



**Subject:** Invitation to Collaborate on Regional Broadband Workforce Development

Dear Local, Regional, and Community Partners,

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is launching a regional initiative to build a more skilled and future-ready broadband workforce across the Gulf Coast region. This effort is being developed in alignment with the **Building the Texas Broadband Workforce Grant Program** and focuses on expanding access to high-quality training and job opportunities in broadband-related careers.

To ensure this initiative reflects the needs and strengths of our region, we are assembling a coalition of local and regional partners. Your expertise and leadership would bring significant value to this work. We anticipate hosting a series of **hybrid planning meetings**—with both in-person and virtual participation options—to co-develop strategies and coordinate implementation activities. Based on your organization’s role, here are several ways you might engage:

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❖ **For Internet Service Providers (ISPs)**

Your leadership is essential to shaping employer-aligned training and career pathways. We invite you to:

- Join a regional advisory group to guide curriculum and placement strategy.
- Offer site visits, internships, or apprenticeships for trainees.
- Share insights on emerging workforce needs and hiring priorities.

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❖ **For Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**

As trusted connectors in your communities, you play a key role in helping ensure equitable access. We welcome your support to:

- Recruit local residents from underrepresented populations.
- Provide or coordinate wraparound supports (e.g., transportation, food, childcare).
- Co-host outreach events or training deployments.

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❖ **For Training Providers**

Your instructional infrastructure and subject-matter expertise are vital to program success. We encourage you to:

- Deliver or co-design training aligned with regional broadband needs.
- Host technical instruction, labs, or credential testing.
- Integrate broadband pathways into existing adult education or workforce offerings.

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❖ **For Asset Development Partners**

(Local governments, economic development entities, funders)

Your strategic perspective is crucial to ensuring long-term value and regional alignment. We invite you to:



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- Coordinate with existing broadband and infrastructure planning efforts.
- Support co-investment opportunities or resource-sharing.
- Contribute to long-term sustainability and impact measurement.

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If your organization is interested in learning more or participating, please complete our brief **Event Registration Form**. A member of our team will follow up with details about next steps and upcoming hybrid engagement sessions.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to the opportunity to work together in building a stronger, more connected regional workforce.

Sincerely,

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