

RURAL TALKS

RURAL LISC 2022 SEMINAR

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May 10-11, 2022 Session Rural Talks Broadband & Infrastructure In-person Guide

Seminar Location

[The Mayflower Hotel](#)

1127 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036
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The Mayflower Hotel's conference rate is \$359+tax. Prices will increase after April 26.

If you choose to stay at The Mayflower Hotel, please [click here](#) to book your room online.



If your plans change and you need to attend virtually, you can join the seminar here: 2022ruralliscseminar.vfairs.com/en/broadband-infrastructure

COVID Precautions

Masks will be required for attendees as well as vaccinations or a negative COVID test. If you have questions or concerns about this, please email ebradley@lisc.org.

Things to do in D.C.

After Hours Activities Tuesday May 10th

1. [Nationals/Mets Baseball Game](#)
2. [Escape Room](#)
3. [Hairspray the Musical at National Theatre](#)
4. [Best Live Entertainment](#)
5. [Best Bars in D.C.](#)

Questions

If you have any questions about the Seminar, please contact Erica Bradley at ebradley@lisc.org, Emily Avery at eavery@lisc.org, Kjestine Woods at kwoods@lisc.org, or Nadia Villagran at nvillagran@lisc.org.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- 10:30AM - 10:40AM EST** **Seminar Kick-Off & Welcome**
Lisa Glover, CEO, LISC
Caitlin Cain, LISC VP and Rural Director
Tim Rios, Senior Vice President, Rural Strategy Leader, Social Impact & Sustainability, Wells Fargo
- 10:40AM - 10:50AM EST** **Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law: Implementation Status**
Matt Josephs, SVP Policy, LISC
- 10:50AM - 12:00PM EST** **Driving Catalytic Investments in Infrastructure**
10:50AM - 11:10 AM Pre-recorded Video Message from **Mitch Landrieu**, White House Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator
Keynote: Administrator Alejandra Y. Castillo, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
- 11:10AM - 12:00 PM** **Executive Roundtable: Early Investors in a Catalytic Concept**
- 12:00PM - 1:15PM EST** Lunch
- 1:15PM - 1:30PM EST** **Keynote: Leveraging Infrastructure Investments to Reduce Disparities in Rural America**
Ted Stiger, Senior Director of Government Affairs & Policy, RCAP
- 1:30PM - 3:00PM EST** **Rural Broadband from the Ground Up: Delivering on a \$65 Billion Promise**
Panel Discussion
A discussion on how innovative partnerships and local political will finally close the rural digital divide.
Host: Scott Woods, Director of the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives in NTIA's Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
Panelists: Anna Read, Senior Officer, Broadband Initiative, Pew Charitable Trust
Jerry Kuthy, Program Officer, The Cameron Foundation
Josh Seidemann, Vice President of Policy for NTCA
Bob Knight, Commissioner, Economic and Community Development, Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut and Co-chair, Fiber Broadband Association's Public Officials Group
- 3:00PM - 3:15 PM EST** Break
- 3:15PM - 4:30 PM EST** **Investing in Innovative and Resilient Infrastructure in Rural Communities**
A discussion on strategies to access funds for resilient infrastructure and the need for coordination between government entities as well as local leaders setting a creative vision.
Fireside Chat and Q&A (15-minute one-on-one conversations with George Ashton and each guest, followed by Q&A with the audience)

Host: *George Ashton, Managing Director, LISC Strategic Investments*
Guests: *Justin Maxson, Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development, USDA*
Joe McKinney, Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).
Emily E. Rose, Senior Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation
Brian Vo, Chief Investment Officer, Connect Humanity

5:30PM - 7:00 PM EST

Networking Reception *(In-person only event)*

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

9:00AM - 9:45AM EST

Breakfast *(In-person only event)*

9:45AM - 10:30AM EST

Federal Policy Update
Mark Kudlowitz, LISC Policy

10:30AM - 10:45AM EST

Break

10:45AM - 12:00PM EST

Rural Innovation: Lightning Round Display of Best Practice Efforts
Rural LISC network partners, allies and friends detail best practices in infrastructure with an emphasis on water, renewable energy and broadband.

Emma Johnson, Southeast Nebraska Collaborative, Digital Navigators
Brooke Eskridge, Central MO Community Action, Digital Navigators
John Hendrix, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Broadband Infrastructure
Adam Kent, LISC DC, Community Solar
Alexander Brandon, Communities Unlimited, Mississippi water projects
Corianne Scally, Urban Institute, Texas climate mitigation project