

**The Arizona Commerce Authority State Broadband Office, the Office of Governor Hobbs, and
the National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

Southern Arizona Tribal Broadband Roundtable Discussion

Monday, December 11, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tohono O’odham Community College (Main Campus)

HWY 86, Milepost 125.5

ZOOM Meeting: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

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Meeting Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Perla Lopez, Broadband Program Manager
- 1:05 p.m. Digital Equity Program**
Erin Lorandos, Digital Equity Program Manager and
Candace Hamana, ACA Tribal Liaison
- Digital Equity overview
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Next Steps
- 1:30 p.m. NTIA Tribal Considerations for BEAD**
Nicole Umayam, Federal Program Officer, NTIA Office of Internet Connectivity and
Growth for Arizona
- Subgrantee selection and service obligations
 - Local/tribal coordination requirement
 - Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program NOFO round two
- 1:55 p.m. Q&A**
- 2:10 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:15 p.m. BEAD Program Update**
Sandip Bhowmick, State Broadband Director, and
Candace Hamana, ACA Tribal Liaison
- Initial Proposal
 - Challenge Process Digital Equity overview
 - Final proposal requirements
 - Objectives and timeline
- 2:40 p.m. Q&A**
- 3:00 p.m. Close**



Guiding Questions for Digital Equity:

- What is Digital Equity?
- Is your tribe writing its own Digital Equity Plan or interested in writing one?
- Has your tribe identified what kind of tech support is needed among the most vulnerable populations?
- Is your tribe aware of all the resources available to them that help make internet more affordable?

Guiding Questions for BEAD:

- Do you have a list of preferred providers that you have begun communicating with or are you planning to coordinate efforts with other tribal providers?
- What cost considerations (permitting, rights of way) have been identified by the tribe for broadband expansion on tribal lands?
- Does your tribe have any unserved or underserved locations that are excluded from the state's map?
- Are there any other questions that you would like to ask?

