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Getting Started

Welcome to the Self-Assessment Guide for Communities. This guide is designed to provide a benchmark for your community's current readiness to participate in the enormous economic, social, governmental and personal changes that high-speed communications entail. More importantly, this guide provides a vision of specific steps and actions your community—government, businesses, schools, community groups, and citizens—can take to benefit from these changes.

Using the Guide

This guide is a self-assessment tool designed to help determine the readiness of your town, city, county, or region to undertake broadband deployment. It offers a clear snapshot of where different communities fall along a continuum of readiness – from a stage-zero community with none of the necessary infrastructure to a stage-five community, which has full broadband deployment and ubiquitous applications. Wherever your community falls along this continuum, the guide will provide a framework to facilitate discussions, drive decisions, and produce results.

Using this guide effectively requires the coordination of a substantial amount of information. We believe the guide will be most useful if used collaboratively by a coalition of community members concerned about the area's technological and economic development. Working together, community members can pool

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Agriculture

Impact of High-Speed Internet on Agriculture

Too often, the agricultural community sees little need for broadband technology in the day-to-day activities to keep up farms and livestock. However, broadband technology allows for growing innovation in agriculture, simplifying and mainstreaming important daily tasks and developing marketing and sales.

With high-speed Internet, farmers can remain up-to-date with everything from the weather to chicken coops with temperature-sensitive monitors. Livestock farms can access market prices. Farmers can advertise goods on the Internet, generating customers from all over the world. The resources available on the Internet can give Ohio farmers an edge on production and results. The possibilities are virtually endless.

[Click Here for the online Agriculture Sector Survey](#)

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This assessment tool is designed to quickly assess where the community stands today. A rating of **Level 1 is the lowest**, **Level 5 is the highest**, and **Level 0 is disconnected**.

Please enter your information below.

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County *	<input type="text"/>
Sector *	Agriculture
Organization *	<input type="text"/>
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E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>

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3. Leadership



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Please check the box above the answer that best describes your organization. Use the comments box at the bottom of each section for any additional information.

Networked Places

Current Assessment	2-Year Goal
<input type="checkbox"/> 0. Not using the Internet.	<input type="checkbox"/> 0. Not using the Internet.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Some growers, suppliers and processors have limited access through a dial-up connection.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Some growers, suppliers and processors have limited access through a dial-up connection.
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Most growers, suppliers and processors have always-on connections to the Internet at their desks. Some mobile workers have laptop computers and can access the network remotely. Affordable videoconferencing facilities are available in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Most growers, suppliers and processors have always-on connections to the Internet. Some mobile workers have laptop computers and can access the network remotely. Affordable videoconferencing facilities are available in the community.

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Please answer the questions below and click Save.

Define Current State


Resources, applications, limitations/barriers, etc.

Explain Future Vision


How advanced communications services will make your sector more successful (include resources and applications used or desired).

2-3 Ideas for Action Initiatives


Initiatives that will help your sector achieve the two-year goals moving you closer to the future. Please include ideas that cross multiple sectors where necessary.



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