

## Two **billion dollars** available in federal broadband funds. Is your **community** ready?



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### **“Preparing for the CAF-II Auction”**

When: 1:00-4:00pm | December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Where: CoBank | 6340 S Fiddlers Green Cr | Greenwood Village, CO

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If you are not familiar with the Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF-II) auction, and what it can bring your community - **you need to attend this session.**

In 2018, the FCC will hold an auction for funding rural broadband networks that includes over \$250 million in rural areas in Colorado, and nearly \$1 billion throughout the Rockies. For the first time, under the FCC's rules, this funding is available to rural electric cooperatives.

**“The Connect America Fund makes it possible for every home in rural America to be connected to the Internet by fiber directly to the home. We don't think rural communities should settle for less.”**

**- Jonathan Chambers**

*Former FCC Chief of Strategic Planning*

Hear from industry experts with extensive knowledge of the CAF program. Learn about the special methods for financing, building, maintaining, and operating an all-fiber network in a rural area by attending this half-day conference.

Don't miss out, please [REGISTER TODAY](#).

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### **Program Overview:**

#### **Panel 1: How Electric Utilities Are Constructing and Operating Fiber-to-the-Home Networks**

Electric utilities can leverage their current infrastructure to gain significant cost and time to market advantages. Learn best practices in constructing future-proof fiber networks from these proven industry leaders. Speakers:

- Randy Klindt, Partner, Conexon, LLC | [Bio](#)
- Bo Gresham, VP, Ervin Cable Construction | [Bio](#)
- Carl Meyerhoefer, Senior Director Strategic and Solutions Marketing, Calix | [Bio](#)
- Fritz Amt, Network Architect, Commscope | [Bio](#)

#### **Panel 2: Financing Rural Broadband Projects**

Financing should not be an obstacle to bringing critical fiber networks to communities and regions that have been left behind by their incumbent providers. Our panelists will share valuable strategies on gaining access to the funding required for these projects. Speakers:

- Jon Claffey, Senior Advisor, Electric Division, RUS | [Bio](#)
- Cliff Bolstad, Regional Vice President, CoBank | [Bio](#)
- Jonathan Chambers, Partner, Conexon, LLC | [Bio](#)
- Tony Neal-Graves, Executive Director, Colorado Broadband Office | [Bio](#)

#### **Panel 3: Pioneers Blazing a Path for Others to Follow**

Electric Cooperatives across the country are proving fiber networks can be a reality in rural America. Our panel of coop leaders will share their stories of providing gigabit broadband to their members while gaining operational benefits to their electric system with fiber. Speakers:

- Jasen Bronec, CEO, Delta Montrose Electric Association, CO | [Bio](#)
- Jim Bagley, CEO, United Electric Cooperative, MO | [Bio](#)
- Andy Burger, General Manager, Co-Mo Connect, MO | [Bio](#)
- Ron LeMay, Managing Director, Open Air Equity Partners | [Bio](#)