

South Dakota Broadband Summit

May 3, 2023

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
Pierre, South Dakota

ConnectSD, the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development, and the Department of Labor and Regulation are collaborating to implement the [Internet for All](#) initiative for South Dakota. This initiative is focused on improving Internet deployment and digital access throughout the state.

This event brings together local governments, community leaders, industry, state and federal representatives, and other critical partners from around the state to learn about and discuss key programs that are aimed at expanding broadband infrastructure and promoting digital equity for the State of South Dakota.

Agenda items include:

- The Future of South Dakota Broadband
- ConnectSD State Broadband Program
- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program
- South Dakota Telecommunications Association Update (SDTA)
- 2023 ConnectSD Grant Awardee Announcements
- Digital Equity Act (DEA)
- Workforce Needs
- Digital Navigator and Access to Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Community Broadband Planning and Discussion

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Networking
- 9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks: [Secretary Marcia Hultman](#)
SD Department of Labor and Regulation Cabinet Secretary
- 9:45 a.m. Opening remarks: Introductions, Overview of ConnectSD, Tribal Lands & BEAD/DE
Announcement: New State Broadband Map
Mike Waldner, Broadband Program Director, [ConnectSD](#)
- 10:15 a.m. Break and refreshments: Networking time
- 10:30 a.m. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment ([BEAD](#)) Program
Learn about the BEAD program and how local organizations & communities can engage in state planning to ensure a successful and high impact for your state
National Telecommunications and Information Administration ([NTIA](#))
Robyn Madison, NTIA, BEAD Northern Plains Regional Director
- 11:30 a.m. South Dakota Telecommunications Association ([SDTA](#))
Kara Semmler, Executive Director
SDN Communications ([SDN](#))
Ryan Punt, Chief Executive Officer
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. Announcement: 2023 ConnectSD Grant Awards
- 2:00 p.m. Digital Equity Act ([DEA](#)) Program
What does Digital Equity mean to the State of South Dakota and how to create a roadmap to achieve digital equity in the state
National Telecommunications and Information Administration ([NTIA](#))
Michell Morton, NTIA, Deputy Director of Digital Equity
Brett Litzler, NTIA, Digital Equity Advisor, Northern Plains Region
- 2:45 p.m. Access to Affordable Connectivity Program
Kimberly Lorensberg, Chief Development Officer
[Grow South Dakota](#)
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion Panel - Q & A