



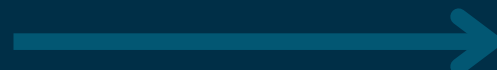
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2023 Regional Broadband Summit

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Thursday, April 20, 2023

10 AM to 3 PM

Humble Civic Center

8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX 77338

Agenda

Speakers

- 10 AM** **Welcoming Remarks**
Onyinye Akujuo, H-GAC Chief Operating Officer
Norman Funderburk, City of Humble Mayor
- 10:20 AM** **Presentation**
National Telecommunications & Information Administration
- 10:50 AM** **Presentation**
Texas Broadband Development Office
- 11:20 AM** **Panel Discussion**
Local Government Broadband Projects
- NOON** **Lunch Presentation: Regional Data**
Harris County Office of Broadband and H-GAC
- 12:30 PM** **Lunch Presentation: Best Practices**
Harris County Public Library
- 12:50 PM** **Lunch Presentation: Workforce Solutions**
H-GAC
- 1:10 PM** **Presentation**
Federal Communications Commission
- 1:40 PM** **Panel Discussion**
Engineering Firms and Internet Service Providers
- 2:10 PM** **SOAR Analysis**
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Luis Acuña
Southwest Regional Director, U.S. Department of Commerce,
National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)
Luis Acuña leads a team of federal program officers that support seven states in the Southwest region in implementing the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity programs to support closing the digital divide across the region.



Shemon Bartal
President Global Services, AMSYS
Shemon Bartal is the President of Global Services at AMYS Innovative Solutions/Group where he is responsible for managing AMSYS Global support and Cyber Security. In addition, he is responsible for the innovation process within the organization and identifying new technologies and business opportunities to advance the company's capabilities.



Ty Beauchamp
Integrated Library Systems Manager,
Harris County Public Library (HCPL)
During Ty Beauchamp's 22 years with HCPL, he realized IT in the library setting is different. Not only does he provide IT service to all library staff, but to the public as well. Thousands of patrons count on the public library as their chief portal to the information technology needed to thrive in the 21st century. HCPL IT continues to strive to provide the best, most up-to-date information technology and services for all Harris County residents.



Kirk Burgee
Associate Bureau Chief, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Kirk Burgee is Senior Counsel to the FCC's Broadband Data Task Force as well as an Associate Bureau Chief in the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. His duties include, but are not limited to, providing legal and policy support to the Task Force, broadband deployment, and data mapping.

Speakers



Parker Harvey

Manager for Regional Economic Analysis, H-GAC

Parker Harvey serves as Manager for Regional Economic Analysis and Principal Economist for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board (GCWB) and Workforce Solutions. Parker's duties include, but are not limited to, performing custom economic research on behalf of the GCWB and numerous other entities ranging from city governments to education providers.



Ryan S. Hazel

Associate Director - Public Sector, Verizon Wireless

Ryan Hazel and his team serve south & central Texas focusing on state, local, and education for the Verizon Business Group, part of Verizon Communications. They help develop solutions that address some of the complex requirements of government by delivering on the connections, security, cloud services, and support required to complete the mission.



Russell Kacer

President of Global Services, YK Communications

Russell Kacer is a fourth-generation member of management at YK Communications, where he holds the position of President. His writings have been featured in USTA Telecom Executive Magazine, NTCA's Rural Telecom Magazine, and the Journal of Business Cases and Applications.



Sungmin Lee

Manager of Data Analysis and Visualization, H-GAC

Sungmin Lee serves as the Manager of Data Visualization for the Data Analytics and Research Department at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He joined H-GAC in 2014 and has diverse experience in the regional growth forecast, managing regional land use and building inventory data, and developing interactive planning applications for land use, Census, transportation, and environment.

Speakers



Brian Ligon

Communications and Marketing Director, City of Mont Belvieu

Brian Ligon spent 17 years working in broadcast television specializing in production and marketing. Then, Brian found a passion for government communications. In 2018, he moved to Mont Belvieu so he could become the city's first full-time communicator and spearhead the marketing behind the launch of Texas' first broadband internet utility, MB Link.



Stephanie Loving

Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Comcast

Stephanie Loving is the Senior Manager of Government Affairs for the Comcast Texas Region. With a background in both telecommunications and real estate development, she has been instrumental in leading large-scale and complex network expansion projects that have delivered the power of the internet to thousands of Gulf Coast residents.



Andrea Pacheco

Broadband Outreach Coordinator,
Texas Broadband Development Office

Andrea Pacheco is the outreach coordinator for the state's Broadband Development Office within the Texas Comptroller's Office, which is focused on closing the digital divide by expanding broadband access, adoption and digital literacy to all Texans.



Robert Pechukas

Director of Policy and Administration, Waller County

Robert Pechukas assists Waller County Commissioner Court in policy implementation and oversees the daily administration of the county government. Before this position, he served as Chief of Staff and Policy Director for Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers.

Speakers

Larry Kuciemba

Executive Director, Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Tanya Makany Rivera

Director of External and Legislative Affairs, AT&T

John Speirs

Manager, Harris County Office of Broadband

Dr. Keisha King

Senior National Education Administrator, T-Mobile



H-GAC Services

Houston-Galveston Area Council

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a voluntary information, planning, and problem-solving forum for local governments in the Houston-Galveston region. H-GAC serves an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties. Our regional programs focus on community and environmental planning, data tools and resources, disaster planning and recovery, mobility and public safety, workforce and economic development.

Our Mission

H-GAC's mission is to serve as the instrument of local government cooperation, promoting the region's orderly development and the safety and welfare of its citizens.

What We Do

As one of the country's largest council of governments, H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. We work with our cities and counties to make the region a great place to live, work, and thrive.

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- **BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **DISASTER PLANNING & RECOVERY**
- **DATA TOOLS**
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- **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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