**Four Corners Economic Development Workshop: A *Free One-Day Workshop* Sponsored by USDA Rural Development**

*Hosted by the Rural Development State Director, Terry Brunner and the Assistant Administrator, Keith Adams of the Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program*

Where: Rural Development State office in Albuquerque, NM

6200 Jefferson St, Rm 255

When: June 19, 2014 | 9:00am-4:00pm

**A workshop on Leveraging USDA Loans and Grants for Economic Development**

**Focus on Broadband Access, Telemedicine, and Distance Learning**

Building Strong Rural Economies with Telecommunications for *more* *Educational Opportunities; Improved Healthcare; Job Creation, Retention, and Growth; and other Economic Expansion.*

Making rural communities competitive and innovative in the 21st century by putting Broadband at the forefront of regional development. Sharing regional resources with the goal of expanding broadband to unserved and underserved rural areas.

Broadband allows regions and communities to compete globally and attract new firms, investments, and jobs with next-generation communications infrastructure.

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| Speakers and Topics | Audience |
| * Local and regional broadband success stories | * Local and Regional Broadband and Electric Co-ops |
| * FCC: Universal Service Fund and Connect America | * Community Development Organizations |
| * Rural Development Staff: Available Funding | * Current Service Providers, including RUS borrowers and BTOP Grantees |
| * Steps to take before applying for a Government loan or grant | * Residents of unserved or under-served communities |
| * NTIA: Successful local Broadband Technology Opportunity Grant (BTOP) recipients and Challenges to Broadband Adoption | * Business and Community leaders * Tribal Entities |

**Space is limited. To RSVP to this workshop, please click** [**here**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TGP26S)**. If you have any questions, please contact the New Mexico State Rural Development office at 505-761-4950 or Kathie Klass, Telecommunications Program Outreach Coordinator, at 202-720-2284;** [**kathie.klass@wdc.usda.gov**](mailto:kathie.klass@wdc.usda.gov)**.**