



*Starting and supporting
a **local** broadband action team.*

What is a BAT?

A **Broadband Action Team (BAT)** is
a small *but mighty* group of people who
care about getting better broadband to find

- **access** to our rural residents, and
- helping people **use it more**.



Why form one?

Local communities know more about their broadband availability and needs than *any state or federal agency*.



Who should be on it?

Everyone... because broadband touches **everyone**.

Here are our BAT members:

- Elected officials (mayors, commissioners)
- Information technology experts
- Broadband experts and providers
- Librarians
- Medical (clinics, hospitals)
- Schools (K-12, community colleges)
- Tribes
- Emergency management
- Workforce development
- Economic development
- Fire districts
- State and Federal legislators
- Other....



Who should lead it?

Local team leader (border collie/cheerleader)
Coordinator (note taker/task tracker)
Outside resources for technical assistance



How do you decide what to work on?

- **Meet regularly to discuss needs and opportunities**
- **Use a broadband planning tool**
- **Conduct an asset inventory and gap analysis**
- **Survey residents and businesses**
- **Work on a broadband project**
- **CERB Planning Grant and Public Safety System**



What types of project can you work on?

- **Pre-positioned Fire Camps**
- **Boots on the Ground**
- **Tech Expo** (Home and Garden Show for Nerds!)
- **Education and Advocacy**



What resources are available?



PRWA website: partnersruralwa.org



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2:55-3:50 Broadband Funding and TA
4:10-5:05 CERB Rural Broadband Program



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