



Committed to the future of rural communities.

## How to Apply For Workshop

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# THE USDA RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Come to a FREE workshop and learn about the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program!

Rural Development is committed to improving the quality of life of all rural Americans and increasing economic opportunity in rural America.

*“This country needs a national goal for...the spread of broadband technology. We ought to have...universal affordable access for broadband technology by the year 2007, and then we ought to make sure as soon as possible thereafter, consumers have got plenty of choices when it comes to (their) broadband carrier.”*

– President George W. Bush, March 26, 2004

- ▶ Improve the quality of your Broadband loan application!
- ▶ Learn how to use the Broadband Loan Application Guide!
- ▶ Speak with Broadband Program experts from Washington, D.C. and state offices!
- ▶ Consult with the Broadband Program experts about your specific project or application!

**Come to a FREE 1-day workshop  
to hear from Rural Development’s  
Broadband experts on:**

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- WHAT the Broadband Program is all about
- WHAT types of loans are available
- WHO qualifies as a borrower
- WHAT types of broadband services are eligible for funding
- WHAT communities are eligible for funding
- WHAT types of technology are eligible
- WHAT types of services are eligible
- WHAT support is available from Rural Development

# **SPACE IS LIMITED**

Please Register Today!

**This workshop will provide information for prospective applicants on how to:**

- Conduct a market survey for broadband services
- Develop the business plan
- Satisfy credit support requirements
- Develop financial forecasts and other financial information
- Develop the system design
- Understand Rural Development's:

- regulatory requirements
- financial and accounting requirements
- loan collateral and security requirements

## **Locations and Dates:**

The Workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. local time and will continue until approximately 5:00 p.m. local time. There will be an hour lunch break. The Rural Development broadband staff will be available at the same location from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon the day after the workshop for individual guidance by prior appointment.

**Chicago, Illinois:** June 22, 2004, at SUPERCOMM, Room S101ab, McCormick Place, Chicago. Register at: [shirley.reese@il.usda.gov](mailto:shirley.reese@il.usda.gov); Information: 217-403-6202.

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** June 24, 2004, The William Green Federal Building, 600 Arch Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room C, Philadelphia. Register at: [kathryn.kauffman@pa.usda.gov](mailto:kathryn.kauffman@pa.usda.gov); Information: 717-237-2299.

**Biloxi, Mississippi:** June 29, 2004, The Biloxi Beachfront Hotel, 2400 Beach Blvd., Petit Bois conference room, Biloxi. Register at: [bettye.oliver@ms.usda.gov](mailto:bettye.oliver@ms.usda.gov); Information: 601-965-5460, ext. 153.

**Portland, Oregon:** July 13, 2004, USDA Rural Development, One Main Place, 101 SW Main St., 18<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Portland. Register at [brian.otten@or.usda.gov](mailto:brian.otten@or.usda.gov); Information: 503-414-3336.

**Phoenix, Arizona:** July 15, 2004, USDA Rural Development, Phoenix Corporate Center, 3003 N. Central Avenue, Suite 675, Phoenix. Register at [rian.clawson@az.usda.gov](mailto:rian.clawson@az.usda.gov); Information: 602-280-8701.

## **About the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program:**

The USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program provides loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Priority is given to applications that are proposing to serve areas where no residential broadband service currently exists. Information on the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program is available at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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