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East Texas Council of Government Virtual Update

Engaging City/County Officials and ISPs on Upcoming Partnership Opportunities

Date: September 20, 2024

Time: 1-2 pm CT

Duration: 1 Hour

Platform: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/854340050>

Agenda

1. Welcome! Opening Remarks and Introduction by David Cleveland Executive Director ETCOG.
2. Status update of the ETCOG plans
3. Call to Action for ISPs, Counties, and Cities
 - a. Message to Local Officials and ISPs: Importance of partnerships
4. Grant Opportunities Overview
5. Introducing Key Resources
 - a. Introduction of grant writers:
 - i. Sean Droptini Broadband Practice Leader with Halff
 - ii. Pam Anderson, Facilitator with United Way and the East Texas Center for Non-Profits
6. Overview of Broadband Hiring Hub (BBHH) with Brian Rathbone by Arianne Shipley Economic Recovery Corps Fellow
7. Maps & Coverage Insights
 - a. Explanation of regional broadband maps
 - b. Using Lakeport as a model for understanding coverage needs
8. Questions
9. Closing Remarks