



Broadband for All



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Broadband for All, Digital Equity and BEAD Regional Planning Workshop – Friday, June 2

Dear Central Coast Leader and Digital Equity Champion:

The internet is critical to everyday life. Yet 1 out of 5 Californians, including many in the Central Coast, lack access to affordable, reliable broadband service, devices, and the skills to use them. As a result, millions in our state are unable to access essential government services and realize other social and economic benefits. This gap is referred to as the “digital divide” which most impacts low-income households, seniors, the disabled, veterans, incarcerated individuals, members of racial and ethnic minority groups, those with language barriers and low-levels of literacy, and rural residents.

Broadband for All is the State’s overarching program to close the digital divide and foster digital equity in our communities. The State has invested billions of dollars to achieve Broadband for All and ensure that every resident has access to economical and dependable internet, devices, and skills training. But more needs to be done.

We are a partner to the State Digital Equity team led by the State of California, the Department of Technology, and the California Public Utilities Commission. We invite your organization and local community to take another step toward creating an equitable digital future by making your voices heard at the Broadband for All, Digital Equity, and BEAD Planning Workshops. Your input will help California develop the State’s Digital Equity and BEAD Five-Year Action Plans that will determine how future federal dollars are allocated to address digital inequities in your community. Please share this invitation with others within your network to promote awareness about this Workshop.

The Plans will be a major milestone toward ensuring greater internet access for those in Central Coast, so it is crucial that as many of us as possible participate in this planning process to offer our input to inform the State’s Digital Equity and BEAD Plans.

Please join us at the **Workshop at California State University Monterey Bay in Seaside** to share your thoughts on **Friday, June 2, 2023 at 8:30AM to 1:30PM** including focused **Working Sessions** that will provide a special opportunity to meet with State Officials.

Click here to register for the Workshop: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/608843716947>
Directions will be sent to you once you register.

Please reach out to kyle.oryan@state.ca.gov if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

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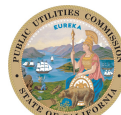
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