



BROADBAND EXECUTIVE ORDER S-21-06 ONE-PAGE SUMMARY

SUMMARY: The EO takes immediate action to reduce barriers to broadband access and adoption, and adopts measures that will ensure that State policies will continue to evolve in response to ever-changing conditions in the tech marketplace.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW STATE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

1. Creation of the CA Broadband Task Force: This Task Force will include public and private stakeholders who will recommend ways to remove barriers to broadband access, identify opportunities for increased broadband deployment, and enable the creation and deployment of new advanced telecommunication technologies.
2. Designation of a Lead Agency: BTH will be the Lead Agency for coordinating the implementation of most policies and practices launched by the EO.
3. Modification of rights-of-way policies and practices:
 - A database will be established that identifies prospective projects for deploying broadband and encourages collaborative projects among stakeholders.
 - If there is sufficient demand, State agencies will include broadband conduit in their infrastructure projects.
 - State ROW fees imposed on broadband providers will be modified so that they are based only upon actual costs incurred by the State.
 - ROW permitting will be streamlined through uniform permit application.
 - Best practice for resolution of ROW disputes will be developed.
4. Institution of broadband data collection and analysis: BTH will manage and assess broadband data, and it will create maps that identify opportunities for regional, public/private broadband initiatives.
5. E-government activities:
 - *Facilitating State use of advanced communication technologies:* DGS and DTS, respectively, will establish State contracts and provide consulting services that will facilitate efficient usage of Webcasting and VoIP services. To encourage the use of cost-effective videoconferencing, DGS shall identify State Agencies with significant field office operations and provide them information on how video conferencing may increase Agency efficiency.
 - *Supporting public use of state-of-the-art technologies:* DGS will encourage offering of wireless Internet access by State agencies that receive a large number of visitors. In particular, DGS is going to make a proposal for offering wireless Internet access in the State Capitol building. DGS also will establish a contract with one or more companies that agree to preset terms and conditions for placing wireless broadband equipment on State buildings.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Coordination expected: State agencies – to implement EO policies and practices – will coordinate with local governments, federal agencies, educational institutions, public foundations, and nonprofit organizations.
- Shared benefits of broadband: Together, public and private stakeholders will enable continued improvements in healthcare, public safety, education, and the economy.