Southeastern Economic Development Workshop: A Free One-Day Workshop sponsored by USDA Rural Development

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Where: Alabama Power - Clanton Conference Center
2030 7th Street South/Hwy. 31 (I-65 Exit 205) | Clanton, AL 35045
When: Thursday | July 10, 2014 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

A workshop on Leveraging USDA Loans and Grants for Economic Development
Focus on Broadband Access, Telemedicine, and Distance Learning

Building Strong Rural Economies with Telecommunications for more Educational Opportunities; Improved Healthcare; Job Creation, Retention, and Growth; and other Economic Expansion.

Making rural communities competitive and innovative in the 21st century by putting Broadband at the forefront of regional development. Sharing regional resources with the goal of expanding broadband to unserved and underserved rural areas.

Broadband allows regions and communities to compete globally and attract new firms, investments, and jobs with next-generation communications infrastructure.

**Speakers and Topics**

- Local and regional broadband success stories
- FCC: Universal Service Fund and Connect America
- USDA Rural Development staff: Available Funding
- Steps to take before applying for a Government loan or grant
- NTIA: Successful local Broadband Technology Opportunity Grant (BTOP) recipients and Challenges to Broadband Adoption

**Audience**

- Local and Regional Broadband and
- Rural Electric Cooperatives
- Economic and Community Development Organizations
- Current Service Providers, including RUS borrowers and BTOP grantees
- Residents of unserved or under-served communities
- Community and Business leaders
- Tribal Entities
- Education & Healthcare Providers

Space is limited. To RSVP to this workshop, please click [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TGP26S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3TGP26S). If you have questions, please contact USDA Rural Development in Alabama at 334-279-3441 or Kathie Klass, Telecommunications Program Outreach Coordinator, at 202-720-2284 or kathie.klass@wdc.usda.gov.