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FCC ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF RURAL BROADBAND WORKSHOP IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today provided additional information regarding the Rural Broadband workshop to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 20, 2008.

The workshop will be held at the Mountain Preserve Reception Center, South Room, located at 1431 East Dunlap Avenue from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The workshop will be held free of charge; however, attendees will be responsible for providing their own transportation, lodging, and meals (<http://www.mprc.net/pages/home.html>). Additional information via email will be sent to all registrants with the agenda as well as specific logistical information.

This workshop is designed to provide communities, organizations, and businesses in rural America seeking to bring the benefits of broadband to their communities with an opportunity to learn about the resources, programs, and policies of the FCC and USDA. The topics to be covered at the workshop include the following: different technology platforms used to provide broadband services, USDA funding for broadband deployment, the Universal Service Fund, the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot program, and wireless spectrum access. The workshop will also provide communities and organizations with an opportunity to share their experiences about broadband deployment in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

For additional information about the workshop, please visit the FCC's website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband/workshop>; send an email to ruralworkshop@fcc.gov; or contact Cecilia Sulhoff at (202) 418-0587 or Matt Nodine at (202) 418-1646. Further information on rural programs is available on the FCC/USDA Broadband Opportunities for Rural America website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband>, at a local USDA Rural Development office, and on the USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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