



**2023 OREGON CONNECTIONS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE  
Draft Program as of 9/1/2023**


THEME: **Broadband: Future Proofing Oregon**  
 DATES: Thursday and Friday, October 26th and 27th, 2023  
 TIMES: Thursday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
 Subject to Change

**Thursday, October 26th**

| Time          | Activity   | Presenters  |
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| 8:00 - 8:45   | Registration, <b>Coffee</b>  |   |
| 8:45 - 9:00   | Welcome and Introductions  |   |
| 9:00 - 9:30   | <b>Keynote Presentation- Part 1</b><br><b>Ron Wyden</b><br><b>US Senator from Oregon</b><br>Senator Wyden will discuss his vision for a future where all Oregonians have access to highspeed, affordable Broadband and the tools to use it effectively.  | <br>Senator Ron Wyden  |
| 9:35 - 10:15  | <b>Keynote Presentation- Part 2</b>  | Jim Teece and Joe Franell   |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Break / Room Transition  |   |
| 10:30- 11:45  | General Session Panel #1 <b>AI</b><br><b>How will AI shape the future of broadband?</b><br>Moderator: Shannon McGivney, Transfr<br>Panelist: Sara Tangdall, Lead AI Principles Ethic Specialist, Google<br>Panelist: Belinda A. Batten, PhD, OSU   |   |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Break / Room Transition  |   |
| 12:00 - 1:20  | <b>Oregon Connections Award Luncheon</b>   |   |
| 1:20 - 1:45   | Break / Room Transition  |   |
| 1:45 - 3:15   | Session- <b>Working partnership models (Non-Profit, Municipality, EDD, Tribal)</b><br><i>Exploring how various partnership models can further broadband deployment in our communities.</i><br>Moderator: Nick Green, OBAC<br>Panelist: Denise Stilwell, SCOEDD<br>Panelist: Christina Berger, Josephine County<br>Panelist: Beth Fox, City of Portland<br>Panelist: David Soloos, ODOT<br>Panelist: Lisa Norton, Confederated Tribes of Siletz | Session- <b>Convergence- Colliding Technologies</b><br><i>In-depth discussion of broadband technologies and deployment</i><br>Moderator: Duke Dexter Clackamas County<br>Panelist: WISP - Cambium Wireless John Seaman<br>Panelist: Fiber - Comcast Cable Roy Novosel VP of Engineering PNW Region<br>Panelist: Fiber - GM of Scio Mutual/VP of CBS Oregon - Derrick Mottern<br>Panelist: Fiber - LS Networks Leif Hanson |
| 3:15 - 3:30   | Break / Room Transition  |   |
| 3:30 - 5:00   | Session- <b>BROADBAND 101</b><br><i>The basics of broadband, from fiber, to laser light, to wireless and more. What's a TLA and a SLA? Megabits versus Megabytes. What are the OSI layers and why should I care? This interactive workshop will demystify broadband and its technical terms through a hands-on, fun and interactive format</i><br>Host: Adam Haas, Rabbit Communications<br>Technical Guru: Glen Scymanski, Radisys            | Session- <b>WHAT HAPPENED TO TELEPHONE?</b><br>The journey from POTs to PANs, the evolution of the telecom network<br>Moderator: Todd Way, DFN CEO<br>Panelist: Barry Walton - Corning<br>Panelist: Brian Beutler - Alianza Founder CEO<br>Panelist: Mark Ogden - Adtran<br>Panelist: Jessica Eply - Ziplly   |
| 5:20 - 7:00   | <b>Exhibitor Fair and Reception</b>  |   |



**Friday, October 27th**

| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Activity</b>   | <b>Presenters</b>   |
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| 7:30 - 8:30   | Registration, <b>Coffee</b> , Exhibitors' Tables  |   |
| 8:30 - 9:00   | Keynote Presentation<br><b>Money Talks and Implementation Rocks!</b><br>The \$3 billion journey of NTIA's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program: lessons learned and opportunities discovered   | <br>Adam Geisler, Former Division Chief Tribal Connectivity for the US Department of Commerce NTIA and currently President and COO of Tribal Ready, PBC                      |
| 9:00 - 9:30   | <b>An Oregon Funding Opportunities Update</b>   | Eric Forsch (FBO for NTIA) and Nick Batz ( Director, Oregon Broadband Office)   |
| 9:30 - 9:40   | Break / Room Transition   |   |
| 9:40 - 11:00  | General Session Panel #3<br><b>Telehealth</b><br><i>What broadband needs telehealth has today and tomorrow</i>  | Moderator: Sylvia Trujillo - Director of Policy OCHIN<br><br>Panelist: Lake Health District - Charles Tveit CEO<br>Panelist: Asante Health - Jeff Caulley   |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | Break / Room Transition   | Box Lunch   |
| 11:20 - 12:50 | General Session Panel #4<br><b>Overbuilding? Or Futureproofing?</b><br><i>A lively discussion with industry experts on meeting current versus future needs and the need for competition</i>   | Moderator: Joe Franell, Blue Mountain<br><br>Panelist: Brad Nosler, HiLight<br>Panelist: David Lehman, State of Louisiana<br>Panelist: Forest James, Enertribe<br>Panelist: Reza Rejaie, Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science, University of Oregon |
| 12:50 - 1:30  | <b>Conference Wrap-up and Prize Drawing</b>   |   |
| 1:30          | Adjourn   |   |
| 2:00          | <b>Oregon Broadband Office "Active listening session"</b><br><br>The Oregon Broadband Office will run a special session outside of the conference for anyone that would like to offer comments to the Oregon Broadband Office.<br><br>This session is open to the public. |   |