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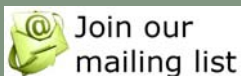


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U.S. Small Business Administration



Your Small Business Resource

GPS: Government Provided Security

Learn about state and federal programs to help manage the risk of lending to credit-worthy small businesses:

- SBA 7(a), Express and 504 Programs
- USDA Business and Industry Guaranty and Intermediary Relending Program Loans
- Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFA) Guarantees
- Maryland Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Fund
- Maryland Capital Access Program, Linked Deposit and Neighborhood Business Works Programs

Frostburg City Place
14 South Water Street, Frostburg, MD 21532
Wednesday, September 17th, 2014
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Cost: FREE

This event is free, but space is limited. Advance online registration required by clicking [here](#).

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LAST MILE WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK, PHASE II

The Appalachian Regional Commission announced approval of a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the Board of Garrett County Commissioners for the Last Mile Wireless Broadband Network, Phase II.

This grant will help fund the design and installation of a system that will provide wireless broadband access to as many as 650 structures in a remote part of Garrett County. The area being served is currently either unserved or underserved by existing broadband providers. The wireless system will utilize newly released white space spectrum as the transport medium. This will allow better penetration of the wireless signal in this remote area. This is the second phase for this overall project. The first phase (MD-17545) will reach 800 structures.

This project helps expand prior federal stimulus funding for the State of Maryland Broadband Network (OMBN). OMBN expanded fiber deployment to reach anchor institutions throughout the state. This project will utilize the OMBN network as backhaul facilities to provide wireless broadband access in rural Garrett County.