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Connecting New Mexico – The Future of Broadband in our State

March 22, 2019 • Sid Cutter Pilot’s Pavilion @ Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque • 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION and NETWORKING
9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tim Keller, Mayor, City of Albuquerque• Tom Udall, U.S. Senator for New Mexico
9:15 a.m.	The Future for Broadband in New Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vincent Martinez, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Information Technology
9:30 a.m.	Panel Discussion on Connecting the Unconnected <i>What is the real, un-met need to connect the unconnected, and what innovations and partnerships are closing the digital divide? Moderated by U.S. Senator Tom Udall.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vince Tyson, Chief Operating Officer, Plateau• Beth Landon, Board Chair, New Mexico Telehealth Alliance• Jason Johnson, Executive Director of Information Technology, Albuquerque Public Schools• Tim Angelus, Technologist, Quemado Schools; Member of the West Central Consortium• Misti Willock, Director of Sales and Strategic Partnerships, Sacred Wind Communications• Kimball Sekaquaptewa, Chief Technology Director, Santa Fe Indian School• Mattis Shinnick, Chief Executive Officer, optiPulse, Inc.
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAK
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Planning a Community Broadband Roadmap <i>Community leaders are uniquely qualified to assist in development a community broadband vision and goals. In order to implement this vision, a broadband planning process should be undertaken. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) staff will provide guidance and tips for moving from vision to goal, as well as providing insights about partnership models and funding models that have delivered better broadband in communities across the U.S.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Spurgeon, Chief of Operations, NTIA Broadband Office• Scott Woods, Senior Communications Program Specialist, NTIA Broadband Office
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH <i>CNM’s Street Food Institute will be on site and have gourmet food options (including vegetarian) available for purchase.</i>

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1:00 p.m.	<p>Federal and State Broadband Funding Programs <i>The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, NM Public Education Department, NM Finance Authority, and NM Public Regulation Commission will share information about funding opportunities for broadband, including best practices to leverage funding.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Spining, Chief of Partnerships, NTIA Broadband Office • John Chadwick, E-Rate Coordinator, New Mexico Public Education Department • Zach Dillenback, Chief Lending Officer, New Mexico Finance Authority • Mike Ripperger, Telecommunications Bureau Chief, New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission • Brian Smith, General Field Representative for Telecommunications, United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	NETWORKING BREAK
2:15 p.m.	<p>Next Steps New Mexico <i>This is an opportunity for participants to engage and share their thoughts and ideas with the panel: what was discussed (or not) today that you want to know more about, what specific things you would like to see in the future, and what recommendations you have for the panel and federal delegation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theresa Becenti-Aguilar, New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner – District 4; PRC Chair • Kendra Karp, Director of the Office of Broadband & Geospatial Initiatives, New Mexico Department of Information Technology • Brian Smith, General Field Representative for Telecommunications, United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development • Joy Poole, Deputy State Librarian, New Mexico State Library • Meagan Foster, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of U.S. Senator Tom Udall • Ken Lucero, Field Representative, Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn



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Possible topics for **Next Steps New Mexico**:

- Getting to better broadband mapping
- Rights of Way and Federal Permitting
- Connectivity in the Classroom/E-rate
- Financing for small carriers
- Broadband planning for coops
- Lowering costs for BIE schools
- The role foundations can play/Public-Private Partnerships