

# 2022 National Tribal Broadband Summit



## Call for Presentations: Supporting Digital Tribal Sovereignty & Self-Determination

The U.S Department of Interior invites you to present your latest work in planning, constructing, delivering, and using Tribal broadband networks and technological innovation on Tribal Lands at the 2022 National Tribal Broadband & Technology Summit. The event will be conducted virtually on September 13, 20, and 27.

We encourage service providers, engineers, researchers, funders, regulators, anchor institutions, telehealth and distance learning specialists, tribal governments, organizations and institutions, and other key players from across the country to submit your best projects, programs, or initiatives to be presented at the National Tribal Broadband & Technology Summit, which will generally cover the following topics, but additional ideas welcome:

***Implementing the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant.*** Planning and implementing network construction and expansions, obtaining rights of way, NEPA assessments, and multi-jurisdictional projects. Implementing telehealth, distance learning, adoption, and workforce development projects, including equipment distribution and maintenance, curriculum development, and training methodologies.

***Planning for Long Term Success.*** Identifying needs, setting goals, creating strategies, developing a plan and leveraging data to maximize the short and long-term educational, technological development and economies, cultural and economic benefits of connectivity. Developing a local workforce to maintain and operate networks, capacity building for Tribes and Tribal organizations, and achieving financial stability and innovation.

***Technical Solutions, Middle Mile, Connectivity Solutions.*** Exploring the various connectivity options available and identifying possible solutions to bring broadband and technological development to Tribal

lands. E.g., white spaces, new spectrum and how to use it best, middle mile networks, technological innovation including electric vehicles or other industry development.

**Broadband Use and Adoption.** Leveraging technology to improve health care, public safety and educational outcomes, enhance economic development, increase community engagement, and expand educational opportunities and tech support.

## KEY DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **Monday, August 8, 2022**

Notification of Acceptance: **Friday, August 19, 2022**

Deadline for Full Presentation Submission: **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Presenter should have demonstrated history of success:

- expanding broadband access, inclusion, and adoption,
- financing broadband infrastructure, or
- leveraging broadband for social and economic well-being or cultural preservation in American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian communities, schools, libraries, museums and cultural organizations.

Summit organizers are looking for representation across the telecommunications and tech industry ecosystem – we encourage submissions from small, medium and large enterprises, and Tribes or educational institutions with expertise on broadband and technological development and spectrum access on tribal lands.

Preference may be given to proposals that include content from federally recognized Tribes or Tribal partners.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Provide a 1- to 2-page summary of your presentation proposal to [rsvp@bia.gov](mailto:rsvp@bia.gov) by 5:00 PM ET on Friday, August 8, 2022.

The summary should indicate which main topic you are addressing, describe the presentation content and format (e.g., slide deck, panel discussion, etc.), the name and title of any speakers.

Please attach any prepared supporting materials, such as slide decks, brochures, etc., that would accompany the presentation and/or better help Summit organizers assess your proposal.

All abstracts will be evaluated highly on originality and technical value, any improvement, refinement, and development can be completed while preparing and editing the final presentation.

Final presentations must be 508 compliant. See [www.section508.gov/create/presentations](http://www.section508.gov/create/presentations) for more information.