

Survey to Determine Broadband Network Readiness and Network Needs

Your help is needed to provide information about the level of network readiness in your county. The information will be used for technology planning, to seek support for proposed plans, and to seek funding.

The Department of Commerce NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) awarded a Technical Opportunities Program (TOP) grant for a project titled "Getting Rural Virginia Connected: A Vision for the Future." The grant was awarded to your county, the Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Virginia Tech Blacksburg Electronic Village. A major task for the project is to work with representatives of the community to assess current levels of network access, identify needs, and to propose a technology plan to address the needs.

The Virginia Tech Blacksburg Electronic Village developed a survey and interview template to obtain the following information:

- Current voice, data, and video services, providers, costs, and additional needs
- A measure of network applications in use, plus those expected to be used
- General measures for levels of technology utilization, training needs, and desired network access cost
- Most importantly, to identify specific broadband network needs that can be used as goals for technology planning

If you have questions about the survey or technology needs, please contact John Nichols.

Please fill out the attached survey and return it to:

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