

The Nebraska Broadband Initiative is part of a national effort to bring broadband high speed Internet access and information technology to all areas of the state.

Imperial is one of four sites hosting a meeting next week where views and ideas can be shared.

The meetings will be held:

March 4 in Cambridge at the Pinpoint Communications Board Room, 611 Patterson, at 10 a.m. CT.

March 4 in McCook in the Keystone Business Center, 402 Norris in the 3rd Floor Training Room, at 2 p.m. CT.

March 5 in Benkelman at the Fairgrounds Building at 10 a.m. MT.

March 5 in Imperial at the Lied Imperial Public Library meeting room, 703 Broadway, at 2 p.m. MT.

The meetings will focus on current local broadband capabilities and usage, plus look ahead to future needs for growth and success.

The discussion topics will include broadband use by business, including agricultural business, education, libraries and health care.

Community leaders and the general public are invited to attend one of these focus group meetings. This is an opportunity to share viewpoints on technology performance today and needs for tomorrow.

If you will be able to join this discussion, contact Nancy Frecks at nfrecks1@unl.edu or by phone 308-340-9313.

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