

West Texas Broadband Listening Tour and Information Session

Where: Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
Midland International Air and Space Port
2910 LaForce Blvd.
Midland, TX 79711-0660

When: July 12, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Who: Attendees will include local leaders interested in learning more about broadband opportunities in the region.

Background: The FCC's 2018 Broadband Deployment Report indicates that only 72.3% of Texans in rural areas have access to high-speed internet at 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps while 97.6% of Texans in urban areas have access to those speeds. Without access to broadband, local residents and businesses will be unable to fully the benefits of broadband:

Through collaboration with the Still Water Foundation, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the USDA, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Texas Education Agency, and other foundations and stakeholders, CN is hosting listening tours and resource information sessions organized regionally, one within each quadrant of the state.

Objectives: Develop and document insights as to how rural Texas communities can maximize funds and resources that can be used for broadband technology projects.

Develop and share a state and federal resource guide that can be used to identify funding and resources for broadband technology projects.

Connected Nation

Connected Nation (CN) is a national 501(c)(3) organization with a core mission to improve lives through the expansion of technology. In 2009, CN was selected by Texas as the designated entity to lead all broadband mapping and planning efforts under the NTIA's State Broadband Initiative. At that time, Connected Texas was formed and commissioned to collect data from over 200 national and local Texas broadband providers and 3,800 Texas Community Anchor Institutions over the next 5 years. Connected Texas also engaged over 4,000 state and local stakeholders in facilitating community level technology planning.