

COMMUNITY BROADBAND VISIONING SESSIONS

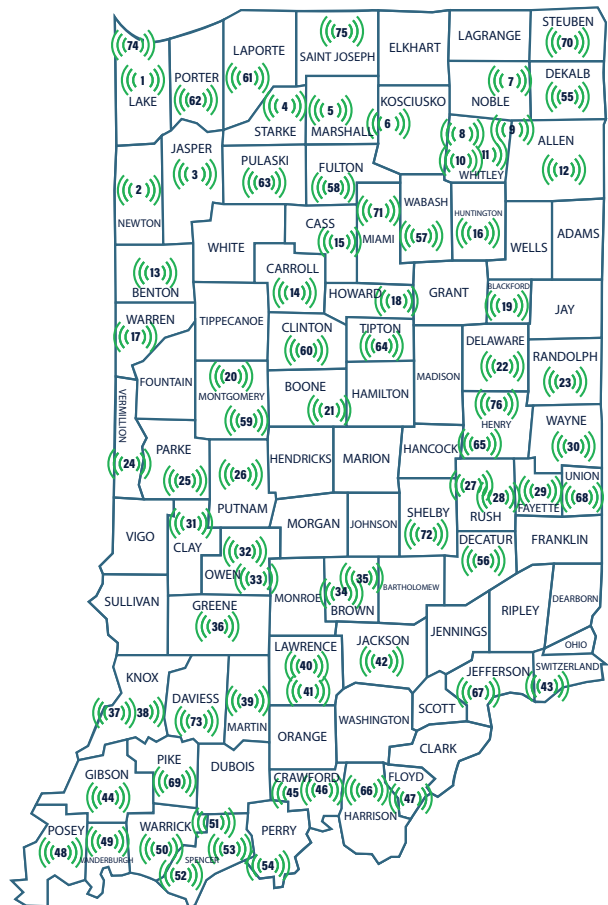
WHAT TO EXPECT

PURPOSE

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is an agency of the United States Department of Commerce responsible for overseeing the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, which provides \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet access across the country. The Program requires Indiana to submit a Five-Year Plan detailing the current state of broadband in Indiana, the State’s vision of broadband, and how the State plans to execute this vision.

The team writing the Five-Year Plan is conducting 18 in-person visioning sessions across the State. Indiana is diverse in many ways, and every community has distinct needs. The purpose of these sessions is to adequately understand and address the barriers to broadband deployment and unique community challenges.

The visioning sessions are being hosted by the Indiana Broadband Office (IBO). The IBO, led by Deputy Director Earnie Holtrey and State Infrastructure & Broadband Administrator Steve Cox, assists Hoosiers in need of affordable and reliable broadband connectivity. The IBO has done extensive work to provide broadband to Hoosiers wherever they need it – at home, work, and school – and strives to continue their work until every last Hoosier is connected. The IBO is currently engaged with Guidehouse, a private consulting firm, to complete this Five-Year Plan.



SESSION AGENDA

- 1** Discuss the broadband efforts ongoing in the State and upcoming opportunities.
- 2** Receive feedback from stakeholders on broadband barriers and limitations in their communities.
- 3** Envision the future state of broadband in the area and how the State and communities can collaborate to move broadband forward.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The visioning session will be focused on community leaders and stakeholders. These individuals are those who can provide feedback representative of the greater community and are interested in envisioning the future of broadband. Participants may include:

- Broadband task force and broadband ready communities committee member
- School system superintendents, principals, tech officers
- County commissioners, clerks, council members
- Community foundations
- Business leaders
- Economic development officials
- Banks/investment institutions, other anchor institutions
- City/town leadership, mayor's office, clerk, treasurer, town planner, utilities dept.
- Public library official
- Hospitals/healthcare leadership
- Agriculture community leadership
- Any other leader who is influential in the community and passionate about creating change around broadband

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the visioning session, please get in touch with:

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Beverages and light snacks will be provided!



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