

State Broadband Leaders Network

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What is the State Broadband Leaders Network?

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's BroadbandUSA program convenes and facilitates the State Broadband Leaders Network (SBLN), which is a community of practitioners who work on state broadband initiatives. SBLN participants share priorities and best practices and discuss emerging telecommunications policy issues. The network also provides a forum to strengthen policy and program connections among states, local jurisdictions and federal agencies. SBLN provides opportunities to improve funding coordination, align policies and address barriers to collaboration across states and agencies. BroadbandUSA also works with SBLN participants to support technical assistance offerings for communities, businesses and organizations at the state, regional and local level.

Who participates?

Because every state and territory approaches broadband access and deployment differently, a variety of state level offices participate in the SBLN. Participants are usually part of a dedicated broadband office in their state or territory or have broadband identified as a specific responsibility within their agency or department.

States that regularly participate in SBLN include:

Alabama	Maryland	Puerto Rico
Alaska	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Michigan	South Carolina
Arkansas	Minnesota	South Dakota
California	Missouri	Tennessee
Colorado	Montana	Texas
Connecticut	Missouri	Utah
District of Columbia	Nebraska	US Virgin Islands
Georgia	Nevada	Virginia
Idaho	New Hampshire	Washington
Illinois	New Mexico	West Virginia
Indiana	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Iowa	North Dakota	Wyoming

Kansas	Ohio	
Maine	Oregon	

What broadband activities happen in the states?

The BroadbandUSA website lists [broadband contacts and programs in each state](#). While most programs focus on broadband infrastructure, some address digital inclusion, equity, and workforce skills. Other topic areas include broadband mapping, loans and grants, technical assistance, policy improvements (e.g., rights-of-way, including “dig once” and “one-touch make ready”), matching E-rate contributions or tax credits. Click on a state in the map to learn more.

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