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| 7:15AM | Registration Opens – Sponsored by Millennium |  MILLENNIUM |
| 7:15AM – 8:00AM | Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors | |
| 8:00AM – 8:05AM | Welcome & Introduction Evann Freeman, Vice President, Government and Community Relations, EPB, FBA Board | |
| 8:05AM – 8:20AM | Fiber Broadband: Leave No Community Behind Gary Bolton, President & CEO, Fiber Broadband Association | |
| 8:20AM – 8:25AM | Platinum Sponsor Welcome & Introductions Ashley Brown, Senior Director, Field Marketing, Adtran |  |
| 8:25AM – 8:45AM | Opening Keynote: | |
| 8:45AM – 9:20AM | A Case in Point: Wired for What's Next – Working with Builders to Deliver Fiber-Ready Homes Alaska's fiber broadband leaders are collaborating with homebuilders to ensure new homes are ready to support today and tomorrow's rapidly evolving technology needs. Outside plant experts Iwo Olewniczak and Robbie Nash will discuss how working with builders early in the homebuilding process has helped new homes be ready for high-speed fiber from day one. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwo Olewniczak, Manager, Outside Plant Engineering, Alaska Communications Robbie Nash, Vice President, OSP Engineering and Construction, MTA | |
| 9:20AM – 9:45AM | Fireside Chat: Workforce Development in the Frontier State Melissa Caress, Statewide Training Director, Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Trust (AJEATT) with Deborah Kish, FBA VP of Research and Workforce Development | |
| 9:45AM – 10:30AM | <i>Networking Break with Exhibitors</i> | |
| 10:30AM – 11:10AM | Fiber and Fixed Wireless: Creating Connections that Scale To reach everyone, everywhere across Alaska will require innovative solutions and while FTTH might not be feasible today, fiber plays a critical role if a community must look at other options, such as fixed wireless, to connect homes based on key logistical and demographic factors. This panel will discuss the criteria for evaluating when fiber makes sense as the point of connection and the role in backhauling traffic from Fixed Wireless deployments so that no communities or people are left behind. Moderator: John George, Senior Director, Solutions Engineering and Fusion Splicers, Lightera Panelists: | |

- Kelly Williams, CEO, OTZ Telephone Cooperative
- Jason Custer, Vice President of Corporate Development, Alaska Power & Telephone Company
- Sachin Gupta, VP of Business & Technology Strategies, Centranet

11:10AM – 11:50AM

Tribal Broadband: Ensuring Communities Have Capacity to Thrive

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) is a \$3 billion program, from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, to support Tribal governments bringing high-speed Internet to Tribal lands, including telehealth, distance learning, affordability, and digital inclusion initiatives. This panel of Tribal broadband representatives will discuss the unique requirements of building networks on Tribal lands, key factors for strong partnerships, and how each sees fiber broadband impacting their members over the next decade.

Moderator: Claudia Tarbell, Field Marketing for Tribal and Indigenous Communities, Calix

Panelists:

- Gerald Spencer, Senior Manager, Tribal Relations and Business Development, Adtran
- Joe Valandra, CEO and Chairman, Tribal Ready
- Cheri McConnell, Senior Vice President Infrastructure, Kawerak, Inc.

11:50AM – 12:15PM

Fireside Chat:

12:15PM

Lunch Sponsor Remarks

Scott Jackson, National Market Manager, Graybar

12:15PM – 12:45PM

Networking Lunch - Sponsored by Graybar/Ciena

12:45PM – 1:30PM

Networking Dessert with Exhibitors



1:30PM – 2:10PM

The Community Connection: How Fiber Impacts Economics and Opportunity

As the fiber broadband industry moves to close the Digital Equity Gap, what does this mean for local stakeholders in terms of economic impact and opportunity? What role does fiber play in improving GDP, creating job opportunities, and new business development? What impact can it have on education, community services and home prices, and does fiber present the best catalyst for growth as local operators decide what technology to leverage with BEAD funding? At the heart of it is, does an option other than fiber equate to a decision to potentially leave a community behind?

Moderator: Ashley Travers, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, KGPCo

Panelists:

- Jeremiah Beckett, General Manager and CEO, Cordova Telecom Cooperative
- Michael Burke, CEO, Matanuska Telecom Association
- Megan Webb, Dir Sr, Corporate Communications, GCI
- Theresa Quiner, MLS, Library Director, Kuskokwim Consortium Library | UAF Kuskokwim Campus, President, Alaska Library Association

2:10PM – 2:30PM

Afternoon Keynote:
TBD

2:30PM – 2:35PM

Sip & Stretch Coffee and Snack Break

2:40PM – 3:20PM

Deployment Challenges and Opportunities:

The Last Frontier is the largest state, more than twice the size of Texas, with more coastline than the rest of the U.S. combined. It also has 12,000 rivers and 3 million lakes, three glaciers, the nation's highest peak and lowest population density. This varied topography and demographics creates challenges for operators looking to deploy services across the region and state, both in terms of the outside plant conditions and the local city and country requirements network operators will face as each look to expand network footprint and reach homes previously unconnected. This panel will discuss the realities of deploying fiber broadband networks in such a diverse outside plant environment as Alaska offers.

Moderator: Brendan O'Boyle, National Sales Manager- Communications Markets, PLP

Panelists:

- Todd Way, CEO, DFN
- Bo Gresham, Vice President of Strategy, DYCOM
- Joshua Berg, CEO, Copper Valley Telecom

3:20PM – 3:25PM

Closing Remarks

3:25PM – 4:30PM

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