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Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

for the Internet2 Community

July 16, 2009



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Today's Update:

NSF ARI - Update

NTIA BTOP & USDA RUS BIP:

- Application Forms & Guidelines
- Workshop Reports

NSF ARI: Note to those who filed a letter of intent

Thank you for your recent submission of a letter of intent (LOI) to the ARI-R2 program. Please excuse the form letter format of this email. I wanted to let you know that a second **ARI-R2 webinar is planned for July 20th, 2009, from 1pm – 2:45pm**, and to invite you to participate. The purpose of this webinar is to address some of the questions we have received about the ARI-R2 program that may be of general interest to people preparing full proposals. In addition, this email is to let you know that **we anticipate posting a second set of Frequently Asked Questions on the NSF web-site, near the end of July**. To participate in the July 20th webinar, please register online, in advance, at the following web-site:

<http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/090720/>.

A link to the second set of Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the ARI-R2 program web-page at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/ari>.

Good luck with your proposal writing!Regards,

Steve Meacham



BTOP/BIP Application Forms & Guidelines Now On Broadband USA Web Page



Broadband USA

Download Application

On July 31, applicants will be able to apply for a grant using an electronic intake system. The use of this system is required for applicants requesting more than \$1 million in assistance.

Deadline for application submissions is 5 PM ET on August 14, 2009.

Hardcopy versions of the applications are made available so applicants can prepare their answers now and be ready to use the electronic system once it is made available.

Applicants whose authorized representatives are individuals with disabilities may submit a paper application. Applicants who are requesting less than \$1 million may forego the electronic filing requirement if using this system would impose a hardship on the applicant. Applicants who are not able to use the electronic intake system may use a fillable PDF version of the application, which will be made available through this portal. Applicants who use the fillable PDF may print it out and mail it to the appropriate agency, along with an electronic copy, using a CD or other appropriate medium. An electronic copy will greatly assist the agencies in processing paper applications.

Electronic application submissions are strongly encouraged and will greatly enhance the speed of the agencies' processing and review of applications.

The official BIP/BTOP Broadband Infrastructure Application, BTOP Public Computer Center Application, and BTOP Sustainable Broadband Adoption Application are posted below. Applicants should use these official applications in preparing to submit all funding requests to the RUS and/or NTIA broadband programs and should disregard any other applications that have been disseminated or otherwise made available to the public.

For detailed guidance on applying to the BIP, please refer to the Rural Utilities Service Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) Application Guide.

For detailed guidance on applying to BTOP, please refer to the Grant Guidelines for the Recovery Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP)

- Broadband Infrastructure Application Package for BIP-BTOP - zip
- Broadband Infrastructure Application for BIP-BTOP - pdf
- Attachment A - Proposed Last Mile Broadband Service Offerings - pdf
- Attachment B - Middle Mile Service Offerings - pdf
- Attachment C - Competitor Table Last Mile, Middle Mile - pdf
- Attachment D - Network Design and Implementation Plan Certification - pdf
- Attachment E - Project Plan and Build Out Schedule - pdf
- Attachment F - Legal Opinion - pdf
- Attachment G - Detail Project Cost - pdf



Workshops

○ Washington, DC Area
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745
301-965-2000
July 7, 2009
Pre-registration is closed for this event.

○ *Birmingham, AL
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard North
Birmingham, AL 35203
205-324-5000
July 14, 2009
Pre-registration is closed for this event.

○ *Billings, MT
Holiday Inn Grand Montana
5500 Midland Rd
Billings, MT 59101
888-465-4329
July 17, 2009

○ Los Angeles, CA
Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza
251 S. Olive St
Los Angeles, CA 90012
888-444-6664
July 24, 2009

○ Boston, MA
Hilton Boston/Dedham
25 Allied Drive
Dedham, MA 02026
781-329-7900
July 8, 2009
Pre-registration is closed for this event.

○ Memphis, TN
Holiday Inn Hotel University of
Memphis
3700 Central Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111
888-465-4329
July 15, 2009
Pre-registration is closed for this event.

○ Minneapolis, MN
Crowne Plaza St. Paul - Riverfront
11 East Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55101
800-593-5708
July 21, 2009

○ Charleston, WV
Holiday Inn Charleston House
600 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston WV 25301
888-465-4329
July 10, 2009
Pre-registration is closed for this event.

○ Lonoke, AR
Arkansas Rural Water
Association/Dale Bumpers Training
Facility
240 Dee Dee Lane
Lonoke, AR 72086
July 16, 2009
This event is full

○ *Albuquerque, NM
Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
800-262-2043
July 23, 2009

* NTIA and RUS will host special minority outreach conferences in Birmingham (African American), Billings (Native American), and Albuquerque (Native American and Hispanic) which will run the afternoon prior to each workshop.



Workshop Slides



Broadband USA

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Workshops

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) have announced the first series of public workshops about the application process for \$4 billion in broadband grants and loans under the Recovery Act. NTIA and RUS gave extensive consideration to the workshop locations: they selected locations representative of rural and urban needs, as well as a diversity of regions, populations, topographies and city/metropolitan-area sizes. They also considered the travel needs of attendees.

[Online registration for the Workshops](#)

[Fax your registration for the Workshops](#)

Workshop Presentations

- [Overview of the Broadband Program](#)
- [BIP Program](#)
- [BTOP Program](#)
- [BIP Accounting and Auditing](#)
- [Infrastructure Part 1](#)
- [Infrastructure Part 2](#)
- [BTOP Sustainable Adoption](#)
- [Public Computer Centers](#)
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Step One: Application Information



Information Requirements

- ✓ Background Information on the Applicants
- ✓ Verification of eligibility factors
- ✓ Executive summary of the project, including the problem or opportunity to address and proposed solution
- ✓ Map
- ✓ Description of the proposed service offerings
- ✓ Description of the proposed technology solution
- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Partnerships
- ✓ Itemized budget and financial analysis
- ✓ Support for non-recurring costs
- ✓ Collaboration with socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses

Application will be immediately rejected if information is missing

Report from Selected Workshops:

- Maryland
- Boston
- West Virginia
- Memphis
- Others?

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