



McMullen County Welcomes Comprehensive Technology Plan

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McMullen County proclaims commitment to economic development and quality of life with Connected community technology plan

Calliham, TX – McMullen County, Texas now has an action plan to make way for greater technology use across the community and pave the way for a brighter economic future. The [Technology Action Plan](#) was unveiled as part of McMullen County's participation in the [Connected](#) Community Engagement Program through the Connected Texas initiative. Ten Texas communities are currently involved in some stage of the Connected program.

McMullen County Judge and community champion Jim Teal expressed excitement with the plan's detailed actions for the future.

"Thank you to the dedicated staff at Connected Texas for putting together a detailed analysis and plan for taking our rural county to the next level of information technology," said Teal. "We look forward to providing each citizen with the ability to use the Internet to have the world at their fingertips."

Participating in the Connected program means McMullen County has gone through an extensive assessment of its overall broadband and technology innovation. The Technology Action Plan sets general community-wide broadband connectivity requirements to be worked towards that will support economic development and residential quality of life. The county has identified seven priority projects in its effort to grow broadband connectivity including adding local wireless hotspots, offering website and social media classes for local business owners, and creating a multipurpose mobile technology center.

"Receiving this Connected community Technology Action Plan is a huge step in the right direction for the future of McMullen County," said Connected Texas Executive Director Don

Shirley. “This plan outlines how the county will take specific steps to ensure the community is supporting current residents and businesses by making sure there is access to the global economy and all the educational, health, government, and other countless benefits that quality high-speed Internet allows.”

The Connected program is part of the Connected Texas initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration State Broadband Initiative program. Connected Texas is working to facilitate the access, adoption, and use of technology throughout the state to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, more efficient government, enhanced education, and improved quality of life. Residents are encouraged to get involved by joining their local Connected technology team and using the free [Every Community Online](#) program offered by Connected Texas to get training in computer and Internet skills which makes them eligible for discounted computers and home Internet service.

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About Connected Texas: Connected Texas is a subsidiary of Connected Nation and operates as a non-profit in the state of Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture is leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connected Texas was commissioned by the state to work with all Texas broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. For more information visit: <http://www.connectedtx.org>.

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Connected Nation developed the Connected community engagement program to help guide a community through an assessment of its overall broadband and technology status. Connected Certified Communities have measurably demonstrated their proficiency for effective Access, Adoption, and Use of broadband supported technologies. Connected Nation through its partners provides a national platform for recognizing those communities that excel across these important benchmarks. Funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), this effort is part of the State Broadband Initiative. <http://www.connectednation.org/get-connected>