Utah Broadband Advisory Council

Thursday, June 21, 2012
10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development

Attendees:

Tara Thue, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Kelleigh Cole, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Bert Granberg, Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center
Christy Heaton, Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center
John Harvey, Utah Public Service Commission
Lynne Yocom, Utah Department of Transportation
Craig Neilson, Utah State Library
Steve Corbató, University of Utah
Dennis Sampson, Utah Education Network

Steve Proctor, Utah Communications Agency Networks
Bill Harry, Valley Emergency Communications Center
Georganne Weidenbach, CenturyLink
Dave Ryan, Strata Networks
Tyler Rasmussen, Strata Networks
Jared Anderson, Emery Telcom
Todd Marriott, UTOPIA
Tim Fisher, UTOPIA
Joseph Wavra, Enterprise Technologies/Goshute

Summary:
On June 19, 2012, the Utah Broadband Project released the Utah Broadband Advisory Council Report, which details the findings and recommendations of the Council during its first year of meetings. News coverage of the Report was featured on KSL NewsRadio, Utah Business Magazine, Utah Pulse, and Utah Policy Daily. A digital version of the Report can be accessed online at www.broadband.utah.gov and hard copies can be obtained by contacting the Utah Broadband Project Team.

The Utah Public Service Commission will be hosting a technical conference regarding federal Universal Service Fund (USF) and Intercarrier Compensation (ICC) reform on July 19, 2012. The conference will address new requirements issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and will provide a venue for interested parties to make recommendations regarding the implementation of these changes in Utah. Comments for the conference are due July 11, 2012.

The Utah Broadband Project, working with a subgroup of the Utah Broadband Advisory Council, submitted formal comments in response to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Request for Information (RFI) regarding the "Development of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)." The subgroup included representatives from the Utah Broadband Advisory Council, the Utah Department of Technology Services (DTS), the Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN), the Utah Division of Indian Affairs, Salt Lake City Corporation, members of the Utah State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), and the Utah 911 Committee. A copy of the comments is available at www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2012/comments-development-state-and-local-implementation-grant-program.

On June 14, 2012, President Obama released an executive order aimed at accelerating broadband infrastructure deployment on federal lands, buildings, rights-of-way, federally-assisted highways, and tribal lands, particularly in underserved communities. The order establishes the Broadband Deployment on Federal Property Working Group. The mission of the working group is to ensure a coordinated and consistent approach to implementing agency procedures, requirements, and policies related to the federal lands, buildings, rights-of-way, federally assisted highways, and tribal

lands to advance broadband deployment. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has worked with the White House to provide guidance related to the Order.

Steve Corbató gave the Council an update on the U.S. Ignite Initiative, which will promote the development of applications and services for ultra-fast broadband and software-defined networks. The goal of the Initiative is to foster the creation of applications and digital experiences that will transform healthcare, education and job skills training, public safety, energy, and advanced manufacturing. The Initiative will also be used to maximize the potential of the Global Environment for Network Innovations (GENI) project's national test bed network, a platform designed to connect university campuses and cities, providing symmetrical speeds of at least 100 Mbps. It will also establish the U.S. Ignite Partnership, a non-profit, public-private organization that includes participation from the University of Utah, UTOPIA and the Utah Education Network.

Christy Heaton, with the Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC), presented the June 2012 Map of the Month, which analyzed broadband access in Utah's five national parks. Utah's national parks include Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, and Zion National Park. Using provider-submitted wireless coverage areas, along with the Project's July 2011 wireless field test data and Utah's rich mapping data resources, the Project Team created a map for each applicable wireless broadband provider in each national park. This data may be used to help national parks evaluate their broadband needs and plan for increased coverage and can also inform visitors regarding what wireless broadband services they can expect to receive in these areas.