

On this day in [1899](#) Issac R. Johnson was the first African American to invent and patent a bicycle frame that could be folded or taken apart for easy storage.

The Briefing – Monday – October 10 –2022

The last Briefing was Saturday – October 8 – 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

DEO Secretary Asked to Make Changes in Proposed Broadband Program Rules Statement to DEO Secretary from Small County Coalition Chair Terry Burroughs

“We are concerned with major issues the current rule-making process are not addressing after multiple concerns have been aired at the local meetings. If additional changes are not made, the rules impose obstacles that many rural areas will not be able to address, and, in effect, the proposed rules will undermine the intent of the program it is created to serve.”

Burroughs’ correspondence to Sec. Eagle highlighted the following issues as critical to the success of implementation of high-speed internet service in rural Florida counties:

1. The proposed rules should be changed to provide funding on an advancement basis. Currently DEO rules are based on a reimbursement basis - Rural Areas Need Advance funding.
2. The proposed rules should include a waiver of match for fiscally constrained counties. Currently DEO rules require a 50% match. Waiver of match is authorized in statutes.
3. The proposed rules should give special consideration in scoring of applications. Relevant statutes provide for special consideration to ensure unserved areas are targeted.
4. Elements of the Application should be made more flexible - Application Requirements are arduous and embody unnecessary requirements. Fiscally constrained counties should be exempt from certain questions in the Application.
5. The grant program should include a special category that provides upfront assistance for Local Technology Planning Team functions.

Comments regarding proposed rules can be submitted at this link: [Notice of Proposed Rule \(NPR\)](#). There is a 21-day public comment period closing on Friday October 21st.

BACKGROUND

DEO is currently soliciting comment on proposed rules for the Broadband Opportunity Program. The Florida Office of Broadband have posted the rules on their website. Here are the links –

[Notice of Proposed Rule \(NPR\)](#) establishing the rules and criteria for the Broadband Opportunity Program (BOP).

The BOP [Grant Application](#) and [Scoring & Evaluation Criteria](#).

Here is a link to comments submitted by the Florida Association of Counties – [Final FAC Comments on BOP Draft Rules.docx](#)

Important Meetings Scheduled To Focus on Rural/Small County Issues

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

For County Commissioners and Staff

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting

Major Actions –

Welcomet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program

[*Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference*](#)

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

For School Board members and Superintendents

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting

Major Actions-

Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program

[*FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association*](#)

Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

Major Focus – Advancing Economic Development in rural communities

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.

[*Registration for Summit*](#)

[*Tentative Agenda for Summit*](#)

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

[*FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx*](#)

[*Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT*](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

Ian Update

For the best and latest information use the Division of Emergency Management Link-

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Power Restoration

[*DEM Website for Tracking Progress on Power Restoration*](#)

Headlines Around the State

The Hill: DeSantis steps up attacks on media

FlaPol: Dismissing abortion story, Rick Scott to rally with Herschel Walker

NBC News: The Justice Department's sex trafficking investigation into Rep. Matt Gaetz seems stalled, attorneys say

News-Press: These 3 factors created a 'worst-case scenario' with Hurricane Ian that proved deadly

News-Press: When Hurricane Ian came roaring in: How each county handled life-saving evacuations

Yahoo News: Forecasters still struggle to warn people of hurricane storm surge dangers

News4Jax: Ian leaves scenes of recovery, despair on Florida coast

FlaPol: D-SNAP benefits available in parts of Florida impacted by Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: All FPL users have power after Hurricane Ian, but 46K LCEC users still in the dark
News-Press: Hurricane Ian memorial wall grows in downtown Fort Myers as mourners add tributes
News-Press: Bokeelia resident uses YouTube account to help Pine Island community post-Hurricane Ian
NBC Miami: Parkland School Shooter May Have Been His Own Worst Witness
Politico: Twitter blocks — and then restores — Covid-19 vaccination post from Florida's surgeon general
WUSF: Sarasota will be ready for Election Day despite Hurricane Ian turmoil, officials say
Post: Voter intimidation? Black voters over-represented among those arrested so far for election crimes
FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis sounds alarms on dangerous mix of electric cars, storm surge
WUSF: Hurricane Ian highlighted the vulnerabilities of older mobile homes
Sentinel: Rebuild or relocate? Hurricane Ian survivors lean toward staying
Yahoo News: Return to Sanibel Island after Ian: Smashed homes, slick ooze, and wondering how to rebuild
Sun: Sen. Ben Sasse, sole finalist for UF presidency, meeting Monday with students and faculty
Sun: Gainesville's LGBTQ community speaks out on Ben Sasse as likely next UF president
Herald: The next FIU president could make more than \$1 million a year. Here's what was approved
FlaPol: First Blue Roof installed in Fort Myers after Hurricane Ian

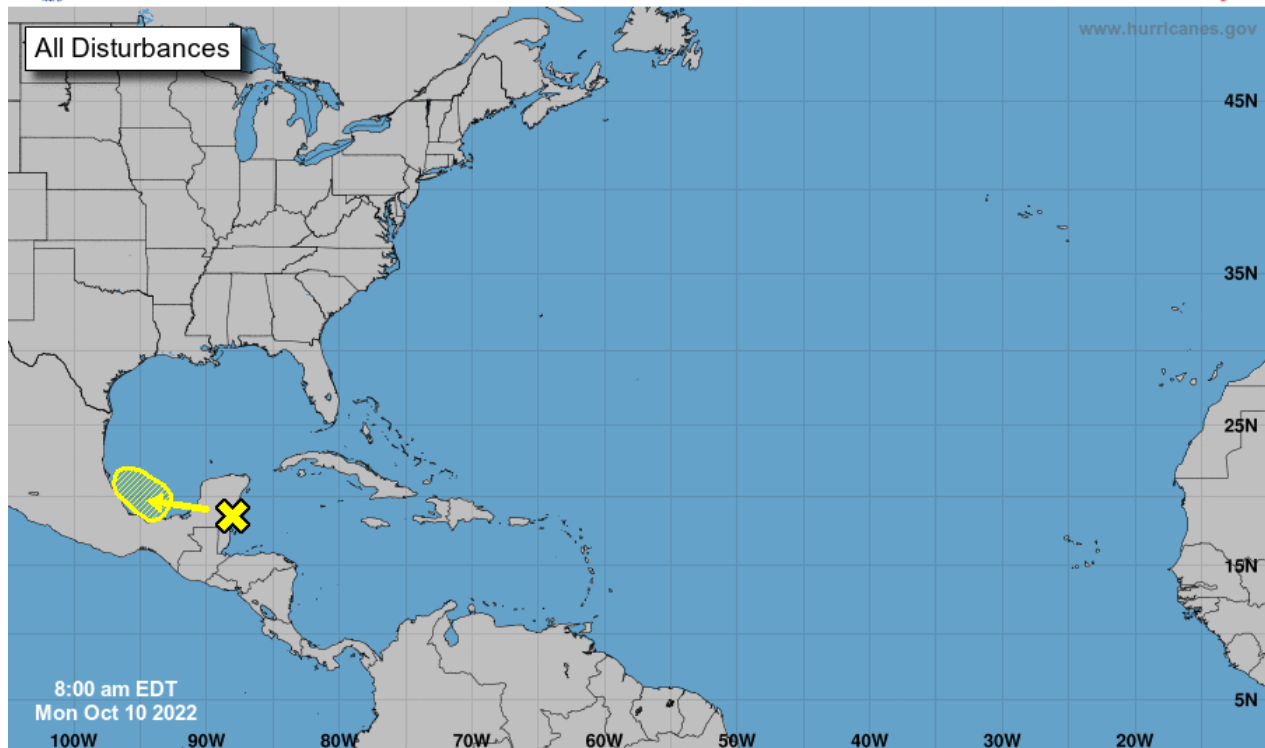
Tropical Outlook

www.nhc.noaa.gov



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: ✕ < 40% ✕ 40-60% ✕ > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ⊙ Storm ⦿ Hurricane
⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On the Docket This Coming Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022

- **SASSE VISITS UF:** Nebraska U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, who is the lone finalist to become president of the University of Florida, will visit the UF campus Monday and meet with students and faculty members. The UF Board of Trustees will formally interview Sasse on Nov. 1.
- **TAMPA BAY COUNCIL:** The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will meet. (Monday, 10 a.m., 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85871937581?pwd=N1pUOG9jZmhqdmRGaW1LUEczbGN0UT09>. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Meeting ID: 85871937581. Code:100200)
- **EASTERN FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 10:30 a.m., Eastern Florida State College, Melbourne Campus, Public Safety Institute, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES:** The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 702462028)
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD:** The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.)

- GULF COAST TRUSTEES: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Central time, Gulf Coast State College, E.A. Gardner Seminar Room, Panama City.)
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD: The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.)
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop. (Tuesday, noon, Florida State College at Jacksonville, South Campus, Jacksonville.)
- VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Florida residents face a Tuesday deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will hold a hearing in Hillsborough County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office, 419 North Pierce St., Tampa.)
- TRANSGENDER MEDICAID COVERAGE: U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a hearing on a request for a preliminary injunction against a new state rule that prevents Medicaid from paying for treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender people. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., United States Courthouse, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.)
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL: The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/267699485>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 267699485)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- CITRUS INDUSTRY RECOVERY: Florida Citrus Mutual will host a luncheon and discuss the citrus industry's efforts to recover from Hurricane Ian. The event is expected to include U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., U.S. Rep. Scott Franklin, R-Fla., and U.S. Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Fla. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Putnam Ranch, 8290 Martin Lane, Zolfo Springs.)
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED: The U.S. Department of Agriculture will issue its first forecast of the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. (Wednesday, noon. Call-in number: 1-855-384-4184. Code: 6486013)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA PLANNING BOARD: The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. (Wednesday, noon, Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory St., Pensacola.)
- LAWMAKERS PROVIDE HURRICANE MONEY: The Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members, will meet to approve funding for the state's response to Hurricane Ian. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UFMm5TIMR96FMQjVLbTtw)
- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will hold a hearing in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office, 419 North Pierce St., Tampa.)

- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD: The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, Lake Nona Campus, 12350 Narcoossee Road, Orlando.)
- AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HOLDS JOB FAIR: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will host a job fair. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Connor Building, 3125 Connor Blvd., Tallahassee.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET: The Office of State Courts Administrator will present an overview of the judicial branch's budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. (Thursday, 2 p.m. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ivzt5FCVRQmaRgrwoj91yQ)
- TOWEY TOUTS BOOK: Jim Towey, a former secretary of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and former head of President George W. Bush's White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, will discuss his new book, "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa." (Thursday, 5 p.m., Hearth and Soul, 1410 Market St., Tallahassee.)
- SNYDER RAISES MONEY IN JUPITER: A fundraising event will be held for Rep. John Snyder, a Stuart Republican running in state House District 86. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., The Sims House, 312-322 Center St., Jupiter.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD: The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet in Duval County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 Deer Lake Dr. West, Jacksonville.)
- LAND CONSERVATION ISSUES DISCUSSED: The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land conservation issues, will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/842804674835304975>)
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES: The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- PODIATRIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)
- SPEECH, AUDIOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/216185421>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 216185421)
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED: The 11th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates to become a Miami-Dade County judge. Scheduled for interviews are Gilberto Barreto, Heloiza Correa, Aaron Feuer, Christopher Green, Blanca Greenwood, Kevin Hellmann, Kimberly Hillery, Scott Janowitz, Jeffrey Kolokoff and Craig Weissberg. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Continental PLLC, 255 Alhambra Circle, Suite 640, Coral Gables.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Oct. 7.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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