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## USDA Rural Development to Host Application Workshops for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

**Morgantown, WV – March 11, 2011:** State Director Bobby Lewis today announced two application workshops to be held in West Virginia for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. A Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for this program was recently issued prior to the passage of a final Appropriations Act for FY 2011, to allow potential applicants time to submit proposals.

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program is designed specifically to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America. The program supports advanced telecommunications technologies that provide enhanced learning and health care opportunities for rural residents. Potential candidates for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program include those entities providing education and medical care via telecommunications including corporations or partnerships, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, state or local units of government, consortia, and private for-profit or not-for profit corporations. More information can be found at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\\_DLT.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html).

Potential applicants are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming sessions which will be held on Thursday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the USDA Agriculture Research Service, 1224 Airport Road, Beaver, WV or on Friday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1550 Earl Core Road, Morgantown, WV. Pre-registration for the workshops is not necessary. More information on the upcoming workshops is available by emailing [richard.jenkins@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:richard.jenkins@wdc.usda.gov).

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