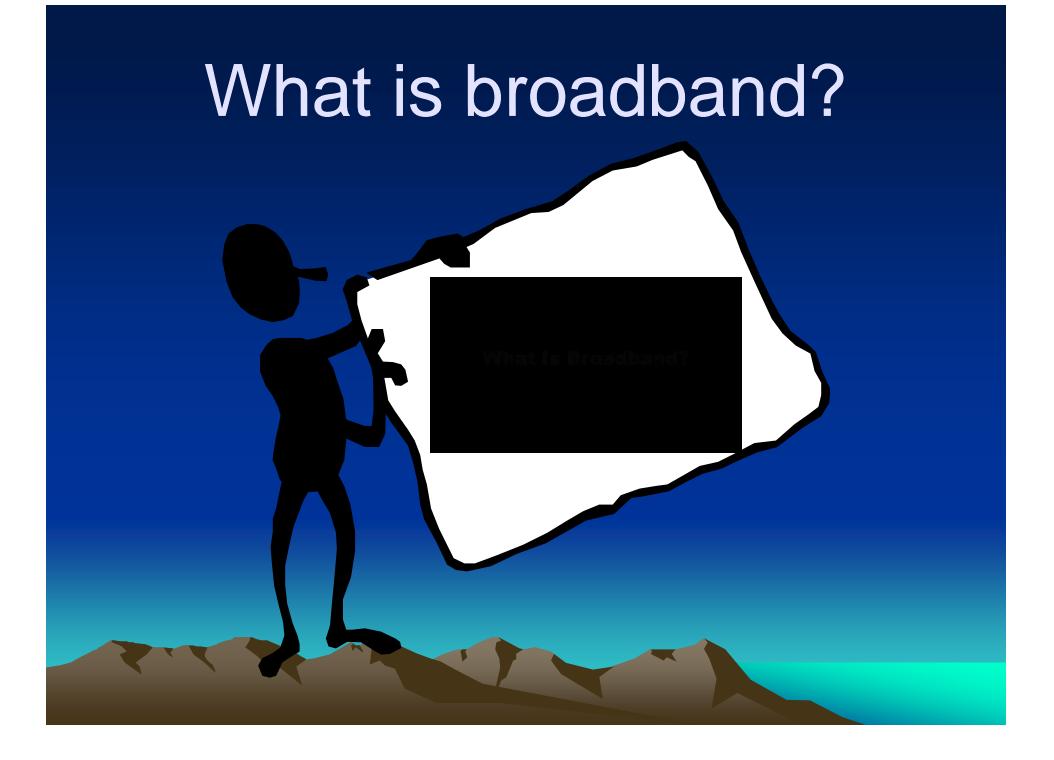
# Broadband

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### **Broadband Touches Lives**

- Family members can connect face-to-face over the Internet whether separated by a few miles or thousands of miles
- An individual can transmit a message to a select audience or a worldwide audience simultaneously
- An individual can create a small business with little start up capital because of the low cost worldwide virtual marketplace afforded by the Internet
- People can, no matter where they are, instantaneously access information and entertainment, from Internet downloads of information, music, games and literature to video streaming of television, movies and live events.



# **Global Competition**

 Ultra high-speed broadband capability is essential infrastructure for Hawaii to compete in the global economy



# **Broadband Effect**

Potential for economic growth is unlimited; impact on critical and social services is profound

- Health care
- Education
- Public safety
- Economic Opportunities
- Energy and Environment
- Government Performance
- Civic Engagement



# Health Care Mobile Health

E-care improves outcomes while reducing costs:

#### Examples:

- Remote monitoring allows patients to be monitored in their home
- Video consultations allow patients in small, rural clinics to have equal access to medical specialists in Honolulu, without the cost and delay of travel



## Education In and Out of the Classroom

 Equal access for students across the state to educational opportunities without the need or cost to leave home



## Public Safety Security

 Instantaneous information for, and clear communication between, state and county public safety agencies when disaster strikes



Economic Opportunity Think Big – Grow Bigger

#### E-commerce

- Creates new jobs and opportunities
- Attracts new industries
- Promotes the creation of new products
- Provides access to new markets

### Energy and Environment Sustainability

- Modern power grid
- Innovations for energy saving in homes
- Small farmer survival by use of the Internet to learn farming techniques, broaden the market for their crops, receive pest or disease control assistance from university specialists

### Government Performance Serve the Public Better

#### • E-Government:

- Streamline complex government processes and deliver services online quickly and efficiently
- Provide information about government policies, procedures, benefits and programs
- Social media:

Use to improve communication and efficiency

### Civic Engagement Citizen Participation and Collaboration

Broadband-based technologies and tools provide public access to vast amounts of government information and foster civic participation

#### Examples:

- Online viewing of government process promotes awareness, participation and accountability
- Online tools empower citizens to contribute ideas and actively improve their government
- Expanded access to government information fuels opportunities for citizen-entrepreneurship, social innovation, and creative problem solving
- Online services encourage voter registration, in particular for those serving overseas

# Hawaii Broadband Initiative

- DCCA and DBEDT will lead in collaboration
- DCCA will use its regulatory tools (and general authority granted from legislation) to work with
  - federal, state, and county agencies
  - broadband providers
  - private stakeholders
  - the Legislature

to create and implement a plan to expand and accelerate broadband infrastructure development



# **ARRA Grant Projects**

#### <u>Mapping</u>

Collect data that will allow identification of gaps in broadband access

#### Gap Analysis and Roadmap

Identify gaps in service and provide a roadmap for closing the gaps

#### <u>Capacity Building</u>

Develop a plan to expand broadband and IT services

#### <u>Technical Assistance</u>

Create local technology teams to implement policy and programs to increase digital literacy and access to broadband services



### Act 199 Duties

- Recommend steps to establish affordable, accessible broadband services to unserved and underserved areas
- Advocate for, and facilitate deployment of expanded broadband applications, programs, and services, including telemedicine, elearning, telework and telecommuting to increase adoption and use of broadband services
- Facilitate public/private efforts to advance deployment of, and access to, competitively priced, advanced broadband services
- Serve as an information/applications coordination point for ARRA broadband-related services and programs
- Facilitate implementation of Hawaii Broadband Task Force recommendations

# Broadband Assistance and Advisory Council (BAAC)

- DCCA chairs Council created by Legislature (Act 199)
- BAAC comprised of state legislators, county and state government representatives and private stakeholders
- BAAC advises the director on strategies for broadband deployment, adoption and use
- BAAC intent to address:
  - streamlined permitting
  - broadband adoption
  - deployment economics



# Funding for Broadband Access in Rural Areas

 DCCA is seeking federal monies through FCC -USF proceedings and RUS Programs to fund the development of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband services in rural areas of the State

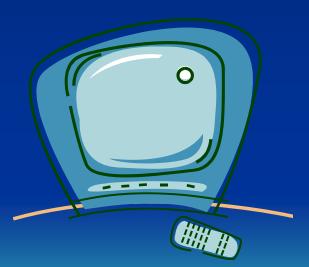


# INET

- DCCA is actively working to maximize the INET benefits negotiated for through the issuance of cable television franchises
- DCCA's intent is to determine the highest and best use of these INET benefits to advance state agencies' or programs' broadband access

# 2012 Legislation

- Create a Communications Division within DCCA under a commissioner
- Consolidate regulation of all telecommunications carrier and cable operators in the State
- Provide commissioner broad authority to develop and implement plans and strategies to increase broadband infrastructure development and access to affordable broadband service throughout the State



# Conclusion

- Importance of Initiative clear -execution is more complex
- Given the challenges we face as an island state, a strong plan and cooperative effort by government and private stakeholders is essential

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