



Washington State Workshop: A *Free Two-Day Workshop* Sponsored by USDA Rural Development

Hosted by the Rural Development State Director Mario Villanueva and Assistant Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service Telecom Program, Keith Adams

**Where: Washington State Rural Development Office
1835 Black Lake Blvd, SW
Olympia, WA 98512**

When: January 27 & 28, 2015 | 9:00am-4:00pm

What: A workshop on Applying for Rural Development Funding and Broadband Focus on Broadband Access, Community Economic Development, and Successful Broadband Deployment

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

Speakers and Topics

- Local and regional BIP & broadband success stories
- Substantially Underserved Trust Area (SUTA) provisions
- Environmental review help and guidelines
- Available RD Funding – Business, Community and Housing Programs
- Steps to take before applying
- NTIA: Successful local BTOP recipients and Challenges to Broadband Adoption

Audience

- Tribal leaders
- Tribal Telecom Authorities
- Community Development Organizations
- Local and Regional Broadband and Electric Co-ops
- Residents of unserved or underserved communities
- Business and Community leaders
- Current Service Providers, including RUS borrowers, BIP awardees, and BTOP Grantees

Space is limited. To RSVP to this workshop, please RSVP at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MH8JBCM>. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a one on one with RUS staff, please call the Telecommunications Program Policy and Outreach Division at 202-690-4673.

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