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U. S. Sen. Mark R. Warner shares the following notice regarding the FCC's workshops to develop the National Broadband Plan

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is charged with completing the National Broadband Plan by Feb. 17, 2010. The plan is intended to provide a roadmap for helping to ensure that all Americans reap the benefits of broadband.

The FCC has announced a series of workshops on the National Broadband Plan in August and September. The workshops are designed to solicit input from various stakeholders.

The Plan will explore several key elements of broadband deployment and use, including:

- The most effective and efficient ways to ensure broadband access for all Americans
- Strategies for achieving affordability and maximum utilization of broadband infrastructure and services
- Evaluation of the status of broadband deployment, including the progress of related grant programs
- How to use broadband to advance consumer welfare, civic participation, public safety and homeland security, community development, health care delivery, energy independence and efficiency, education, worker training, private sector investment, entrepreneurial activity, job creation, and economic growth, and other national purposes.

The workshops are open to the public at the FCC's headquarters (building and online).

For more information about each workshop and to register, please visit: www.broadband.gov. The list of workshop topics is below.

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List of workshops (for more information, visit www.broadband.gov)

1. E-Gov/Civic Engagement (Aug. 6)
2. Deployment (Aug. 12)
 - a. Wired – General

- b. Wireless – General
 - c. Unserved/Underserved
- 3. Technology/Fixed Broadband (Aug. 13)
- 4. Technology/Wireless (Aug. 12)
- 5. International Lessons (Aug. 18)
- 6. Opportunities for Disadvantaged Businesses (Aug. 18)
- 7. Adoption/Utilization (Aug. 19)
 - a. Fixed
 - b. Mobile
 - c. Low Utilization Areas (including rural, minority and tribal communities)
- 8. Disability Opportunities (Aug. 20)
- 9. Education (Aug. 20)
- 10. Consumer Welfare (Aug. 20)
- 11. Public Safety and Homeland Security (Aug. 25)
- 12. Energy, Environment and Transportation (Aug. 25)
- 13. Economic Growth, Job Creation and Private Investment (Aug. 26)
- 14. Job Training (Aug. 26)
- 15. Technology/Applications and Devices (Aug. 27)
- 16. Health Care (Sept. 2)
- 17. Benchmarks (Sept. 2)
- 18. Best Practices/Big Ideas (Sept. 3)

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