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## **FCC Commissioner and Chair of the Federal-State Joint Board for Advanced Services Deborah Taylor Tate Lauds Rural Broadband Efforts at Broadband Summit**

FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate heralded the Broadband Summit as “historic” and noted that local, state and regional initiatives already underway “will have a positive and lasting impact on the future of broadband deployment.” Commissioner Tate stated that “[b]roadband is vital to this nation’s information revolution,” and brings exponential benefits to rural communities, from better access to healthcare, to connecting America’s most isolated citizens. Regarding collaboration at all levels of government, Tate said, “With our combined expertise, we are assured of fulfilling our mission to deploy broadband to every corner of America.”