



Directors Corner:

In this update, Director Schlegel provides insights into the latest OBAE developments, including securing BEAD funding, hosting esteemed visitors to the state, and celebrating our successes throughout July.



ICYMI: OBAE receives over \$675 million in funding.

New Mexico will receive more than \$675 million in federal funding to expand broadband access. The funding was made available through the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. By the end of the year, the state will submit a plan to the federal government detailing how the funding will be deployed around the state.

“We recognize that reliable high-speed internet access has become vital, enabling access to education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and essential government services,” said Kelly Schlegel, the Director of the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion. **“This funding will help us serve so many of our unserved communities in rural New Mexico.”**

Director Schlegel Attends White House Event

President Biden and Vice President Harris kicked off the next phase of Administration’s Investing in America tour with a significant high-speed internet infrastructure announcement from The White House.



OBAE Team Tours Santo Domingo Pueblo

On July 6th Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján, Congresswoman Leger-Fernández, and OBAE Director Kelly Schlegel took a tour of Santo Domingo Pueblo, guided by Tribal Governor Tenorio Sr. and Lt. Governor Crespin. The focus of the tour was to highlight recent advancements in broadband infrastructure within the pueblo. There was also a panel discussion that Director Schlegel took part in.



BEAD Funding Press Conference with Advisor to the President, Mitch Landrieu

On July 6th. The governor's office in coordination with NTIA and OBAE hosted a press conference to celebrate the \$675 million-dollar broadband allocation that New Mexico received.

Speakers included Congresswoman Ledger Fernandez, Senator Ben-Ray Lujan, NTIA Deputy Assistant Secretary: April McClain-Delaney, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, and Senior Advisor to President Biden: Mitch Landrieu.



Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Awardees

Pueblo Of Laguna
Pueblo of Jemez
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo of Santa Anna
Kewa- Santo Domingo
Pueblo of Zuni
Pueblo of Zia
Pueblo of Nambe
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo De San Ildefonso
Ohkay Owingeh
Pueblo Of Santa Clara
Pueblo Of Taos
Pueblo Of Tesuque

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Visit to NMSurf

Members of the OBAE team paid a visit to NMSurf, they learned about NMSurfs upcoming projects and toured one of their server sites.



Director Schlegel with Albert Catanach (right) and Brian Catanach (Left)



NMSurf Serves thousands of customers in Northern New Mexico.

Broadband bootcamp was a success!

On June 28th at Dona Ana community college in Anthony and June 29th at Tesuque Pueblo. We hosted elected officials, nonprofits, digital equity advocates, and broadband community leaders.



Las Cruces Boot Camp



Tesuque Pueblo Boot Camp

SAVE THE DATE- Broadband & Bratwurst
Please RSVP by July 28th!



New OBAE Team Member:

Eric Luchetti is our new Grants Manager. He joins us from HSD and has spent time at DFA and Corrections amongst some private sector work. Eric comes with a good financial background including running the Income Support Division's \$10 billion federal program.

In the news:

1. [New Dashboard Highlights Coordinated Federal Investments in High-Speed Internet Programs](#)
2. [Federal Dollars Coming to New Mexico To Expand Broadband Access](#)
3. [Biden official praises New Mexico's broadband work](#)
4. [New Mexico governor announces plans to expand broadband access in the state NM](#)
5. [NM broadband officials figure out how to use \\$675M for broadband expansion, despite federal errors](#)
6. [Local organizations work to get rural communities access to internet services | KRWG Public Media](#)

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Sincerely,
Kelly Schlegel, Director of the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion.

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