



MGA Reducing Poverty and Expanding Opportunity Conference Call

Topic: Rural Connectivity Barriers

July 7, 2015

10:00 am ET/9:00 am CT

Call-in: 1-888-430-5975

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- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Review of Gov. Brownback's Chair's Agenda**
Matt Goddard, Office of Gov. Brownback
- III. Rural Connectivity Issues Surrounding Broadband**
Nicholas Degani, Federal Communications Commission
- IV. State Discussion about Rural Connectivity Barriers**
States discuss regional poverty topics and determine areas for cross-state collaboration
 - What are barriers are faced by individuals in rural communities that vary significantly when compared to those in urban areas?
 - What role does transportation and lack of broadband technology play in minimizing economic development in rural?
- V. Next Steps**
Conference call on July 21 at 10:00 am ET.
Topic: Federal barriers to Reduction and State Innovation
- VI. Conclusion**