorry

15:42:57 Hi, Steve! This is Hi, Steve! I'm sorry. Hi, Steve!

15:43:01 This is Pj, way, how you doing

15:43:02 Okay. Pj, good to hear from you.

15:43:05 Good. I'm sorry I joined a little late there had a little bit trouble connecting in via Zoom, so I just dialed in.

15:43:11 Yeah, thank you very much for sharing the information, everybody and and Steve, I I would love.

15:43:15 I apparently missed the part when we were talking about.

15:43:18 If I heard you correctly, Steve, that there's going to be a greater expense for the for the office itself rather than the the one man band, as you put it.

15:43:26 Yes.

15:43:30 That's correct.

15:43:31 Gotcha? That's that's excellent. It's gonna go a long way across the state.

15:43:36 And I'm glad you had the information. So thank you.

15:43:38 You bet any other questions or comments before we move on?

15:43:44 Okay. So the next thing is that now, as a indicated in our communications, that we are going to be quickly moving towards updating the 2022, twenty-twenty strategic plan that the task force did and excuse me.

15:44:06 So we want to take a look at what we've accomplished.

15:44:09 What do we need to do next? And what's what's in the future here?

15:44:12 And so I've reached out to 3 people to take a lead in that John Kelly, who, many of you know, John, exc excuse me, and Jan Schiller, who was not with it, couldn't make it today.

15:44:26 She has some conflict, and Karen, excuse me having a little allergy here, and so they have accepted the invite to take a lead in moving ahead with that process we've been meeting.

15:44:43 We've had a couple of meetings. We're starting to outline the process putting together some background information. But, John, do you want to just kind of get people a quickie overview

15:44:53 Sure, thanks, Steve. We've talked a little bit about this on a previous call that was less well attended.

15:45:00 So part of this is review. But today is a is a momentous day, and the state of Arizona.

15:45:06 It's a new, the beginning of the new legislative session with about 31 new members coming into legislature, never having served, in the Legislature before we have a new governor who delivered her State of the State.

15:45:21 Address. She was born in last Wednesday, and so it's a it's a time of new beginnings for the State.

15:45:29 And so what we wanted to do is reflect forward on the work that this task force as various members at the time did, to sort of put, do a an overview of where we were with broadband and what needed to be done, particularly in the context of Covid, but not exclusively in context, and here we are 2

15:45:52 Years later, with with new leaders, new decision makers, new opportunities to kind of grade out where the State has has accomplished a great deal, and I think we can point to a great many of those accomplishments.

15:46:07 The broadband grant program, the the digital equity work that Aaron Carr, Jordan, and others are working on the the work of the libraries.

15:46:17 And there's so many accomplishments. And it's just really important to take a moment to update and celebrate that.

15:46:25 And and talk about the progress, the final mile in rural school districts, some of the E-rate work that's gone on. There's there's been work across the board, and I know I'm leaving things out, and I apologize for doing stuff but that's the whole purpose.

15:46:39 Of this we want don't want to leave things out.

15:46:41 We want to identify the things that we're put in that I think it was a 65 or so Page report.

15:46:48 Really digest it down. Look at the main recommendations that came out of that activity grade.

15:46:57 How the State has done we can do it in a number of different ways, either a green, yellow, red, or a ABC F.

15:47:05 Kind of thing, and and sort of give our stakeholders and decision makers a a good update on on where the State is and and what still needs to be done.

15:47:17 There's there's 2 aspects of that one, is there?

15:47:22 There are things that we've attempted to do over last years.

15:47:25 We just haven't climbed the hill yet and we need to keep climbing, and whether it's a resource issue or an organizational issue, or maybe in the case of San Diego staffing issue, those are recommendations.

15:47:38 We can sort of revise and update for our stakeholders.

15:47:42 But the other part of it is for those things in which we have made significant progress.

15:47:47 We have reached the top of the hill. Those of you like to hike here around Arizona.

15:47:52 Every hill you climb reveals the next till you need to climb and and that's the final part of it is you get to celebrate your achievement.

15:48:00 Take a simple water, and then keep marching. And so that's what we also want to do with this project is, get the ideas for the next 2 years of implementation, either that's going to take place at the private sector.

15:48:19 Local government in the education system, and our libraries, or in the legislature and the governor's office.

15:48:23 Wherever those solutions need to live. So that's that's where we want to go.

15:48:28 As we have done in the past. This will be an inclusive process.

15:48:32 We want to make sure that every point of view is is included.

15:48:37 We're asking for volunteers to do some leadership around some designated teams.

15:48:45 Steve has put together some recommendations for specific teams that we want to focus on, and there's one on schools and libraries.

15:48:53 There's one on telehealth, I think, Steve, if you want to share that or move down in your document that might be helpful to people so they can start thinking about where they would either want to participate in contribute what they have been a part of the projects they've seen successful or not yet as

15:49:11 Successful as they need to be, and then, and we probably need at least a team leader to convene.

15:49:18 Go through the Bullet Point recommendations that came out of the last report and do some some grading and some ideas for the next steps overall.

15:49:26 We wanna make sure this is a very short, readable document.

15:49:30 We're gonna reduce the narrative significantly.

15:49:32 We're not producing another 60 page document. If it gets more than 5 I'll be very upset because I want this to be digestible.

15:49:42 Action, oriented. And we want to build on the previous report and maybe give people a reason to look back at that report because there was a lot of work done to create the rationalization for the policy recommendations that were put together.

15:49:56 So we don't need to rewrite the rationalization.

15:49:57 We don't need to reinvent the words.

15:49:59 We don't need to do worse. Nothing. We just need to refresh the report.

15:50:05 Give it an update, take advantage of the collective wisdom that that participates in this task force, and Karen and and Steve and and and I will help sort of put it into a product that will will bring back out to you all for for review from a Timing perspective.

15:50:22 I would like to see at least a draft version of this done by the end of January, if we're going to have any hope of having any impact on this current legislative session.

15:50:31 If if any of that is required if any of that's necessary, then I think it's important that we get that in place as soon as possible.

15:50:40 So that's the end of my speech, Steve.

15:50:43 You want anything more.

15:50:49 So again, it's really important. That now is the time for us to really revisit all this stuff and map out our recommendations.

15:50:59 And it's particularly important because we want to make sure that we can provide input to the bead and digital equity planning.

15:51:05 And so, in addition to a lot of other issues. So we want to make sure that we expedite getting done, even though the beaten digital equity planning is going to be an an extended process.

15:51:18 But we don't want to wait, and and it's possible that we create these teams that they may be ongoing.

15:51:24 And it may be a change in process for the task force.

15:51:28 So first focus is to get this plan updated. And then after that, maybe we want to, instead of meeting every week like we have been, then maybe we meet every other week or every 3 weeks, and in between that we provide the time for people to participate on these teams where we can actually work on some projects together in

15:51:47 Addition to updating and looking at other things that need to be done.

15:51:50 But again the first focus is to get that plan updated.

15:51:54 So the teams that I've suggested at this point, and this is just a preliminary list.

15:52:01 So it may or may not be exactly the list we want, but I'd suggested course, broadband and connectivity.

15:52:08 Maybe we don't need a mapping team, but I put that up here for now, just because mapping is is a big issue.

15:52:15 At this point. We've talked a lot about the need for cybersecurity and to address the issue of cybersecurity.

15:52:22 Also community planning and I think this is actually, at least from my perspective.

15:52:27 When we talk about community planning, we've seen a lot of success in this state and course around the country where we've developed broadband action teams have done their planning, have recruited, have found money and funding to be able to do a number of community projects and so we found that to be

15:52:44 a very effective way to help local communities get connected. So we wanna look at, how do we do community planning but at least from my perspective, that it needs to be a step further now with all the emphasis on digital equity and digital inclusion that we need to look at how do we help local communities

15:53:02 to do local planning for our digital equity and digital inclusion.

15:53:06 So at least, that's my perspective that it needs to.

15:53:09 But we need to look at that whole issue of community planning, of course, schools and libraries is gonna continuing to be a a need for us to address the needs of those institutions and organizations.

15:53:23 And that's not just K. 12. It could be universities could be community colleagues, it could be others.

15:53:28 But we need to look at the some. What'sapp, what's been happening and where we need to go.

15:53:35 And addressing some of those needs again, as I just commented, that digital equity, digital inclusion, digital access, all those things have now become a forefront issue.

15:53:45 Finally, and this course again, we're here. We're gonna see more money.

15:53:50 We're gonna see digital equity funding. And so we really need to address, what do we think needs to be a drop be done in that area.

15:53:57 And I guess I want to emphasize with all of these things that we're looking at some high, level kinds of recommendations.

15:54:01 So we're not gonna get down into this community should get this amount of money to do this that's not gonna happen.

15:54:08 But we want to be able to get broad kinds of recommendations about what needs to happen in these areas, health care and digital medicine and janitor.

15:54:17 You're still on the line

15:54:20 She just left Steve

15:54:21 Oh, well, last time when we did our planning, we did not develop a a telemedicine plan, and the reason team and the reason for that is the tele mess and people have their own broadband planning action teams.

15:54:38 And so we said we would just collaborate with them.

15:54:41 Obviously, Janet be and representative. Maybe now we need to to do something specifically regarding telemedicine.

15:54:49 And then we've got a lot of interest in the health care space.

15:54:52 And so we probably need to do something along those lines.

15:54:55 And then funding. And when I talk about funding, we talked about funding at the very beginning, and maybe the same thing.

15:55:01 Now is that we know. Then we know there's a lot of Federal money government funding and so forth.

15:55:07 But as we talked about at the beginning that we know that there's other money out there, there's foundation money and other kinds of funding sources, and I don't think we've done a good job of taking advantage, and particularly now that we're moving into the into the digital equity space and digital inclusion that that may be some areas where foundations

15:55:30 And other kinds of organizations can help to look at funding.

15:55:33 So those great I see

15:55:32 Well and and to that point to that point, Steve, I think the real value of this is, if there is a funding need.

15:55:41 The document that was produced 2 years ago, and what we hope to be produced gives an answer to the why?

15:55:46 Yeah.

15:55:47 Because you can't just say more funding, because if they don't understand what it's gonna do, what they benefit is what the value is, or how sustainable is it's not a good.

15:55:55 It's not a good thing to do, so that's why that's so important.

15:56:00 And and Jan pulled out of the last report. 47 discrete recommendations, 47 discrete recommendations.

15:56:09 So there was a lot of stuff that came out of that.

15:56:11 So we have to again keep it simple, keep it accessible and digestible and actual

15:56:18 Thank you, John. So those those are at least my thoughts about teams, and I'd like to open it up for some quick comments.

15:56:26 Anybody have any thoughts? Does that make sense or there's some teams we that I didn't mention, that you think should be included in this list.

15:56:34 Any thoughts, comments, etc.,

15:56:39 Yeah, mark.

15:56:38 Steve Mark Goldstein, John. So I posted something in the chat, which is a ten-page word document from the tech Council.

15:56:47 Half is state broadband policy, legislative recommendations.

15:56:53 They emerge both before this task force and evolved with it in the generation of the 2,020 report and since this is the 2,023 version of those so I'm not suggesting they're the your baseline.

15:57:08 But there's an example often drawn from this task force work and the Tech Council and atic, of very specifically legislative recommendations.

15:57:21 So it's less the why it's more the how, not as much on the funding side.

15:57:25 So I did share that over the holiday break with Jan and Karen and John.

15:57:33 As you know, some predicate fodder, but 5 pages isn't very long.

15:57:38 I'm also left to wonder whether we need 8 committees working on a five-page document

15:57:46 We'll we'll revisit that Mark and John and and Karen and I.

15:57:53 I gotta say that I picked the right people because these guys have been beating me up about that.

15:57:57 We don't need to do all that. We don't need to do this.

15:57:59 And so what's that? And I say that, and in a respectful manner that I appreciate their input

15:58:10 Right.

15:58:05 I think I think, mark to your point. We just wanna make sure we don't leave anybody out of the success grade, and and that there's a certain amount of buy-in.

15:58:14 But I again, I think the more we invest in this the upfront, the the less heavy lifting will have to do it.

15:58:23 So anyway, Mark, we'll take that onto account. And and and John and say, Karen and Jan and I will be getting back together a couple of times to really map this out.

15:58:35 We want this to be a good, smooth process, and so we wanna make sure we're doing the right thing that we've got the right support in place so that we can move this process along.

15:58:45 So again, that I'm thinking that we want to have a kick off meeting where we can go into more detail about what this process is going to look like.

15:58:55 Sherrika, you have a question or comment

15:58:57 Okay.

15:58:57 Yeah, I was. I'm looking at your categories, and I'm curious on what exactly community planning is because I think community is kind of wrapped into all of them, and how you would implement our work within the community.

15:59:11 So I'm just curious. Why, it's its own separate, or what the purpose of it.

15:59:14 Was.

15:59:15 Well again. I you know I can only speak for myself. Well, I'm one of the things that we talked about as as we had been meeting about this is that a lot of these things are gonna overlook and so they're not gonna be discrete kinds of things libraries.

15:59:30 Are in community, you know, digital equities and communities. So it's it.

15:59:35 's it's not going to be discrete again in my perspective that when we talk about community planning, it had to do more with broadband action teams, digital access teams and communities and those kinds of things so that's that's been sort of my thinking about it.

15:59:55 Sharika! But again, all this stuff is gonna it it's not gonna be discrete.

16:00:00 And actually part of the discussion we had this morning, as we were discussing.

16:00:04 This is that originally my plan was to have individual Google docs for each of these teams.

16:00:12 And what what John and Jan suggested is, let's keep one document where we can keep track of what everybody's doing.

16:00:18 So the people can see what's what's there, how they interact with each other.

16:00:23 And that sort of thing. So again, there may be some things that are duplicated in each of the groups I don't know what that looks like.

16:00:31 Does that answer your question?

16:00:31 And just to get firm com community planning has most often shriek a been about the remediation of broadband availability in the communities.

16:00:43 More recently, of course, digital equity, but but historically, we've tended to look to communities to generate their own energy around remediating broadband availability gaps that shouldn't be limiter.

16:01:02 But that's just historically why, we've mostly talked about that kind of grassroots

16:01:06 And that could tie into digital navigation and Acp and and other kinds of things.

16:01:11 So it's so the whole point. I think that Steve brought up.

16:01:15 Is that so many of these things do intertwine, and if we broke it up into individual team documents, I was afraid that we would just be repeating ourselves. And so I wanted to make sure we had a holistic document at the end of the day

16:01:29 So does that answer your question or concern

16:01:33 Yeah, we'll see.

16:01:35 Hey!

16:01:38 Well, that's her commitment.

16:01:41 Bye, bye.

16:01:44 Okay? What? Up? Workforce?

16:01:41 I think there are a couple more suggestions in the chat for workforce workforce and workforce and economic development and immigrants working with immigrants

16:01:54 And and Mala added on tribal

16:01:53 Yeah, community seems like such a such a broad subject. May we need to pinpoint it

16:02:02 You know. I I also added something about broadband adoption with tribes, because we we have to start right at the very bottom as far as tribes are concerned.

16:02:14 It, you know, and that's not a disparity or anything.

16:02:17 It's because of the lack of availability or broadband that has caused this total.

16:02:26 What animosity towards broadband adoption.

16:02:31 So we've got a have a plan, at least for the tribe that starts much lower than what you would do for digital equity for the others.

16:02:44 That sounds like a recommendation

16:02:47 It is. Thank you.

16:02:50 Well, I don't know if you would put rural access is kind of the biggest deal to a address, so I don't know if tribes in a rural would be under the same type of you know, category of need, but that is ultimately, what I think we're addressing.

16:03:08 Is where connectivity is challenged.

16:03:11 But I I think you know the rural connectivity is kind of slightly different from W. Broadband adoption, because even if they did have connectivity unless they adopted, unless they use it, unless they find the need for it, it's going to be difficult, so with the tribes, I think we need to catch

16:03:32 them where their need is. For example, their need is help. Their need.

16:03:38 Is economic development and commerce, and both those things can be met with adopting broadband.

16:03:48 After they've got their connectivity. So right now we are working with Navajo Nation.

16:03:54 We've got lots of one, you know, funding to do them to lay out fiber and Navajo nation.

16:04:03 But once we do that, are they going to use? It is my big question, you know, and to do that we need to.

16:04:10 We need to let them know what they're how they're going to use it.

16:04:14 So that's why the second project that I'm working on on a telehealth project is with the Navajo nation, so that they they learn what they can use their broadband for.

16:04:26 And then maybe move on to commerce. How can they sell their products online?

16:04:32 How you know ebay, and whatever else you know, if we can work our way towards that, it doesn't have to be that much in detail.

16:04:41 John. So you know, we're gonna contain it within your 5 pages, or 10, or whatever you plan to do.

16:04:49 But we just need to actually put a sentence or 2 in, or working with the tribes for adoption.

16:04:58 So I I also wanna comment. My, I saw your comment about immigrants, and I always say that.

16:05:03 Yes.

16:05:05 Not that it's not important, but I would prefer not to include that, because once we start getting into every special group we've got, seniors, we've got students.

16:05:14 We've got low income people. We've got all kinds of folks, and those will be addressed certainly in the digital inclusion space and other places.

16:05:23 So I'm reluctant to have a separate group specifically for that.

16:05:26 That's my personal opinion.

16:05:33 Yeah.

16:05:28 Yeah, I, I agree with you, Steve. We we don't have to have a separate group for for for them.

16:05:35 But if we could, yeah, and even for tribes, for example, we don't have to have a separate group.

16:05:39 But when we address digital equity, we address them for the different groups within that

16:05:46 Yeah, yeah, okay, so what else? Anything else? Any major categories that we've missed

16:05:58 So that's the plan. So I just wanna mention that.

16:06:02 So what we're looking at, we want to review and an assessment of the 2020 plan.

16:06:08 What's been accomplished. What needs to be done is John indicated.

16:06:11 We want to look at, what are the issues and the needs which is certainly what we did the last time what are the barriers and what we needs to be done to address those barriers so that we're very clear about here's what needs to get done?

16:06:23 Yeah, and why it needs to get done. What are the bear?

16:06:27 Why isn't that happening right now? And what do we need to do to make it happen?

16:06:30 So that's roughly what we're looking at.

16:06:34 So we'll give you more information about the process.

16:06:39 Again Jan and and Karen and I and John and I'll get together and kind of tweak this some more, and then we'll have a kick off meeting.

16:06:49 Go through this whole process if any of you have an interest in being a champion or leader of any of these groups, please let me know my my anticipation is that we will have 2 maximum 3 people who will be leaders, and we're looking to them to facilitate these meetings

16:07:07 To capture the information. Make sure it gets into the document, and so forth, and so, and the other thing I want to say is, last time we did this, what I found was when we had the teams that people attend to the first meeting.

16:07:23 Got notices of future meetings, other people didn't know that the meet, the the groups were meeting, and so later on the process, I started sending out the notices to the whole task force of every of every meeting that was taking place, and I anticipate that I will do that again, so that anybody any

16:07:40 Of these teams that are meeting, you're welcome to participate at any time, provided.

16:07:44 Point, and you'll be able to put that provide that input online into the directly into the document.

16:07:51 So anyway, you'll hear more about that later. But that's what we're thinking.

16:07:56 So I wanna make this as inclusive as possible that you have an opportunity to participate

16:08:05 Okay, any questions or comments about that

16:08:11 Going, once going, device

16:08:13 There's there's a question in the chat that just as Alicia arrived late, is there a link to the doc on the screen?

16:08:19 This document not yet, and the reason for that is that it's still in the process of being tweaked, and I need to go over with John and so forth, so that we're clear about exactly what we're gonna get done.

16:08:31 And why, and how people we share that widely, but it will be available.

16:08:36 Which is why it's in a Google Doc at the moment.

16:08:39 I just don't want to get it out of ourselves.

16:08:41 Here. Okay. Okay? If not, then we're ready to ready to move on on the agenda.

16:08:50 And I'm gonna go back to the agenda

16:09:04 Yeah. So the other thing. So the next thing on the agenda is, I wanted to introduce and give them an opportunity to explain a little bit about who they are.

16:09:15 And what they're doing is to is Aaron Laurandos.

16:09:20 Or Randos? Yep.

16:09:20 Is that correct? And Randall and and Philip saying, Aaron is the new digital Encryption Library Consultant who actually took Nicole's place when she left.

16:09:32 Well, after a little she she took the call's place, and so we want to hear about, you know, a little bit about what her thoughts are and I think she wants to hear some from us about what the that job might be, and then, secondly, is Phillips, said who is, the it project manager with the office of

16:09:53 Digital teaching and learning with the Arizona Department of Education.

16:09:58 We've heard a little bit from Philip before, but I would like to turn it over to you guys, if you have a presentation or documents that you want to share, I can stop sharing and turn it over to you. So Aaron, you want to start please.

16:10:11 Sure, I do not have anything to share except for myself.

16:10:14 Okay.

16:10:16 So here I am, so I. As Steve mentioned, I recently took Nicole's position with the State Library as the digital Inclusion Library consultant or digital Inclusion librarian is the other way that it's often listed, and a 1 million miles up in the Chat.

16:10:34 I actually dropped my contact information when we were all sharing but I'd be happy to do that again if you need it.

16:10:40 And yeah, I've only been in the position for a few weeks.

16:10:42 So I am definitely still in the trying to figure out what my role is, and how it might have changed over the last few months of it being vacant.

16:10:52 And so I would be happy to, you know. Speak with with folks individually to, you know, if that's an easier way to to kind of do that.

16:11:00 But here I am.

16:11:02 So do you have some thoughts about, at least at this point, about what your priorities are going to be? If I could put you on the spot a little bit

16:11:08 They're still being identified, for sure. A lot of my position, I think, is going to be around the outreach perspective and making sure that libraries specifically in our State how know about all of the work that's being done?

16:11:23 We, you know, oversee the connect Arizona digital navigators in my in my office.

16:11:30 And so sharing that information out again and making sure that those resources are being utilized by our libraries.

16:11:38 So it's definitely top of list, and I'm sure that more will be added to that.

16:11:41 As I get a little bit deeper into everything that I'm doing for sure

16:11:46 Any questions or comments for herin

16:11:52 Just want to say welcome to the group, Erin, and I'm sure not only are you going to learn a lot, but you can do a lot with all of us.

16:12:03 Yeah.

16:12:01 100, and it's nice to see so many familiar faces and familiar names in all of these groups, too, so shout out to all my library folks in here

16:12:11 Actually, Aaron, you want to give a quick, quick background. You're you're not new to Arizona. So

16:12:15 Sure. No, I'm not. I have been here in Arizona for just under 10 years, working primarily in academic and most of public libraries.

16:12:26 I'm very much involved with the Library Association here in the State as well.

16:12:32 So I definitely have a way to get the ear of people who are working in the libraries, which is fantastic, and prior to that I grew up in Verona, Wisconsin, outside of Madison been there a whole life prior to moving here, and I worked in primarily public and academic libraries

16:12:49 There's as well. So that's a little bit about me.

16:12:52 Okay.

16:12:53 And I've already got a flood of dms.

16:12:55 So thank you so much to everybody. I'll respond to those momentarily

16:13:04 Thank you.

16:13:00 Okay, okay, thanks, Aaron. Again, welcome is, my mother said. Welcome both your new position and to participating with the task force

16:13:09 Thank you.

16:13:11 Okay, Philip, you're on

16:13:14 Thanks, Steve. So if you were there on December thirteenth, that was my first meeting with the task force, so I would've been with the office of digital teachers for about a month.

16:13:27 Now I really appreciate the the opportunity, and the collaboration that I've already seen a few meetings I've been to kind of the top 3 priorities for myself in the office of digital teaching learning is 12 obviously connectivity for kids well, when the scary phrase for a few

16:13:46 Other things we don't know if those will go into fruition yet, but if anybody here knows if any other, you know, tech solutions that K.

16:13:54 12 would benefit from. Please reach out, I will drop my email and contact info in the chat one more time, and I would love to hear from you I did not do a presentation.

16:14:08 I. That's correct.

16:14:06 I was told it was not required for this one state. So next time, we'll we'll get some together.

16:14:13 So any questions. Please let me know. You want me to do backgrounds

16:14:16 Okay, yeah, why do you please, phone.

16:14:22 So so I am an Arizona and native.

16:14:26 I'm actually the first gen born here. English as a second second language person.

16:14:31 I grew up in Yahoo elementary school district actually worked there as their assistant director of infrastructure operations.

16:14:37 Before moving the AD as the It Project manager. So I've done a lot of network solutions and and user devices and everything like that.

16:14:44 So pretty, familiar with it.

16:14:46 Hey? Questions or comments for Philip

16:14:54 So, Philip, I assume that the process is underway with a new superintendent to kind of figure out where the what the agenda is out

16:15:02 Yes, sir, yes, yes, sir, no, sir, and and I cannot enable now.

16:15:12 So, okay.

16:15:06 And you don't have to comment any more than that. Good.

16:15:14 Okay. So a couple of quick things, just to reminder, we have talked to many times about the issue of cyber security. Molly, do you want to just quickly talk about the wire line competition bureau content requests

16:15:36 There hasn't been any updates since I last spoke.

16:15:40 But let me give you, let me tell you what I yes, November fifteenth.

16:15:48 The Fans for learning submitted a proposal for pilot.

16:15:52 So this security for a pilot program for E rate, it does still not. You know.

16:15:59 I. It hasn't been discussed mainly because there is a reluctance to do that with with no majority in Fcc.

16:16:10 We're hoping, J. Zones, I recommendation to join the team gets heard.

16:16:20 At least it gets through the Senate. I hope this time at least, it is passed.

16:16:25 If that happens, then there is a process of cybersecurity being considered at least right now.

16:16:33 What they have asked, what Fcc has asked is, if there are any suggestions from the so from the stakeholders on what needs to be considered.

16:16:45 It's not a rulemaking, it's prior to a rulemaking.

16:16:49 So this is a basic, very basic request for possible funding for firewalls as a pilot program.

16:16:57 So let us see how that works. Let us see if I I think the deadline let me check if I have February thirteenth.

16:17:04 February 13,

16:17:07 You're right, February thirteenth is the deadline for submission of suggestions.

16:17:12 And it's definitely not going to be made available for the 2324 E rate cycle.

16:17:19 But hopefully, if things go well, it could become a part of the eligible services list for 2425

16:17:37 Yes.

16:17:31 Okay, so anybody can submit comments. So if you want to come, just submit and say, Hey, we really think that this is important, that with all the things that are happening with cyber security these days that we have to do a better job of protecting our schools, and libraries you know if that's all you want

16:17:52 Yeah.

16:17:51 To do. That's fine. Want to put more detail. That's fine, too.

16:17:55 Right, and especially if you have examples of something. Some of an attack that has happened.

16:18:04 Yeah, yup, really. Yes, indeed.

16:18:01 You know you. You're a good one, Steve. You had an attack quite recently, and yes, and it's affected many tribes as well, and there are examples of those

16:18:14 Yeah.

16:18:18 You're welcome.

16:18:16 Okay, thank you. I'm sorry. Somebody have a comment.

16:18:24 So moving on, Kirk, you got an announcement that you want to make

16:18:30 You still there, Kirk?

16:18:34 Yeah, sorry. Multitasking. Poorly. It looks like Mark, just pla put it in the chat.

16:18:42 Yeah, we have our third annual data center and smart city IoT.

16:18:48 LED summit, January twenty-sixth, will definitely be providing codes for the Az.

16:18:53 Bsn. And Atic members. There will be. Mark will be hosting a dedicated broadband provider working group.

16:19:03 That appointment also, and more to come.

16:19:08 Okay.

16:19:22 Hmm.

16:19:09 We also have STEM Fest with a side Tech Institute on on Saturday, January twenty-first, and we'll be sharing a booth with future stars, which was which is a big deal

16:19:24 So Steve, since we're not meeting next Monday, I think it's maybe critical for the side tech.

16:19:34 And this event to maybe get a special message out highlighting a few upcoming events and Kirk can get you a code, but maybe that will help lock in.

16:19:43 You know, acbsn participation

16:19:45 Yeah, Mark, I'll be sending out, you know.

16:19:49 A follow up to the meeting, as well as any calendar.

16:19:54 Events and things coming up with the links on how to register, and all that kind of good stuff

16:19:59 Did we lose Sharika? She's still there.

16:20:02 No.

16:20:03 With Usaureka

16:20:05 No, I'm here. I'm listening. I gave you a thumbs up

16:20:10 Oh, there you are. Yeah, we'll be sharing a booth that stemfast at the Institute and and at the Bear Jackson.

16:20:22 Not auction. You're fine

16:20:22 Yeah. That's what I'm actually about to go to Kinkos and start printing.

16:20:25 Stuff for that today

16:20:27 And you have to, but you also have to learn how to drive a solar.

16:20:30 Go cart as part of the deals. Rica so

16:20:32 Oh, that will be easy. That's the easy part

16:20:36 Okay, let's let's move on. So any additional updates model, do you have anything else for the State Library that you need to report it

16:20:46 Just that we are planning our second event for telemedicine telehealth.

16:20:52 This is at home, it's gonna be a community health event on the 20 eighth of January.

16:21:01 We're working hard on trying to. But the event together.

16:21:08 We're not. It's not an event that the library is organizing.

16:21:11 It's a community health Day that au is a city of our who is organizing, and we are participating in it with a similar event to what we did at our web.

16:21:23 This is the second of the 2 pilots that we're doing. Is Michelle there still, Michelle

16:21:32 Michelle Simon. Oh, okay. She dropped off. Otherwise I was gonna have her fill in some some more details but we'll let you know.

16:21:43 So anyone who wants to participate anyone who wants to drive down and see how it happens are welcome to do it.

16:21:50 But I'll send you a flyer as soon as it is ready.

16:21:53 Okay. And so, Mala and Janet, do you guys have anything more about the telehealth and libraries project?

16:22:00 You guys are working on

16:22:05 Okay.

16:22:03 I think Janet has dropped off. Yeah, recurrently, currently, this is the project we're working on.

16:22:10 We're going to be working on the Nagapa Nation project soon, and as soon as we finish this one it's going to be up in the north.

16:22:20 There's going to be 2 events, both up in the North and one down south, where we are planning on doing community health events similar to this.

16:22:29 But we could do a lot more. We gonna have a liver scanning project there as well in both locations, and this is a project that is jointly funded by, and Ih, which is the National Institute of Health and the Libraries.

16:22:48 The Lsda Grant from the libraries, and I will fill you in on more details.

16:22:55 Once the project gets rolling.

16:22:57 Okay, sounds good. So I don't think colleagues online, is she?

16:23:03 Are you Holly?

16:23:03 Oh, no, I couldn't

16:23:06 I didn't think so, and Janet's gone.

16:23:09 We've heard from Philip Kareem. Are you online? I don't know if you wanna have anything more to what Phillips said, but I didn't see you this morning this afternoon.

16:23:19 Okay, and my one. Unfortunately, my one, I I thought we were hoping to beat all these competing meetings.

16:23:27 But he unfortunately has a meeting this time of the day, so anyway, so he can't be here.

16:23:35 So moving on any digital equity updates Cindy, Aaron

16:23:49 I,

16:23:49 Steve. I'll only mention that I did post much earlier in the Chat. Fcc.

16:23:54 Has released a stalwart effort called the affordable community program outreach toolkit.

16:24:03 All sorts of collateral and support. Infographics, flash fact sheets, flyers, handouts, psas, videos, newspaper blurbs, and so on.

16:24:14 So, that I know there's been a lot of stuff around about asp.

16:24:20 But that's should be a good site for zoom of those resources.

16:24:25 Okay, thank you. So.

16:24:26 Yeah, thanks. Mark they keep adding to that. So that's a good resource.

16:24:30 I mean. I think Cindy had to drop. Aaron had to drop and drew.

16:24:34 Unfortunately, because he's in DC. Can't make the new meeting time.

16:24:41 Oh, that's a bummer!

16:24:38 So you're stuck with me. Yeah. So really, there's there's not a ton of stuff to talk about from our end, from common sense.

16:24:52 Right now we're working on trying to secure Federal funding and trying to secure funding from grant grants through our existing donors and others.

16:25:02 To expand our Acp awareness and an enrollment campaign to not only additional areas of Arizona but also Atlanta and a couple of other cities where there's some interest.

16:25:16 So that's kind of what we're doing.

16:25:19 As far as Aden. We're Cindy did drop off right.

16:25:24 Yeah, yeah.

16:25:24 She was driving. Yeah, so I can give you a real quick update on that we're kind of looking at what it is.

16:25:34 The group wants to do in terms of providing, and you already brought this up with Sand up, you know.

16:25:43 How do we provide our expertise, our resources, our support to this, you know, to the state process.

16:25:51 So we're working on like a 2 pager that we can provide to him.

16:25:57 And that's that's kind of what we've been doing in the last meeting last couple of meetings.

16:26:02 So that's it.

16:26:03 Okay, alright. Anything else, any other announcements, any other questions that people have before we end today.

16:26:13 Yeah, well.

16:26:11 Steve. This is Marla. Just just wanted to add that I don't know, Elena.

16:26:19 Are you applying for the Acp outreach? Grant, or are you participating?

16:26:23 No. Okay.

16:26:27 Yes, yes.

16:26:22 Nope, we can't! We can't apparently technically technicality, because we have on the other side of our house.

16:26:31 We have contracts with isps. Who that show our ratings and reviews, and and so we we can't.

16:26:50 Right.

16:26:38 We couldn't do it, plus we did hear, though, Mala, that they expect to receive fewer grant applications because of the complexity of the grant and the lack of time and the confusion and lots of questions, despite how many webinars they tried to have there were a lot of you know

16:27:01 Concerns and questions around the eligibility, requirements, and all of that.

16:27:05 So they may have a second run. We heard they may have a second round.

16:27:09 Yeah.

16:27:13 Yup!

16:27:08 Correct. Correct. You're right. Chicanos is applying for an Arizona, and they've dropped their Puerto Rico.

16:27:18 You know idea. So Robert's not here, so I'll give you a brief update.

16:27:25 They're working on it. I did participate in just one meeting during the holidays, and they are working on doing an application for Arizona.

16:27:38 They will include whoever wants to do outreach. And we we think many of our libraries will do the outreach Pima County has been doing excellent outcomes as far as the Acp.

16:27:52 Is concerned, and we want to try and push it to other areas as well.

16:27:57 I think Sandy spoke about it in our in one of the meetings that we had, and forgive me if I don't remember which one.

16:28:07 But but I think you know, in a recent meeting he spoke about how he helped to try to help someone file an application, and where it used to take 45 min before now it's the process is not smoother, and it's about 15 to 20 min if you have all your ducks in a row and all

16:28:23 The documents you need to upload and if you know how to upload it.

16:28:30 So you know our librarians and libraries are key players in this, because they certainly have the fax machine.

16:28:37 They have the, you know, the computers, they have their Internet access, and they can help decide for the questions.

16:28:46 For anyone who wants to. Yeah, send it an application. So we're looking forward to working with Chicanos to do the outline hopefully.

16:28:56 If they get the grant back to you, Steve.

16:28:59 Yeah. Okay, any other announcements regarding before we end the meeting today?

16:29:07 Hi, Carva! Good! I'm seeing you in a while.

16:29:05 Hey for you! This! Hey? How are you? I know it's been so incredibly busy, but always good things.

16:29:15 I wanted to share that I posted some things on the chat one specific 2, specifically, is the first quarter.

16:29:23 Vip mixer for the Arizona Technology Council happening on and I'm gonna get this.

16:29:31 I have 2 dates that are coming up. So yeah, is January twenty-sixth.

16:29:35 At the Ua tech parks, and then also along with that is, the optics Valley, Arizona photonic, say, which is a phenomenal program with daily keynotes by industry leaders and 30 plus innovation and technology presentations both of those are on the chat and what I have

16:29:54 Done is, I have created a code which is the Az. B.

16:29:59 Sn for 50% discount for anybody that would like to attend those like, I said, if you use that code and I'll put it on the chat as well, you'll get a 50% discount to attend both the fantastic programs the vip mixer.

16:30:16 With a 50% discount, you can come, but with only \$10.

16:30:21 So it's a great program, great opportunity to talk to our leaders and board of directors, because they will be attending after our board of directors meeting here in Tucson.

16:30:30 If you want to know more information. I posted it on the chat in my contact. Info!

16:30:33 There, as well

16:30:35 And I'll be sharing that, and I will see you there, Carla.

16:30:39 I just registered yesterday

16:30:38 Okay, perfect. See there soon.

16:30:42 At least, I hope I'll be there. Okay, anything else? Any other announcements

16:30:46 Hmm just

16:30:49 Yeah, Steve, Mark atic board meeting first of the year is this Wednesday, second Wednesday of most months noon to 2 little concern that the Atic shared site with a Zbsn still remains compromised.

16:31:08 Weird, having to craft a message, saying, Here's our meeting, but don't use our website.

16:31:15 Any update on that

16:31:16 I've been. I had somebody who had volunteered to have their security team work on it and have not heard back from them. So I have some other folks that have stepped up, so I'll be pursuing that

16:31:32 I know.

16:31:30 Okay, kind of I I, and yeah.

16:31:41 Right.

16:31:34 I know, been trying to get it to take care of. I've been sending the message for several days, so I'm gonna go with another plan here

16:31:44 Okay.

16:31:47 Okay. Anything. Else.

16:31:52 If not, I believe we are done for 2 day