

Executive Order 2015-23

ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING THE NEVADA BROADBAND TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, improved access to broadband services is essential to enhancing education, healthcare, public safety, and economic development in Nevada;

WHEREAS, the large geographic size and geologic complexity of Nevada requires deliberate and coordinated effort to design and create robust broadband connectivity;

WHEREAS, investment in broadband infrastructure should be maximized to leverage improved connectivity to individuals and communities throughout Nevada;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Broadband Task Force was originally established by Executive Order issued on July 15, 2009, and that Executive Order was subsequently amended by Executive Orders issued on August 25, 2009, and November 28, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Broadband Task Force sunset on July 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 223.610 was amended during the 78th Legislative Session and authorizes the Director of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology to "[c]oordinate activities in this State relating to the planning, mapping and procurement of broadband service"; and

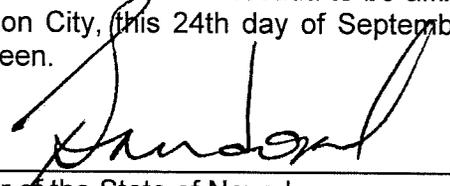
WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Nevada Broadband Task Force (Task Force) is hereby re-established.
2. The Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Task Force shall be headed by a chair and vice-chair to be appointed by the Governor. Members shall be appointed in the following manner:
 - a. One member representing the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology;
 - b. One member representing the Nevada Department of Education or Commission on Educational Technology;
 - c. One member representing the Nevada Department of Transportation;
 - d. One member representing the Nevada System of Higher Education;
 - e. One member representing the Nevada Enterprise IT Services;
 - f. One member representing rural community anchor institutions;
 - g. One member representing the energy sector in Nevada;
 - h. One member representing the datacenter and information technology industry in Nevada;
 - i. Two members representing the Nevada telecommunications industry;
 - j. One member representing a local government entity; and
 - k. One member representing the Nevada Division of Emergency Management.

3. The Task Force shall:
 - a. Provide support to the Nevada Department of Education in carrying out its Nevada Ready 21 plan for improved technology in Nevada schools;
 - b. Oversee the continued mapping of broadband infrastructure in Nevada;
 - c. Evaluate the present and future needs for broadband in Nevada and the capacity of existing public and private broadband infrastructure in Nevada to meet those needs, and provide recommendations in its report to the Governor regarding priorities for expansion;
 - d. Assess state and local policies for conduciveness to broadband build-out, including but not limited to, local ordinances, pole attachment and rights-of-way policies, and provide recommendations in its report to the Governor to improve coordination and reduce regulatory burdens;
 - e. Develop policies to ensure the security of any sensitive, confidential or proprietary information collected by the Task Force; and
 - f. Advance other policy recommendations established in the Nevada Statewide Broadband Action Plan.
4. The Task Force shall deliver a report to the Governor on or before June 30 of each year.
5. The Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service.
6. The Task Force may call on any other professionals with expertise in these issues.
7. The Task Force may establish procedural bylaws to aid it in the performance of its duties.
8. The Task Force may establish subcommittee(s) comprised of members of the Task Force to aid it in the performance of its duties.
9. The Task Force shall meet at the discretion and direction of its Chairman.
10. The Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.
11. Any meetings conducted by the Task Force or any committee thereof shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law, as codified in NRS Chapter 241.
12. All records documenting the Task Force's activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.
13. The Task Force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 24th day of September, in the year two thousand fifteen.



Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State



Deputy Secretary of State

