



Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium

INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL BROADBAND CONSORTIUM

2014 Annual CASF Accomplishment Report (as of 12/31/2014)

- The Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan was completed and adopted by the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium on November 6, 2014.
 - The Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan focuses on broadband priorities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Plan emphasizes broadband as a component of public infrastructure, economic development, housing, healthcare, and education, as well as the need to close the Digital Divide.
 - The Plan identifies a “smart region” corridor that includes UC Riverside and its newly opened Medical School, Bourns, Inc., Loma Linda University and Medical Center, Esri (GIS global leader), Cal State San Bernardino, Kelly Space and Technology, and the University of Redlands.
 - The Plan addresses the need within the Inland Empire for broadband serving small business, start-ups, and growing businesses. The Plan uses case studies to emphasize that broadband availability, speeds, quality, and cost matters for business growth and sustainability.
 - The Plan addresses the importance of access and affordability of broadband in the Inland Empire, especially related to small businesses, public housing, low-income families, the disabled, veterans, and seniors.
 - Established unserved and underserved broadband priority areas in the Inland Empire region for both Riverside and San Bernardino counties that need broadband and are eligible for CASF Infrastructure and Public Housing Broadband funding.
 - Established a priority list of action for regional leaders, community stakeholders and local government to improve broadband infrastructure to support economic growth and close the Digital Divide.
- Fostered and provided technical assistance for CASF Infrastructure Grant Applications for San Bernardino County unserved and underserved Priority Areas listed in CPUC Resolution T-17443 and the Inland Empire Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan, which resulted in four CASF applications submitted to the CPUC for the communities of Helendale; Phelan and Pinon Hills; Wrightwood; and, Red Mountain, Searles Valley, and Trona.
- Provided technical assistance to the Anza Electric Cooperative, which is now in the process of submitting a CASF Infrastructure Grant Application to the CPUC for the Riverside County unserved and underserved Priority Area of Anza, Mountain Center, and Pinyon Pines, which is listed in CPUC Resolution T-17443 and the Inland Empire Broadband and Infrastructure Access Plan.



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- Attended the CPUC CASF Broadband Public Housing Grant Workshop on March 25, 2014 in Los Angeles with Housing Authority staff from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
- Assisted the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, the City of Riverside Housing Authority, and the County of Riverside Housing Authority to identify, analyze, and prepare projects for the CASF Public Housing Broadband Grant Program released by the CPUC in December 2014. The housing authorities are planning to submit multiple CASF broadband infrastructure and adoption grant applications to the CPUC in early 2015.
- Partnered with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and the Inland Empire Economic Partnership to include broadband as a priority in the region for economic development, government policies and programs, housing, workforce development, and healthcare.
- Participated in the City of Ontario Municipal Fiber Network Forum held March 11, 2014.
- Supported Digital 395, the broadband high-speed fiber project that serves the Barstow area within San Bernardino County.
- Outreach efforts throughout the year included consortium meetings focusing on the need for improved broadband in the Inland Empire, priority unserved and underserved areas, smart community policies and actions, closing the Digital Divide, broadband mapping, CPUC CASF infrastructure and public housing broadband funding for unserved and underserved communities, FCC Rural Broadband Experiment funding, and USDA Community Connect grants.
- Outreach also included discussions with Internet Service Providers, local government officials and staff, civil engineers, IT professionals, and housing and commercial developers to consider including broadband conduit and/or fiber in new developments, as well as in public infrastructure projects, such as new highway corridors, rail projects, transportation projects, paving, and local capital improvement projects.