

# NATIONAL TRIBAL BROADBAND SUMMIT



September 21-25, 2020  
VIRTUAL SUMMIT

## Creative Connections

### Call for Presentations

The Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs invites you to present your latest work in planning, constructing, delivering, and using tribal broadband networks at the 2nd annual National Tribal Broadband Summit. The event will be conducted virtually September 21 – 25, 2020.

We encourage service providers, engineers, researchers, funders, regulators, and other key players from across the country to submit your best projects, programs, or initiatives to be presented at the National Tribal Broadband Summit, which will cover the following topics:

**Planning & Implementation** Identifying needs, setting goals, creating strategies, developing a plan and leveraging data to maximize the short and long-term educational, cultural and economic benefits of connectivity. Identifying sources of Federal, private and other programs and funding sources and leveraging these and community assets to best address strategic goals and community needs. Building and leveraging partnerships with both public and private entities to support connectivity and maximize the positive impacts of broadband access.

**Technical Solutions, Middle Mile, Connectivity Solutions** Exploring the various connectivity options available and identifying possible solutions to bring broadband to your unique community. E.g., white space, new spectrum and how to use it best, middle mile networks.

**Applications for Social, Cultural, & Economic Well-Being** Leveraging technology to improve health care outcomes, enhance economic development, increase community engagement, and expand educational opportunity. Responding to the coronavirus pandemic through emergency broadband networks, developing new and expanded services such as telemedicine and virtual learning programs, protecting community members, and preparing for future shocks. Smart cities, smart agriculture etc.

#### KEY DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission	August 14, 2020
Notification of Acceptance	August 28, 2020
Deadline for Full Presentation Submission	September 8, 2020



# 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, or libraries.
- Summit organizers are looking for representation across the telecommunications ecosystem – we encourage submissions from small, medium and large enterprises.
- Preference may be given to proposals that include content from federally recognized tribes or tribal partners.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Provide a 1-page summary of your presentation proposal to [rsvp@bia.gov](mailto:rsvp@bia.gov) by 5:00 PM ET on Friday, August 14, 2020.
- 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.

