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07:07:33:59 Okay, let's go ahead and get started welcome all thank you for joining this morning.

07:34:10 You could figure out whether or not we were meeting today. I apologize for all the emails you received this weekend this week for me, trying to figure out whether we had a meeting. not at a meeting when we're meeting.

07:34:24 So I again. I apologize. if you've been bombarded with emails, and I'll save you the story about why you've got that. 07:34:32 So we're not going to go into that anyway.

07:34:37 I want to welcome you all once again to our task force meeting, and I want to give you some advanced warning.

07:34:43 You may hopefully have seen the notice that today we are going to do some updates, although Jeff is not going to join us today, we are going to do some updates, But today we're gonna do something we did a few months back. that seemed to be fairly popular and that's basically to do a lightning round. We're asking you Well, to think about getting your elevator speech ready. I'm gonna ask for people to volunteer or I will volunteer you to do a two-minute overview of who you are, what you do and what we can do for you. And again 2 min. No formal presentation you don't need to have a Powerpoint, but it's a good way again. We have so many people are participating and many new people that It's a good way to get to know who's participating in in the task force.

07:35:41 So again, I want to remind you if you haven't that we do have a task force participant list. If you have not signed up for that list. please use the Google form and put your contact information. So we know who's participating who you are we've thought to have to, and so forth. I encourage you to do that. and So, as always, there were going to do our Kibitzing with Colleagues for those of you who may not know what that is. Again. After this meeting we have an informal gathering where people come to the other. No presentations, no recording or any of that sort of stuff, but it's just an opportunity for people to share ask questions, and so forth, and I think last time we went we had a fairly lengthy session, and could have kept going if wasn't time to.

07:36:39 Finally end that session. So I encourage you to participate with us.

07:36:46 Let's see what else do I need to how are you So again, what I think our sponsors care first health plan.

07:36:54 Well, Valley of The Sun United Way Satellite Broadcasting and Communications, Association, Kajeet and Triad Wireless. 07:37:02 So thank you all, and we'd like to have new sponsors. add to this list. so please contact me and we'll be glad to get you signed up. I will be contacting you

Do we have any new people.

07:37:18 A couple of people I saw that didn't quite recognize your name Do we have a couple of new people, some new people joining us for the first time today?

07:37:27 This is this is Joe Smith. i'm willing thank you Yeah, Jill, Can you tell us who you are?

07:37:32 Please. sure. First of all, I really appreciate the invite and i'm looking forward to learning more about the organization.

07:37:40 Here, we, the Company, I work for Seracom International. We provide over 300 languages for translation and localization services.

07:37:51 So basically, if you have anything written or audio that needs to be translated, including videos, we can translate that for you.

07:38:01 Navajo, I know, is one of your biggest probably languages other than Spanish.

07:38:06 We have a limited resource on that, but we can definitely provide a Navajo language top of the translation side.

07:38:15 We also provide interpreting services on demand so it's kind of like a three-way call where you get an interpreter on the phone.

07:38:23 You can use your tablet, your phone, whatever device you need to Kait get an interpreter on a phone.

07:38:30 We also provide video, remote interpreting where you would download our software.

07:38:36 You can do it on your app an app on your mobile phone.

07:38:38 You can use your computer, etc. in a Nutshell that's Kait what we do.

07:38:44 So, Jill, do you have the capability to do transcripts also?

07:38:47 Yes, we do transcribe. Yes, we are going to talk with you very shortly.

07:38:52 Okay, thank you., we're figuring out How to do that you're here in Tucson.

07:38:56 If I'm not speaking all right aren't you we have 2 offices.

07:38:58 One in Tucson, and the other one in Phoenix.

07:39:03 However, I am located in Idaho, California remotely not.

07:39:08 I used to know your he was a coo for if he's there been in touch with him and long time, which one your CIO to see.

07:39:19 I've been here for 2 years I'm trying to think is that Austin Powers I mean not some powers.

07:39:24 No, Yeah, that's yeah, he just retired no I can't remember his name now.

07:39:29 Anyway. let's move on thanks for joining us today, and anybody else who's new to the call today.

07:39:38 Hi! I'm new hi Sharp. Yes, Shelby brown my name is Shelby Brown, and I am working alongside Milan in the E Rate department.

07:39:50 So I'm a e-rate coordinator and so I will be helping Myelin as well as building those relationships with schools to kind of start.

07:40:02 You know, taking the rain on some of those, and helping out people, you know, throughout the year, with their needs and stuff like that, so kind of an expansion of Myelin.

07:40:12 But also learning a lot from him as well. and I today is like, I think today is my sixth day.

07:40:21 So fairly new at this and so I just saw this on myelin's calendar, and I was like, what is that? And he's like?

07:40:30 Oh, we should attend so that is Why, we're here but So I'm just getting my I'm feet wet on all that I will be doing.

07:40:37 I'm working under the Id it department with the department of ed So like Kelly's, you know down the hallway whenever we're in the office, and stuff like that so a couple of things on e- rate, our window had

07:40:49 just closed. I believe it was on the 20 third, and looking at the numbers, we had a total of 93.1,000,000 in funding that has been requested 57,000,000 in category, one which is Internet, and broadband

07:41:10 transmission, and about 35,000,000 in cat 2 so it's wonderful news that schools are taking advantage of this funding and utilizing it to their advantage.

07:41:21 So they have money to put elsewhere in other departments, and not have to spend it on it.

07:41:26 Great. Well, thank you. Welcome, Chumpy, And I will add you to our email list.

07:41:30 And you are more than welcome to join us every Monday.

07:41:33 So thank you. And so, Myra, and you might actually be able to get a little life.

07:41:39 You know it, it could happen, Steve. Okay, so anybody else that's new to us today.

07:41:51 Okay, moving on. just a reminder that our meetings are April the fourth, 1118 and 25.

07:41:58 Again mark your calendar, and hopefully, that you all actually got a calendar invite that worked again.

07:42:06 I apologize for the its craziness with emails last week.

07:42:11 Let's see so let's start with our updates Jeff is not here today, Mark.

07:42:20 I don't know if you have anything that you will Jeff said he didn't really have any updates, but he couldn't have made it this morning.

07:42:25 You had a conflicting nothing specific of course the evaluation of the eighty-sum odd Grant applications continues for the \$100,000,000 broadband fund. and No, I don't have other specifics from him today.

07:42:47 Okay, Thank you. So, moving on to the State Library, Mama Holly, Nicole, you guys are up my way. You want to start.

07:42:55 Please. Yes, sure, thank you. Let me extend my welcome to Shelby.

07:43:03 Jumping, not just getting your feet but you're jumping with both feet in to this program, and they're welcome, and you couldn't have a better mentor than myelin alma can you please tell me who you

07:43:17 are. Yes, thank you. I will. Sorry about that. I am the State Evay Coordinator for public libraries.

07:43:29 A tiny counterpart of Myelin, who actually does the bulk of the work for me and for him and for everyone else in the State.

07:43:39 And as I was telling shall we that you couldn't have a better mentor than Myelin to get you started on this journey, and I hope you stay on this journey.

07:43:51 I've been on it for 20 years and I hope to see you for the next 20 years on this if i'm there, as shall be rightly pointed out, the era deadline just passed last week March the 20 s and the

07:44:10 schools and libraries did apply for an undiscounted part of 120,000,000.

07:44:18 That discounted was 93,000,000, as shall be pointed out the rest, of course, would be born.

07:44:25 The 93,000,000 is what they apply for. As he rate discount and the rest of it, they would come out of their pockets as they undiscounted share.

07:44:37 The initial demand was about 3 point, 1, \$6,000,000,000 nationwide and the demand overall has been increasing this year.

07:44:50 The demand for Wi-fi is support has increased a lot, and no surprises about that.

07:44:59 Because of the need for students using laptops within even the campus and being paid for for using outside of the campus through several programs, not only e rate, but the Ecf as well.

07:45:17 And again, that's surprising that i've been mentioning this in the last 2 meetings the price per Meg has gone down so to category.

07:45:29 One Internet has gone down. The demand for that has gone down, not because there is no demand for Internet, but it is steadily decreased over the last 5 years.

07:45:39 Because of lowering prices, lower prices for Internet.

07:45:46 The tribal libraries, a new tribal libraries.

07:45:51 Let me say that they still have time to apply. Their deadline is May the 20 sixth.

07:45:58 So if any of you know of any libraries that are interested we please send them our way, and we're willing to help them get through this application process May 26 is that deadline.

07:46:14 Ucs. 2 rounds of applications were open, and for hot spots and devices through libraries and schools, and last week, on March the 20 third, the third filing window date was announced.

07:46:33 And that was that is Thursday, April the 20 eighth.

07:46:38 It closes. It opens on April the 20 eighth, and closes on.

07:46:42 May the thirteenth again! just to remind you this is connected devices up to \$400, cap per device, and Wi-fi hotspots up to \$250 for hotspot is the

07:47:01 amount that has been approved by Fcc. But again, schools and libraries have to apply for this for their students and for the library patrons.

07:47:13 The service delivery has been extended up to December 30, first of 2,023, which is welcome because some of them have still not got funded in ground.

07:47:27 One and 2, about 86% have been funded, but the rest have not yet been funded.

07:47:33 The Commission also touch has another important, I request, and that is a request or the while.

07:47:45 Violent competition. Bureau seeks comments on emergency Connectivity Fund for the the Ecf.

07:47:53 One for educational connections and devices to address the homework gap during the pandemic.

07:48:00 So what are they asking for? They they want to know if the program worked.

07:48:06 Well, they say comments on how to measure the performance. They talk about adoption, goals for students, staff, and patrons.

07:48:16 What should those goals be? They want to ensure that school staff and library patrons have the connectivity that they need.

07:48:24 If they don't else could they do to help it's a good thing that they are asking these questions.

07:48:33 They're also asking how to assess if they have met their goals.

07:48:38 Do we do surveys, do we? do interviews?

07:48:41 Do we ask for reports? What else do should we be doing?

07:48:45 They want to also know whether there are any other methods, any other eligible services, anything else.

07:48:55 I think all we talked about it and during the kippetzing last week. about extending these the services. beyond the anchor institutions.

07:49:08 Here's your chance to talk about it so you can submit comments, and I will put it in my notes.

07:49:17 The what you need. I mean where you need to go to submit the comments.

07:49:23 And that is open from April 20, eighth to May fifth.

07:49:28 So here's your chance to do that as far as Ebb is concerned.

07:49:37 We had another 5,000 households that applied during this last week last week, in the sense it's the week of March the fourteenth to March, the 20 first, and we now have 239,000 households that have been

07:49:51 signed up for the ebb. Now, acp program and connect.

07:50:00 Arizona has a media kit. I will for publicizing.

07:50:04 If any of you want to participate, in publicizing this it couldn't have happened without your help, so i'm sure if you continue to do the promotion, we will have more households that will sign up cindy and

07:50:20 Nicole may talk a little bit about the media kit, and also

07:50:27 The meeting the add in meeting that the meeting that we have 200 on Thursdays every other Thursday.

07:50:34 This one was on tech support, and how to define it and what it means for the digital inclusion ecosystem.

07:50:42 I did not attend that meeting. I had a conflicting meeting at that time, and i'm sure cindy will talk about it again.

07:50:50 One last thing I just want us to as a group maybe break out into a subcommittee that looks at all the grants that are available, and make sure that someone in Arizona is applying for these Steve and I

07:51:05 think if you could lead that venture that would be great.

07:51:10 Back to you, Steve, unless there are any questions. Thanks, thanks, mom.

07:51:15 Any questions for for mama. Oh, do you have anything you want to add, no, I don't thank you.

07:51:22 Steve. Okay, and Nicole and Actually, why don't we just jump in, Cindy.

07:51:28 Sorry, Laurie, go ahead. Bye, my my apologies.

07:51:32 May I ask one good question to this so I was out in St.

07:51:37 John's today and i'm only used as an example because I have very limited information on this, and I noticed and I'm.

07:51:46 I part in another small town where the library was offered as one of the places that we could put towers at

07:51:52 I would suggest. maybe we look at the idea in some of these smaller towns that the library is used as an asset, since it has fiber fed to it, that possibly it's a screenboard location for covering low-cost Internet to

07:52:07 some of the families in those areas are you going to comment on that great suggestion, Rory, except that in a number of places the library does not own the building in which it's for which it serves you know so it

07:52:28 varies you need to if if you're approaching a particular library.

07:52:33 You will need to talk to the library director to see if they have the

07:52:39 Any restrictions. Because they may not own the property they may be on property.

07:52:45 That is not only owned by someone else, but shared as well.

07:52:51 So I love the idea it's a great suggestion to but you'll have to approach each library individually.

07:53:00 We don't have as a state library jurisdiction over any of the the library buildings, hey?

07:53:08 Understood. but I think it's a good Oh, I'm sorry.

07:53:13 Good my for for the one you were at last actually the 2 year at last week the the county owns those.

07:53:22 So they've already agreed that they'll do whatever we need to to help out.

07:53:25 So. yeah, I was only offering is it possible idea for any more towns that I mean there's you know hundreds of them.

07:53:31 I've not seen, and I see that as being another asset that could help out with some of these areas.

07:53:37 Yeah, you know how we have kind of have the schools we I can, you know, globally, say that you know schools are going to participate in.

07:53:47 We're going to use schools to direct towers that we need to, and we can.

07:53:52 We can kind of do that as a as a widespread statement.

07:53:55 Libraries are a little different since they sometimes don't own the land.

07:53:59 But we always know who does so. but but they do have.

07:54:05 Yeah, they do have the fiber, which is in other cases, which is obviously the biggest problem.

07:54:11 In some cases some areas cool. all right, Just sorry. Just so.

07:54:14 I mentioned it. so in most of the most common we're getting fiber Now I mean, we're we're gonna wrap up Heila County in the next 6 months, and then every school and library in Hila county.

07:54:24 I have it. The now county has already done. Lapaz County has already done.

07:54:27 Wow! St. Apache County is done. So most of our counties fiber.

07:54:34 We have fiber to the libraries. it's very underutilized today. So we fire up another pair, expand the reach with the wireless connectivity very good.

07:54:48 So so, Rory, I assume you know my one and I don't know if you know , but you will get the the registration list a little later.

07:54:58 If you don't have mala's contact information and if you want to talk to her some more about that I've met.

07:55:09 Okay, ready to move on. So Cindy and nicole want to give us an update on what's happening with the digital inclusion.

07:55:17 Please sure sure I i'll jump, in let's see So Mala gave you the the update on the statistics for the 8 affordable connectivity program, and I just it looks like nationally in february.

07:55:40 We were up to about 200,000 200,000 people applying per week.

07:55:49 This looks like in March. it's dropped to right around 100. 3,000. 535,000.

07:55:56 But arizona's still in the top 12 of all the States.

07:56:01 So that's really that's still really real a really good showing

07:56:06 The digital inclusion network that's under this azm task force is, we're holding 2 different types of meetings.

07:56:13 One is a lunch meeting that happens twice a month specifically for pressures in digital inclusion efforts.

07:56:22 And we discuss specific topics. So this this this series we're doing a topic of tech support.

07:56:30 What it is and what it means to the digital inclusion ecosystem. And if you want to attend that you can get in touch with me, i'll put my phone number and email in the chat let's see and

07:56:45 Mala talked about the the media kit for for promoting the this.

07:56:51 This acp program, and we can put that in the chat.

07:56:57 Also and then we're starting a second meeting That's going to happen once a month on right now It's on Thursdays from 10 to 1130.

07:57:08 This is a general digital inclusion meeting open to discussion and just we're just starting.

07:57:17 Our first meeting is this Thursday from 10 to 1130.

07:57:20 And I think, Steve, are you gonna send out a link to that?

07:57:22 I will all real good. And, Nicole, do you have anything else to add to that?

07:57:33 I just wanted to mention the the the Free Digital Navigator service that we offer with library staff.

07:57:44 Statewide on our connect Arizona site.

07:57:49 Right now about 10% of our calls are supporting I individuals who want to sign up for the Acp.

07:57:54 Or organizations who are trying to get information about what the program is.

07:57:58 So we know that you know our outreach is successful there, and that this is a much needed discount service.

07:58:04 So there's a lot of a lot, of interest and you know we're our outreach document.

07:58:09 Our media kid is a living document. So continue to add and try to share share out there.

07:58:16 I also wanted to mention that in in may i'm sharing a workshop for our tribal libraries on digital inclusion hands-on techniques as well as some technical technical skills that's with the association of

07:58:30 tribal archives, libraries and museums I don't believe we have any tribal libraries here, but it's something that is going to be available for anybody in the country working in tribal libraries and

07:58:42 archives and museums and we're focusing specifically on you know how digital collision encompasses all of the missions of broader library services stay tuned for that one and then for our

07:58:56 Thursday meeting. we're really hoping to get you know a bunch of different people from different types of sectors and different interests to help us get together to think about what digital inclusion means in Arizona as we

07:59:10 all know there's not really a designated entity from leading the State digital equity plan that's required for the infrastructure bill. But we're hoping to get a jump start on really solidifying some of those

07:59:23 priorities that this group has, and others, and all of those communities that that we each individually serve.

07:59:30 So I have 2 questions. one is and I don't know if anybody has the answer to this.

07:59:36 So we're giving all these people and of course this relates to our continued discussion about digital equity, about do we have any sense of all these people that we signing up?

07:59:47 Are they actually getting connected or they're actually using technology or we've given them the technology, and they still don't know what to do with it.

07:59:56 Anybody, Cindy Nicole, anybody have any sense of any of that?

08:00:01 Well, I can only speak to the you know. the small percentage of people who are using our our service at Connect Arizona, but we do know that about a quarter of our callers are repeat calls so sometimes we're acp is

08:00:16 a part of that, and it's really that one-on-one support over time.

08:00:20 You find really helps with learning just having some be comfortable that people can talk to, that they can do on their own schedule and learn learn little bite-sized things so sometimes that does look like helping somebody with acp for 2

08:00:36 months. And then, okay, we finally got you. signed up and Now, we can get you started with an email or get you started on on, Facebook or whatever you're trying to do.

08:00:46 But it would really just depend that's that's just kind of for our small a small group that we're seeing So, as far as we know, Ntia is not trying to get any of that kind of information you

08:00:57 know there's not really any national data on on use in the way that we'd want to, or on skills as you can mentioned.

08:01:08 It's pretty very different from this basic basic user and to coating clubs, and you know, for the young ones and and so forth.

08:01:18 So so the next thing is saw an email this weekend that Mtia has hired the first ever digital equity director.

08:01:27 You guys know anything about that? this is the person who's formally in running something at a cleveland and my right, Cindy.

08:01:41 Yes, yes, yeah. So she comes from the digital inclusion world pretty heavy, supported from from all the practitioners and books there.

08:01:50 So I'm assuming at some point to call with you and send you, You'll probably be in touch with her.

08:01:55 But we should talk about maybe getting her to meet with us, and and so forth.

08:02:02 So, Anyway, I just thought that was interesting. It looks kind of exciting that they have somebody in that position.

08:02:12 And Janet, I don't believe you're online So moving on.

08:02:18 Sophia, are you online to see you today? Are you there?

08:02:22 Yeah, I'm here. Okay, do you have anything that you want to say, before we move on to my one, and and Kelly, I don't.

08:02:31 I'll let my linen until I give updates Okay, my own.

08:02:35 Do you have anything else. if you want to add that we Haven't already heard.

08:02:39 No, no show Me did a good job. We just wanted to update everyone closing out the the year for a year.

08:02:46 8 submissions. it was it was pretty good our cat ones down a little bit, but that's because it's the rice to 0.

08:02:56 So everything gets cheaper, You know. 8 years ago a 100 Meg Internet connection would cost you \$2,500 a month Today a 100.

08:03:03 Meg Internet connection costs to \$600 a month.

08:03:07 So cheaper every year. we we still have some major problems in our tribal areas working on getting the cost down.

08:03:17 We have places that are paying a \$100 per Meg Internet, and we want to get that cost down below \$5 per Meg, although we still have lots of challenges out there, and I want to continue working on them cool.

08:03:32 Thank you, Maya. and then Kelly and Kelly is going to be doing a more detailed presentation.

08:03:42 Probably next week what's happening but kelly you want to just give us a quickie.

08:03:46 Yes, trying to do 2 things at once which never works out well.

08:03:49 So i'm gonna post a link here in the Chat and that goes to the office website.

08:03:57 So my name is Kelly. I work in the office of digital teaching and learning at the Department of Education.

08:04:02 Here in Arizona, and I get the pleasure of working with Sophia and Myelin.

08:04:08 And now, Shelby, who are you all know, are all great people, and this office is brand new.



08:04:12 And so Steve, is now the time you want me to do the the little spiel just to yeah no, let's hold.

08:04:20 Let's hold off on that for a little bit okay, we'll do our second dance later.

08:04:28 Okay, So my my main update right now is that we have released the full data analysis and our strategy.

08:04:35 This comes from the office, and the assessment that we did back in November and December.

08:04:39 So some of you may recall that this office is brand new, and it came from the tech task force.

08:04:45 That Superintendent Hoffman, appointed in the July of 2,020, upon the realization of how many students in the State of Arizona lacked access to digital learning and this task force recommendation after one

08:04:57 year of work there were many recommendations, one of which was developing this office, and our goal, initially in the office, was to establish a baseline of where schools across the State of Arizona stand when it comes to their

08:05:11 resources with digital teaching and learning. You know what is their their connectivity like?

08:05:16 What devices are they using? What do content and and lms's are they using so trying to really establish a baseline of understanding?

08:05:24 Where the school stand, with what they have and what they need.

08:05:30 In order to be successful in digital teaching and learning. This is not something that is going away.

08:05:34 The digital teaching and learning, and we really want to help increase everyone's access and resources in this area.

08:05:41 So we did this assessment and it was open for 30 days, and we tried to collect it from districts across the State, and we did do that.

08:05:50 And so now, what we're releasing is all of the analysis. So the data that we collected and it is all compiled. and it is now on our website, and also the strategy that we are using to move forward so as you know

08:06:04 things quickly change in digital in the digital space and this has our strategy as far as what we're doing now to help Arizona schools have more access to the resources.

08:06:16 And when I say resources on talking everything from devices to training and professional development, and even having discussions about funding.

08:06:27 So they were definitely clear areas where help is needed and that's where now we're looking at this as an office.

08:06:32 Okay, Here's the identified areas where help is needed and we're resources and funding, or needed and how, as we as an agency can help when we help narrow this divide and and pull resources, together, so I put that link in the

08:06:49 chat. you can check out the website. Everything is on there.

08:06:54 And that that first landing page I gave you if you just scroll down a bit.

08:06:56 There's a button where you can see the strategy and there's a button where you can see the full analysis.

08:07:01 And this is incredible information and there's a live dashboard. where you can scroll through and and pull the information for particular counties or particular topics which is really exciting.

08:07:13 We're excited that. it's live so a couple of things Kelly. So they do send out newsletters on occasion.

08:07:25 With links to things like these reports so if you haven't signed up for that. i'm urged you to to do so, and I will try to send out the information also, and then, as I mentioned next week Kelly is going

08:07:37 to do a more detailed overview of the findings of those reports.

08:07:44 Thanks, Steve, I did put 2 links in there the first is to the website where you can read all the information. you can read the full 30 page analysis.

08:07:53 Again. That dashboard does a nice job of summarizing it.

08:07:55 And then also I put the link in to sign up for the newsletter.

08:07:58 Thank you for that plug, Steve. That does go out monthly, and it includes updates on on all kinds of things.

08:08:04 But again, the goal here is to provide useful information for the schools.

08:08:08 We know how schools are struggling, and they have a lot to navigate.

08:08:14 So what is it that we, as an office, can do to do?

08:08:16 The leg work for the schools that they have access to things that are that are really going to help them.

08:08:22 And hopefully assist them as far as being able to spend their time where they need to, rather than doing all the leg work to find the cybersecurity or the funding or the details that they need.

08:08:32 We're hoping to be able to help reduce that time, and I think the important thing is that obviously they're still interested. and of course my one is is always hard at work and getting connectivity.

08:08:47 But they definitely go beyond that and actually helping teachers with teaching and learning. So it's really a much broader focus than just you know, just trying to get people connected in devices and that sort of thing.

08:09:01 It is definitely, and i'm not trying to take more time But I think last week we touched on what was happening in Paloma, so I don't know if if myelin monetary details on that we did go I was able to

08:09:13 tag along with Myelin to Paloma Elementary School district for their serm ceremony there, which was really fun to see both Myelin and West was there.

08:09:24 It was, you know, like I said, celebrity sightings for me.

08:09:27 So first time meeting West and Milan great and and we'll get to the final mile in just a minute.

08:09:35 Not any questions for Kelly Milan before we move on.

08:09:42 Okay, Leah, I don't believe you're online that I see you or not.

08:09:48 Okay, Derek, you were it. Are you still there? I am. I am, Steve.

08:09:53 Can you hear me? yeah hurried on, so but the I don't know how much of this Jeff has shared in previous weeks, because I've missed some, but just a quick update on the interstate

08:10:06 interstate fiber program, the you just tell people who you are, and then also what your role is in terms of that interstate project.

08:10:19 Yeah, So Derek msth i'm the executive Director of the Sun Corridor network.

08:10:23 That's a some quarter network is Arizona's Research and education network based at the universities under the border regents, and our role in the the the State-owned Interstate Fiber program is we're

08:10:42 a member of the governance team myself, and we will be operating fiber upon.

08:10:52 Construction completion on behalf of public uses in the State of Arizona.

08:10:59 So you'll have fiber in the in the build once complete, and

08:11:02 We'll be able to and and charged with using that fiber to support public uses with a focus on on the education and library.

08:11:14 So we're kind of right in the middle of it the whole program, as it's developed, and as it as it continues to move forward.

08:11:22 So the I 17 and I 19 projects are on track, so that bi 17 is building fiber conduit.

08:11:32 So there's fiber, for for transportation and for other public uses going in during the build, and we're adding conduit to the build, and then ultimately enabling commercial carriers to put their own

08:11:44 fiber alongside the state's fiber in A. in a shared ecosystem, and so the 17 and 19 projects are on track.

08:11:55 The way i'll just say now I don't I wouldn't be surprised if the I 19 begins to slip it's it's it slip from the this december delivery date and the

08:12:08 planning process for extending this fiber and and network into communities.

08:12:13 Continues the the State will be issuing an Rfp.

08:12:21 For operations and maintenance of the ecosystem itself, along with commercialization.

08:12:28 So the mentioned that there will be conduit available for providers to put fiber in, and and the State will be, Excuse me higher affirm to assist in the maintenance, operations and commercialization efforts Jeff may have mentioned this

08:12:47 but an Rfp is being drafted we're hopeful that that'll be on the streets in the in the coming months.

08:12:55 60 days or so, and and ultimately a partner firm will be awarded possibility that that firm has design, build capabilities.

08:13:09 And so the I 40 planning because the Governor, a few weeks ago committed to the same kind of network along the 40 from Flagstaff to California.

08:13:19 Yeah dumb. The I 40 planning will begin in earnest when that partner is chosen, and and and on board, or at least under under an intent to award.

08:13:33 So that's the big update I think edgy rome continues to develop.

08:13:40 We've been working with our university partners to improve the granularity of their maps.

08:13:47 Basically the the edge of room map suggests the u of a exists in one place, and that's Tucson.

08:13:52 And we know that's not true it's it's not true of asu or nu either.

08:13:55 As we roll, energy roam out, granularity becomes a value, and we're about to launch our first pilot school district in finale coming, and we are continuing other community other work with communities in developing networks, particularly

08:14:14 in Maryvale Page, in the city of Phoenix I think that's I think that's it, today, Steve, unless there's questions.

08:14:23 Oh, dear, can you just explain, Ed. your room again. I know you have many times?

08:14:28 But certainly it's a it's a secure wireless ssid that any wireless operator wi-fi and say wireless wi-fi specifically ssid that a

08:14:38 wireless operator can can advertise on there on their wireless infrastructure that allows educational affiliates that have registered to use their their username and password from their home institution

08:14:53 to authenticate and get access to secure Wi-fi

08:14:58 It also enables schools in particular to register such that their users can use edge room wherever it happens to exist.

08:15:09 So Arizona is the third state in the country to to be embarking on.

08:15:15 Thanks, Paul. I assume that that video is about edge room.

08:15:19 Third state in the country, to embark on expanding edge of Rome beyond higher Ed, and indicate 12 in library ecosystems.

08:15:28 So we of the tip of the spear nationally on this one higher.

08:15:32 Ed's been doing at Jerome for gosh probably almost 15 years, and so bring in it beyond higher.

08:15:38 Ed is pretty exciting. Great thanks, Derek, and I hope you feel better.

08:15:43 Thanks, thanks, Steve. I think my voice sounds worse than I feel.

08:15:47 Just say, Well, that's good yeah yeah okay so do we have any updates.

08:15:53 I don't think the West is online but rory my own anything to report about the rural schools and the final mile project.

08:16:05 My Myel, is that the go ahead? you? you give the update money.

08:16:09 Yeah, we had the celebration with Superintendent Hoffman and Superintendent Turner out at the Diploma School district to officially announce the completion of the first final mile project try

08:16:22 and communications did the project drive Wireless, triad, wireless.

08:16:30 We had a very good turnout Superintendent Hoffman made a few statements.

08:16:36 West made a few statements. I did. It was it was very.

08:16:41 It was a very good afternoon. We had students online on the cameras,

08:16:46 From their homes. we got to talk to them. It was it was very well done.

08:16:52 So Kristin Turner, the superintendent out there, did a good job putting it together, and less than a very good job, you know, coordinating, you know, getting this project up and going to begin with We have 4.

08:17:03 More of those that are in process right now. that have I am is working on. We'll be doing the same thing as those projects complete. Right now.

08:17:14 I have. I had 5 rfps now. I have 4 rfps that are in the bid.

08:17:21 Evaluation phase they've gone through the initial review.

08:17:25 They've gone through best and final I had 5 one district backed out. which kind of surprises me, and i'm not sure how you can back out when you have no financial risk, and no physical risk.

08:17:42 And no, I mean it's all positive for the school districts but this is the the third one that has done that.

08:17:46 But we have 4 out there now in the bid evaluation process, and I expect I've asked all of them to finish their local bid.

08:17:54 Evaluations, and present to me by the end of this week, so that I can take it to the final mile board and get them to ratify the decisions that the districts have made, so that we can make awards for the

08:18:06 next 4, and that should utilize all \$1.5,000,000 that we have available right now, which means i'll be going looking for more funds to find more of these projects, especially saying that it's it is beneficial it's

08:18:20 very successful. The concept works and it works very Well, so that's that's a status the final mile project, Rory.

08:18:32 You want to add anything. we yeah I think we've got all of the people, all the kids hooked up in rim Rock now, too.

08:18:42 So I'll getting an update on that little later. this morning, and then the other ones are just waiting for parts.

08:18:49 Unfortunately, some of the tower parts are order to get. We actually are having a technician drive to for flight in Illinois.

08:18:56 Drive 2 of the towers back here to but yeah we're getting fairly close to finishing up all of those Okay, we. I'll add this: I went out to you know, Milan.

08:19:09 And I were talking about this I went out to St. John's last week, and saw the entire town that was limited to 6 megabits per second to every house which is, I I didn't even know that existed and we we

08:19:20 came back and designed a rapid deployment system to cover that town.

08:19:26 Assuming There's fiber in there just to solve the solve problems like this, and we think we can do it in 2 to 3 weeks.

08:19:33 Assuming we have fiber back home I don't know how many more towns are out there like that.

08:19:37 But that's just you know. I just flat outstand that that there have that kind of limitation that's a problem.

08:19:44 I think that we need to, as a group need to just look at a lot harder.

08:19:49 Mila is doing a great job. getting to solve but they've got to be several of these towns out there way beyond the speed of what we're you know we're able to do, and try it is more than willing to come into

08:19:57 this and be even donate some of the infrastructure donate what we need to do to get some of these talents taken care of fast.

08:20:06 So you know, Rory, I've been saying for 20 years. Now people need to get out of Phoenix and go out and see what we have to deal with in rural Arizona, because that problem is everywhere That's

08:20:17 the whole reason we started the broadband project to take fiber to the schools, and that's the reason that we're doing the final mile project to help the the homes in the communities.

08:20:28 Now, because everything I mean everyone believes that you know life. is rosy like it is in the metro areas, and you get outside the metro areas, and you're dead in the water.

08:20:38 So I yeah, I I did I I didn't know until I saw this. I truly didn't know about it was we actually developed a system.

08:20:48 We think we can deploy across all of St. John's now, within 2 weeks, and at least get 25 meg to every house with the the ability of bringing it down.

08:20:58 The road is, as you know, other funding becomes available. But honestly, we donate that system tomorrow just to click just to fix this one problem.

08:21:03 That's just pathetic so this is joy whiting.

08:21:07 This is Joy whiting I live in St. John's it's the county seat of Apache County.

08:21:10 God bless both of you. I cannot believe I cannot believe my ears right now.

08:21:15 I'm almost in tears. Listen, you guys get me that get me that county fairgrounds thing.

08:21:22 Let me throw a small tower up there and i'll we'll have this up.

08:21:27 Run into 3 weeks. I will call you as soon as this meeting is over 5 years. an issue fibers an issue. My!

08:21:34 Let's try to find some some worker out for us at the moment, so i'll call myelin right after this meeting.

08:21:42 Enjoy. And, Rory, this is karen zichler there's a project pending right now that I think, will bring in a fiber to what you where you need it, Rory.

08:21:51 So I can talk to you as well afterwards, or joy and I can on what the proposal is, because I think that's going to help you a lot.

08:21:59 Well, , they tired jumping in there.

08:22:02 Sorry. So I have a conference call with Superintendent Kyle and their it person.

08:22:13 Later this afternoon, so we can get running quickly and Then we're already placing the orders for the equipment.

08:22:20 So you know we don't we don't sit around wait for this stuff, anyway.

08:22:24 If you if you need something from the county and let me know.

08:22:27 Yeah, Kyle Kyle's offered help us out but that's great. thank you.

08:22:30 I mean we're this this is whenever you need the solvable problem.

08:22:35 It's just sad that we're not solving it as fast as we need to.

08:22:41 I enjoyed email from from someone who was working on with the company that has 3 different sites.

08:22:49 And he's basically saying there is no decent connectivity available, and I can't tell you offhand where that was.

08:22:55 I'll have to go back and take a look at that But we'll talk to you about that also.

08:23:04 Okay, anything else , Okay, So now, it's your turn and when I say you, anybody who's on this call, but particularly anybody who we don't hear from regularly.

08:23:18 But as I mentioned at the beginning, and hopefully, that, you saw my email earlier, that we've been trying to do some change up of our format a little bit, we have so many great people, including a lot of new people who have been participating

08:23:34 in the task force, and we don't really know who they are and what they do.

08:23:38 So this is your opportunity. I can choose. you or you can volunteer to do a two-minute elevator speech.

08:23:47 Again. We're not looking for our presentations we're not looking for Powerpoint or anything like that.

08:23:54 Just a quick couple of minutes about who you are why you're involved with the task force.

08:23:59 And what you can bring, or what you need in participating with the task force.

08:24:06 So with that i'm gonna just open it up anybody want to volunteer don't make me pick on you, Steve.

08:24:14 Yes, this is Michelle Simon. Yeah, go ahead shelter because I have a meeting at 8 30.

08:24:20 So. Good morning, everybody. sorry you can't see my face because I am on a telephone.

08:24:27 My name is Michelle Simon I'm. the Deputy Director of Support Services for the Pima County Public Library, as well as the co-chair for P.

08:24:34 M. County strategic planning task force for digital access, equity, and adoption, and our efforts.

08:24:44 The light as the library. We are central to the provision of not only Internet, but other forms of technology to our community.

08:24:57 And that includes very rural areas like Ahho and Arrivaca.

08:25:02 We are now have a library in Vail, and so many of the efforts that you all discuss during the meetings E.

08:25:10 Rates, and putting forth middle mile and final mile projects.

08:25:16 The library is intricately evolved with that here in Pima County.

08:25:21 I participate in the task force meetings basically to gather additional information, hoping that what we're doing here in Pima County definitely ties into what the State as is doing as a whole.

08:25:35 So we're all kind of moving in the same direction.

08:25:39 So thank you for giving me the time to you know myself.

08:25:41 So Michelle it's really interesting and of course cindy's on this call, and and chairs the subcommittee on digital inclusion.

08:25:49 But as far as I know that you are the only county in the State that's actually working on a digital inclusion plan as a part of an overall strategy year.

08:26:04 Well, if that's the case i'm really sad to hear that because it is something that needs to be done.

08:26:11 So. PcpI: we are members of ndia. national Digital Inclusion alliance as well as so looking at some of the tools that they have put forth about, you know, is your State ready

08:26:29 To, you know. Are they providing digital equity having a plan is one of the primary goals of of that effort.

08:26:38 And so that's. how we have started you have to have a plan, because we don't want to do things 2 people.

08:26:46 We want to do them with people and you have to have lots of people from the community, and all the way around.

08:26:50 That's why I wholly appreciate the efforts say, and you put forth as one of the co-chairs for the subcommittee for digital inclusion, because she has that vision as well, and it helps to move.

08:27:04 Our process forward. Thank you, Michelle. So who else wants to share a little bit today?

08:27:15 Hey, Steve, this is Robert Alvo. Yeah, a 30 meeting as well.

08:27:18 So standing at 30 meeting. But but thank you my name is Robert Alvarado, i'm the vice president of our it.

08:27:27 Strategic planning and research evaluation here at Chicago's part of town. stuff.

08:27:32 So those that don't know our organization we provide social services throughout 5 States, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico.

08:27:41 In Texas. we have 5 pillars that we provide service, health and human services.

08:27:45 Housing, education, economic development, and advocacy. We have a about 51 lines of business, different lines of business, and how they even breaks down further into that.

08:27:56 The But what we've been doing as far as digital inclusion and equity is is we have 2 programs.

08:28:01 We have a help. Our kids connect program. And so we provide technology to the community.

08:28:07 So we have different vents around the State of Arizona, and then we are now looking at revamping that, and and we are actually going to push out these projects out.

08:28:20 Do our other 5 States. Our second program is our older adult curriculum and training, where we give the older adults a tablet, and they go to a eight-week course, where we we teach financial literacy security how to do

08:28:36 social media shopping. All of that good stuff health care to help them connect to their families and just to the community itself.

08:28:45 So we've seen a lot of good things happen from these programs collect lots of data. i'll upload our our one pagers here.

08:28:52 So so you could see that. But we partner, with a lot of lot of you on on this meeting, so we really appreciate everybody's support and help and partnerships.

08:29:02 So that's that's about it Robert can you talk a little bit about your footprint here in Arizona.

08:29:10 Yeah. So So here in Arizona, we're out throughout the entire state of Arizona all the way from northern Arizona, we have programs all the way to southern Arizona to

08:29:19 the border, and then over in the west region, Yuma Somerton area.

08:29:25 And so this is mainly where Cplc first started operations, and we just served Arizona for the longest time, because the community we focus on.

08:29:36 And and you know we started in 1,969.

08:29:39 But just recently, you know, we've been getting request to go out and and perform services in other States and partner with other groups.

08:29:48 And so we started doing that. so it's kind of taken off over the last few years.

08:29:55 So great. Thank you, Robert. Okay, Who else who else wants to share this morning?

08:30:03 Come on. don't be shy i'll go steve Okay, I'm not shy.

08:30:13 Yeah. So My name is Elena Lowry, and I am the Arizona director for a national nonprofit called Common Sense Media, which is actually based in San Francisco.

08:30:23 We have an office here in Arizona and some other regional offices as well in a nutshell. Since this is supposed to be my elevator speech, we really focus on helping kids helping educators and parents we like to

08:30:36 say thrive in a world of media and technology so that's that's the big 30,000 foot.

08:30:43 View. So what does that mean? We provide resources, you know, for families.

08:30:49 We provide content on media and technology for both schools parents. We provided advice and guidance.

08:30:57 We provide recommendations for good ethical content, which obviously we all need right now as well as best practices.

08:31:05 We explore issues like the digital divide news, literacy, digital citizenship.

08:31:12 And we advocate both on a State and a Federal level for kids digital wellbeing.

08:31:17 So we address educational and digital inequities. We champion for kids well-being in the digital age.

08:31:23 And I think, for this group it's important to talk about our technology policy agenda, you know, nationally, which obviously then translates to the State level.

08:31:39 But we want to promote tech equity, which is you know, closing the digital divide, which is kind of what we've all been working on and ensuring digital inclusion as well as holding you know, platform media platforms.

08:31:52 Accountable. You know we need to protect our kids we need to protect our democracy.

08:31:56 So I think we've all seen Why, Why, it's important to do that, and then to protect privacy, and not just for not just for families and consumers, but for kids.

08:32:06 So those are. Those are like our tech policy overview agenda.

08:32:13 And Drew is also on the on the call, and Drew is my colleague.

08:32:18 He is in Washington, Dc. I don't know drew If you want to pop on and say anything about the our primer. and you know the the work that we're doing on on the digital side on the broadband side because you have some

08:32:33 documents. I think you can put in the in the chat that I think you'll find very, very useful on government funding, and how that money can be used.

08:32:41 So Drew take it away. it's okay steve I'm calling on Drew. i'm drew I'm in Dc.

08:32:51 But I join every week. I help Elena and common sense just monitor the Federal situation for broadband funding, and then I work with various states, including Arizona, to help them maximize.

08:33:05 This reset swell of Federal funding.

08:33:11 You all heard from me last week, probably most of you and will again in the future.



08:33:16 We'll have some more reese i'll post a few resources in the chat in just a second.

08:33:21 But we'll have some more things to share in the coming weeks as we finalize some of our affordable connectivity program outreach.

08:33:28 I think We're gonna be doing some advertising campaigns in Arizona and California, and then some emergency connectivity fund.

08:33:36 That's the school device and connectivity. program. some we're gonna have some resources around that, too.

08:33:43 So i'll post some stuff in the chat but great thank you.

08:33:48 Yep, sir, So Shannon, can I pick on you?

08:33:52 Are you still online. Tell us a little bit about what's happening with Microsoft these days.

08:33:58 Yeah, certainly, Steve, are you talking specifically around our skilling initiatives. Well, that'd be good That's probably a good place to to start absolutely absolutely.

08:34:08 And I love all the information i'm hearing today so I am Shannon Smith.

08:34:12 I'm. the account executive that covers higher education across the State of Arizona as well as New Mexico and Nevada.

08:34:18 So it's good to meet everyone today. so we have a couple of different skilling programs that are in place right now.

08:34:25 We've got one for students and it runs from kay from kindergarten all the way up through the hiad world.

08:34:36 And then we have a separate scaling program for adults.

08:34:40 And then, addition to that, we can also learn professional development for faculty.

08:34:44 So you know I was listening in in fact kelly I heard what you had to say, and i'll probably be reaching out separately, because I think it'd be great for us to connect and find out where we could potentially help

08:34:57 fill in some gaps. but then, just on a broader level you know more than happy to help bring in some resources, or at least provide some links to some resources that folks can leverage.

08:35:07 In the meantime we've been working too with steve to schedule some time, and and bring him up to speed more on sort of the all-encompassing skilling program.

08:35:16 So that's. The skilling side of the house steve I really can't address anything from the broadband side, since that's our air band team.

08:35:24 So my apologies. but I don't really have anything I can add there, yeah, not a problem.

08:35:28 We unfortunately lost Richmond, who that that was her kind of her baby.

08:35:35 We're disappointed that she's no longer able to participate in Okay? any questions for for Shannon going once, going twice.

08:35:52 Okay, Anybody else who wants to? Who else wants to tell us what They're doing?

08:35:56 Michael i'm at Mike edmund's I know you're not shy.

08:36:00 Do you want to tell us what you're up to these days That was just about to raise my hand.

08:36:04 You're reading my mind again, hey? i'm good at that all right.

08:36:08 Let me go to my 3 by 5 flash cards.

08:36:11 Here. My name is Mike Mike Edmonds, a short version of my professional career.

08:36:20 Broadcasting in front of the microphone. A camera most of the time held the flashlight for the chief engineer.

08:36:23 Radio television Internet currently I'm a resident of Tucson house public housing authority, and I also participate in thrive in the old 5, which is an economic development program for the a portions of the 8 5 705

08:36:39 zip code, and that here is in the city of Tucson and in what we call ward 3, because i'm realizing that we're having a lot of people on the call from across the nation also i'm in the

08:36:52 Vice Chair of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development for the City of Tucson.

08:36:56 The most recently I've been in I've been a member. now of the Citizens Advisory committee for the regional transportation authority for the Pima Association of governments beyond that there might be more stuff coming I don't

08:37:13 know I just they invite me to meetings and I go and then I get titles that that's all I know for follow-up.

08:37:19 I'd like to reference cindy Hogan Hi Cindy, who helps out here a lot at Tuesday House and elsewhere.

08:37:28 Also Allison, Miller and Rachel Hutchinson, from the city of Tucson, who are involved in digital literacy and technology issues for Tucson House and thrive area as well as Arizona State University school

08:37:42 of social work, the ultra program, ochre and compass affordable housing.

08:37:50 Which I think they also run some properties in Tucson, and and when it comes to tech support, I wanted to mention Cindy, because for the most part for 400 plus people in this building when it comes to tech support

08:38:04 it's me, and we we have a various diverse group of demographics here.

08:38:15 A lot of them let's say are elderly and disabled who don't know where the power button is who need help getting faxes and phone calls done giving lamp getting a landl lifelines.

08:38:33 I've i've repeated all kinds of hardware and and adjusted all kinds of software.

08:38:39 And so with I said all that to to try to get as much help as possible from anywhere, and anyone as possible about anything.

08:38:49 I'm still trying to get most of my neighbors on the community wireless program here for the city of Tucson.

08:38:55 It's free Internet for them. So they can just do some basic communications with doctors and emails. and things like that.

08:39:01 I will allow Cindy to regale you with my nightmare scenarios of getting the Acp.

08:39:08 Through Cox locally, because that took over a week and I'm.

08:39:15 I have other neighbors who are having similar problems, if not worse, and some I have been able to get back to for weeks.

08:39:24 Outside of that we have been able to get some tablets donated from T.

08:39:29 Mobile to some resonance here about 250 were available.

08:39:34 But again it's, it's all the way from I How do you turn it on some people, some of my residents, as I found to my family, to my surprise don't know how to read, but they can and want to use

08:39:45 the tablet. And did I say I would take anything I can get from anybody anywhere, And that's that's should be 2 min, maybe.

08:39:55 Steve. Thank you, Michael. Appreciate it. Okay, Anybody else anybody else, Colin.

08:40:03 What's going to twice you have to pick on you we have all these shy people.

08:40:12 Okay, let's see what we got on mind so jennifer.

08:40:15 You want to talk a little more about who you are, Jennifer Rico?

08:40:22 Am I putting you on the spot. Hi there, yeah i've been participating for a while now.

08:40:33 I'm, one of the founders in CEO for a company called Native Network, and we do broadband infrastructure projects, and we are an airband partner, but particularly in Arizona.

08:40:47 We've been working with the Pasqua Yaqui. there in Kima County for about 18 months, and we think they're pretty close to actually getting an award from NTIA.

08:41:00 So we'll be expanding into 5 additional communities where they have tribal members.

08:41:06 So that's really exciting and we're happy to be part of this group, and here all the great things that everyone is working so hard on for the whole state of Arizona.

08:41:19 So thanks for having us so jennifer I I thought I have a good memory.

08:41:25 It's just a little bit shard, But I thought that rich now with Microsoft, and of course, where there was with Air band had told me that you guys had put up some kind of a website resource for people with all kinds of

08:41:41 information is that? yeah, I can put that in the in the Chat it's primarily focused for Pascalia Key.

08:41:49 But we have the capability to, you know. Work with Microsoft to you know.

08:41:56 Bring that to other communities and and and folks there in Arizona.

08:41:59 So i'm Happy to follow up on that and maybe I can speak about that at an upcoming, you know meeting, and we're in depth, you know.

08:42:09 I tried to find a link for that I could not find a link anywhere.

08:42:14 I will get it for us, so I greatly appreciate it, because from what she described it was pretty phenomenal resource.

08:42:23 Thank you yes, we've enjoyed working with rishna we're sad.

08:42:28 She's no longer there as well yeah okay? I think we're done for today, and was anybody else there was anything that they want to share.

08:42:37 Hey, Steve? Oh, this is in with sbi so yeah you know you've been chasing me for a while to do a presentation.

08:42:43 So. yeah, I know it, and and with the last few minutes I won't take it much, really. just to speak on Sbi Smith Bagley.

08:42:50 Inc. we're a regional Carrier in northeastern Arizona, New Mexico specifically more predominantly in tribal lands.

08:43:00 Sbi, like you say, for 26 years we've been operating a cell network lifeline, which see the version of Ebb Acp.

08:43:06 That was the modified. We are the pioneers and lifelines, so we've been out of a long time, but we also operate a couple other brands photon building fiber sunstein's do manage services

08:43:16 but cellular warmth is where we've reached out and and like I said, just real quick on ecf and Acp.

08:43:25 Formally be was ev b 2 we've got 40,000 plus subs on acp as a local regional carrier.

08:43:31 That's a tremendous amount our saturation rate is very high on that.

08:43:36 Ecf we've got over 11,000 students and teachers that we ranamped up and put on it when we first got it rolling.

08:43:40 But what it i'd like to really save more details to talk in depth who we are and what we do, But I'd like to share a quick video if you don't mind. she went out and interviewed schools and customers and

08:43:51 people in the market on tribal lands about the impact this has had on them. And I've got a minute and a half video with a big series of videos.

08:44:00 If anybody like the Lincoln glad to send it out.

08:44:03 But let me take her scream. And yeah, this share up here.

08:44:13 Can you see my screen yet? Yes, okay, you can. Good: Okay.

08:44:19 So they say, do to limit to time I won't walk you through and read your the article for you.

08:44:25 If anybody's interested i'm happy to send a link out but in a series of videos there are 6 of them in here. And i'm going to tip this one here and do a share sound and optimize for video and and hopefully you can

08:44:45 see my screen and hear it. Many farms. Community school has been here since the early 1,900 sixtys under the Navajo nation as a tribal Grant school.

08:44:57 Here on the reservation? it's really rural so we don't have the infrastructure like the city.

08:45:05 Would the kids don't have Internet so we can't communicate with them.

08:45:11 And you have children that don't have running water no electricity, and that was a big thing that was highlighted during this pandemic.

08:45:16 But we've lived like this for a very long time we're doing a disservice to our children by not providing what is necessary to be in equal categories, as children that are off the reservation we heard about the

08:45:32 emergency connectivity fund through cellular one, and they helped us apply for the grant.

08:45:41 Its Ecf will fund every student a Wi-fi or a laptop of to \$300.

08:45:46 So they have the tools necessary to go to class virtually.

08:45:49 If it wasn't for this program we'd still be trying to do packets.

08:45:54 Xeroxing thousands and thousands of trees to take them out on a weekly basis and collecting them back.

08:46:01 The my fis really assisted us in providing the baseline. They're able to use technology to routing their minds.

08:46:11 So happy that I could provide that really right. So like I say, just wanted to kind of put that out.

08:46:26 We have a series of videos working with Ctia we put out, but I do want to get out there and and give a get some time on the calendar to be able to go through, because what I heard on the call earlier with talking about

08:46:39 the last mile project and joy's concerns and in the in the rural areas, and and they're very, very accurate and very real.

08:46:46 But there's a lot more information of Why, we are where we are, and what we need to happen, and we're seeing that happen today.

08:46:52 But we've been at it for 26 years and There's a lot more detail we love to be able to kind of share and see how we can work together and be a part of the solution.

08:47:00 Not a part of the problem, obviously, but that's my quick 3 min chat.

08:47:04 I'll give it back because I know everybody's got a jump for meetings, unless you have any questions.

08:47:07 Thanks A. and walk forward to getting your schedule for your presentation, trying for how many?

08:47:13 5 months now, or something i'm wearing that give or take Okay, Well, I think we're done for today.

08:47:20 Anybody have any announcements? my! are you still online? There you are.

08:47:25 You want to just do another quickie about the upcoming summit.

08:47:27 Sure I posted a link earlier i'm going to Repost that second.

08:47:36 So coming right up on April sixth we will have a hybrid event to which you're all invited at no charge.

08:47:46 It's a big data southwest data center and smart city summit.

08:47:52 The morning will focus on the Data center world in the afternoon on the broadband and connectivity side.

08:48:02 So there is a mid-afternoon panel that i'll be moderating on broadband in the digital divide.

08:48:09 It's followed by a panel that aaron car. Jordan, I believe, is moderating on workplace and digital equity.

08:48:18 However, i'm counter programming against her panel with a breakout session which is at Ic's inaugural meeting of broadband providers in a working group, so that'll be a competitive

08:48:35 thing happening in the late afternoon. it's it ends with the evening reception other than the reception.

08:48:44 The event is fully hybrid available to online or on site.

08:48:51 And so, for many of us be the first time maybe some of us have seen each other.

08:48:56 I've i've only done a few physical event attendances in the last 2 years.

08:49:02 But this will be my third. I think so, coming right up.

08:49:06 Look forward to having any and all of you join us so one last thing I'm hoping i'm going to be there in person, which is very exciting.

08:49:17 And i'm coming up the night before and not leaving till the following morning.

08:49:22 So i'm going to try to schedule an informal gathering of anybody who would like to come talk with me personally and and get to know each other a little bit by Steve, a drink Then buy me a drink

08:49:38 that i'm hoping to be able to do that maybe the night before our over breakfast, and it's going to be everybody's on their own.

08:49:47 So i'm not providing refreshments or anything else. but just that, hopefully a place where we can just gather if you're interested in and being there live and in person so with that I think we're done time to