Connect South Carolina to Present at South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Competitive Agenda Series

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State Program Manager Heather Jones to speak on the impact of broadband across the state, barriers to adoption

Columbia, SC – On Tuesday, February 4, Connect South Carolina will be featured at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Competitive Agenda Series – Infrastructure forum in Columbia. At the forum, attendees can expect to revisit what happened in 2013, learn what 2014 holds, learn the needs of distribution facilities, explore the future of S.C.'s inland port, and hear how current policy affects the port, rail and transit, infrastructure, and broadband.

Heather Jones, state program manager and community technology advisor for Connect South Carolina, will discuss broadband and the impact it has on the state and various sectors vital to the region, as well as the barriers to adoption and what can be done to help get the 1.2 million unconnected South Carolinians connected to broadband. Also on the broadband panel is Ted Creech, director of external affairs with AT&T South Carolina.

"I am thankful to be part of this South Carolina Chamber of Commerce event and excited to co-host this panel on broadband with Ted Creech," said Jones. "As the state's broadband initiative, Connect South Carolina has gathered data that shows not only the importance of broadband adoption but also what we can do to help get the 1.2 million South Carolinians who are disconnected connected to broadband and the world beyond. Broadband adoption and digital literacy are two important issues we must overcome in order to compete globally and I look forward to the opportunity to share our research and open up the discussion."

Those interested in attending the agenda series can visit the [website](#) to register. The broadband panel that Jones and Connect South Carolina will be leading takes place from 3:45 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

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About Connect South Carolina: As the State Broadband Initiative, Connect South Carolina is leading the effort to increase high-speed Internet access, adoption and use to ensure South Carolina's competitiveness in the connected global economy of the twenty-first century. Connect South Carolina is a public-private partnership designated by the state to work with all broadband providers to create South Carolina's first interactive map of broadband coverage. This work serves as a foundation for addressing remaining service gaps while also engaging state, regional and local leaders in workforce development activities designed to bridge South Carolina's digital divide. For maps, research or to get involved with efforts in your community please visit: www.ConnectSC.org.

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