American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Broadband Initiative Kick Off

March 10, 2009 - 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
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Washington, D.C.

Agenda

Welcome and Host
Anna Gomez, Acting Administrator, NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce

President Obama’s Broadband Strategy
Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Remarks from the Federal Communications Commission
Michael J. Copps, Acting Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

Remarks from U.S. Department of Commerce
Rick Wade, Senior Advisor and Acting Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce

Broadband Initiatives: Statutory Requirements & Timelines
Moderator: Mark Seifert, Senior Advisor, NTIA
Dr. Bernadette McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator, NTIA
David Villano, Assistant Administrator for Telecommunication Programs,
USDA Rural Development
Scott M. Deutchman, Acting Senior Legal Advisor to Acting Chairman Copps, FCC

Comments from the Public

Adjourn

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