

Fiber Broadband Association Opens Fiber Connect 2024 Call for Speakers

World's largest fiber broadband event program to highlight "Accelerating Our Fiber Future"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(January 16, 2024)—The [Fiber Broadband Association](#) (FBA) today opened the Call for Speakers for Fiber Connect 2024, held July 28-31, 2024, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. Fiber Connect is the world's largest fiber broadband conference and this year's event is expected to draw more than 4,000 attendees from across the fiber broadband ecosystem. Network operators, service providers, state broadband offices, technology innovators, and broadband industry leaders will gather to explore fiber's ability to connect communities, municipalities, economies, and people to a brighter future and better opportunities to learn, grow, share, and contribute.

"Our program for Fiber Connect 2024 is focused on 'Accelerating Our Fiber Future' to collaborate on best practices that will ensure we can reach every community, efficiently tackle any challenge along the way, and push the envelope on the advanced capabilities that fiber broadband can deliver," said Evann Freeman, FBA Conference Committee Chair, FBA Board Member, and EPB of Chattanooga Vice President, Government & Community Relations. "Every year we welcome exciting speakers, subject matter experts, and industry leaders from our membership and beyond to join the conversation at Fiber Connect. I look forward to curating our 2024 speakers for this year's program as we explore how to advance fiber's bright future."

Fiber Connect 2024 will accept speaker submissions for breakout sessions only. All breakout sessions are 100% panel sessions intended to focus on the issues driving the fiber broadband industry forward. Individuals interested in participating in a breakout panel session should submit their qualifications via the [Speaker Submission Portal](#) before Wednesday, March 20, 2024, on the specific topics listed below:

- **Deployment Opportunities and Challenges:** permitting and locates, innovative construction and deployment techniques, rights of way/access, outside plant, urban and rural challenges, workforce development and optimization
- **Network Operations: The What, When, and How of Expanding Fiber Footprints:** in-home experience, homes passed to homes connected best practices, first-time broadband customer acquisition, technology options for 1G+ fiber services
- **Middle Mile: Keeping It All Connected:** industry trends, challenges, innovative technology approaches, federal funding mechanisms, permitting and other local deployment challenges, public/private partnerships
- **Service Provider Ecosystem: Delivering Excellence at Every Point:** system integrator/engineering firm/construction, BSS/OSS, mapping and outage management, service provider and vendor relationship best practices, project/process/data management, implementation best practices, digital customer engagement
- **Fiber Financials: The Economics of Fiber Broadband:** federal and state grant applications, public/private partnerships, federal funding mechanisms, compliance

All Fiber Connect 2024 speaking submissions will be reviewed by the FBA Conference Committee with the following considerations: expertise on subject matter, involvement with FBA, and relevant speaker experience. No submissions featuring or focused on specific company products or solutions will be

considered. To learn more about product presentations, contact Lucy Green at lgreen@fiberbroadband.org about sponsorship opportunities at Fiber Connect 2024.

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About the Fiber Broadband Association

The Fiber Broadband Association is the largest and only trade association that represents the complete fiber ecosystem of service providers, manufacturers, industry experts, and deployment specialists dedicated to the advancement of fiber broadband deployment and the pursuit of a world where communications are limitless, advancing quality of life and digital equity anywhere and everywhere. The Fiber Broadband Association helps providers, communities, and policy makers make informed decisions about how, where, and why to build better fiber broadband networks. Since 2001, these companies, organizations, and members have worked with communities and consumers in mind to build the critical infrastructure that provides the economic and societal benefits that only fiber can deliver. The Fiber Broadband Association is part of the Fibre Council Global Alliance, which is a platform of six global FTTH Councils in North America, LATAM, Europe, MEA, APAC, and South Africa. Learn more at fiberbroadband.org.

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