



Federal Communications Commission
Office of Native Affairs & Policy
Tribal Workshop

Host: **Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**
Date: May 14-15, 2024
Location: Indigo Sky Casino and Resort
70220 East HWY 60. Wyandotte, OK 74370

Tribal Workshop Agenda Highlights

Day 1:

E-rate Tribal Library Tour & Community Discussion (*offsite*)
Tribal Consultation: EAS event code for Missing and Endangered Persons

Day 2:

Tribal Consumer Resources and Opportunities
Participating with the FCC
Broadband Mapping Overview and Demonstration

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 (all times are CDT)

10:00-10:30 AM **Tribal Library Visit**
12705 S. 705 Rd, Wyandotte, Oklahoma

Opportunity to tour the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's George J. Captain Public Library and participate in a discussion with FCC staff about the agency's [Universal Service Fund Schools and Libraries Program \(E-Rate\)](#)

2:00-4:00 PM **Tribal Consultation**
Indigo Sky Casino and Resort

Tribal consultation on the FCC's recently released [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM), FCC 24-30, seeking comment on a proposal to adopt a new Emergency Alert System (EAS) event code for Missing and Endangered Persons (*registration requested by May 13th*)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 (all times are CDT)

8:30-9:00 AM **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 AM **Welcome Remarks and Introductions**

*Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma*

9:15-10:00 AM

FCC Updates

ONAP will provide an update on FCC programs and important deadlines (including the MEP NPRM).

Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

10:00-10:45 AM

E-Rate Program Funding for Tribal Schools and Libraries and Other Universal Service Programs

This session provides an overview of the E-Rate Program and related updates regarding funding opportunities for schools and libraries. There will also be an overview of the USF High Cost, Rural Health Care and Lifeline programs.

Johnny Roddy, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

10:45-11:15 AM

How to Participate in FCC Rulemakings

Overview of the how the FCC is organized and how to follow FCC proceedings, including on how to file comments and participate to add your voice and perspective to the FCC's policy considerations.

*Cara Voth, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC;
Jamie Saloom, Acting Deputy Director (on detail to ONAP)*

11:15-11:30 AM

Break

11:30-12:30 PM

Broadband Data Collection and Mapping Overview, Demonstration, and Q&A

The [National Broadband Map](#) provides information about the internet services available to individual locations across the country, along with information about mobile coverage, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the FCC's ongoing Broadband Data Collection (BDC). Tribal governments, ISPs, consumers, and other stakeholders can help verify the accuracy of the data shown on the map by filing challenges. This session will review the BDC, and will demonstrate how to submit location and availability data, and how to access, review, and work with the production "fabric," including how to submit challenges.

Ken Akini, Attorney Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy

12:30-1:30 PM

Lunch

Lunch and Learn Opportunity: Tribal Radio Priority - Overview and Q&A

Tribal Radio Priority and Low Power FM radio initiatives are important ways Tribes can establish fully operational radio stations.

Michelle Branigan, Attorney Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy

1:30-2:30 PM

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Funding Opportunities, Overview and Q&A

USDA Rural Utilities Service will share information about USDA programs that support broadband internet service and infrastructure in rural areas and any upcoming application windows, including the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program - <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>

Chris Collins, Field Staff Branch Chief, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service

2:30 – 3:30 PM

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Funding Opportunities, Overview and Q&A

NTIA will share information and updates about its programs that support broadband internet service and infrastructure in rural areas including the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program - <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-programs/tribal-broadband-connectivity>

Kelbi Witham, Mykah Alverson, Tribal Broadband Connectivity and Nation-to-Nation Coordination Division, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Q And A with FCC Staff

Closing Remarks and Networking

Additional Resources

[Bulk Availability Challenge Quick Start Guide](#)



[ACP Winddown Fact Sheet](#)



[Bulk Fabric Challenge Quick Start Guide](#)



[Public Notice Announcing Tribal Consultations for MEP Code NPRM](#)



[E-Rate Tribal Libraries Fact Sheet](#)



[News Release MEP Code NPRM](#)



[E-Rate Funding Cycle Infographic](#)



[MEP Code NPRM](#)



[E-Rate Program Registration Checklist](#)

