

**Workshop for Successful Request of Federal Broadband Technology Opportunities  
Program Grants and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants  
AGENDA**

- 9:30 Welcome, Office of Congressman Ciro Rodriguez  
Opening Remarks, Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors
- 9:45 Overview of BTOP Grant Application Process and Eligibility  
Joanne Hovis, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Kensington, MD.
- 10:15 Wireless/Fiber Network Case Studies, Part I –Strategies for filing BTOP grant proposals for wireless/  
fiber networks run by local governments.  
Joanne Hovis, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Kensington, MD
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Wireless/Fiber Network Case Studies, Part II  
Joanne Hovis, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Kensington, MD
- 12:00 Lunch Provided
- 12:15 Right-of-Way Management – ROW expert will address ways to leverage the deployment of internal  
fiber networks to encourage job creation, spur economic development, minimize disruption on local  
ROW.  
Eloy Rosales, City of San Antonio, Right-of-Way Management Office
- 12:45 Legal Restrictions on Municipal Deployment of Fiber Networks – Legal expert will discuss limitations  
established by state law on the type of communications networks municipal governments may deploy.  
Gabriel Garcia, Assistant City Attorney, San Antonio, Texas
- 1:15 Computer Centers and Broadband Sustainability Case Study – Public interest consultants will discuss  
lessons learned from the first round of BTOP grants for expanding computer center capabilities and  
support sustainable broadband services.  
Joanne Hovis, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, Kensington, MD  
Gene Crick, Texas Telecom & Telecommunity Resource Center, Bastrop, Texas
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Overview of EECBG Grant Application Process and Eligibility – State administrators will provide an  
overview of the EECBG application process and eligibility criteria.  
Lisa Elledge, State Energy Conservation Office, Stimulus Program Manager
- 3:30 EECBG Case Study – Strategies for developing winning EECBG grant proposals. This presentation is  
targeted at cities with populations below 35,000 and counties with populations below 200,000.  
Paul Smolen & Marilyn Fox, Fox, Smolen and Associates, Austin, Texas
- 5:00 Workshop Adjourned