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20 3-year-old horses - 1¼ miles

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Broadband Technical Assistance Webinar

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FY2023 Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Webinar

USDA is offering funding under the new Broadband Technical Assistance Program. \$20 million is available to support technical assistance projects such as conducting feasibility studies, completing network designs and developing broadband financial assistance applications.

RUS will be hosting its first BTA FOA webinar on **Monday, May 8, 2023 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM Eastern**. The webinar will include:

- An overview of the recently published FOA
- How to apply
- An opportunity for attendees to ask questions about the FOA **Monday, May 8, 2023 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM Eastern** [Register here!](#)

Headlines Around the State

Herald: Legislators tout extraordinary session, put DeSantis on potential campaign launching pad

TCPalm: Florida Legislature's tough-edged session ends with budget, tax breaks and cultural scars

AP: Florida lawmakers OK budget, end session quietly and go home

FlaPol: Sine Die 2023: Gov. DeSantis-driven Session ends with GOP wins, Democratic outrage

Times: DeSantis' big government extends to record state budget

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo celebrates Session of relief, recovery and conservative reform

FlaPol: Sine Die hankie drop — A century of tradition with a very specific purpose

Politico: DeSantis courts evangelicals with strict abortion law

NYTimes: Left-Leaning Groups Seek Florida Ballot Measure to Expand Abortion Access

FlaPol: Florida Chamber says Session improved business climate in the Sunshine State

FlaPol: AARP celebrates 2023 Legislative Session successes

FlaPol: First responders, public employees get big wins in 2023 Legislative Session

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs bill targeting Disney agreement, predicts Disney will lose in state court

NYTimes: DeSantis Signs Into Law Latest Wrinkle in Disney Feud

FlaPol: Ben Albritton cheers bills protecting children, assisting agriculture this Session

Times: Here's how Florida Dreamers got lawmakers to protect in-state tuition law

Times: Bill restricting Chinese from buying Florida land passes House

NYTimes: Florida Legislature Passes Bill Banning Gender-Transition Care for Minors

Sentinel: Chamber-linked group paid \$470K to ghost candidate operatives in 2020, tax record reveal

NYTimes: Home Insurance Premiums Rise as Americans Flock to Weather-Worn States

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis rejects 2024 'chatter' as Legislative Session wraps

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis derides 'paid agitators' in Governor's Office

Politico: How DeSantis gave Democrats the 'session from hell'

FlaPol: Senate Democrats lament tough Session, but claim some bipartisan victories

FlaPol: Nikki Fried says Ron DeSantis fulfilled a MAGA 'wish list' during 2023 Session

Democrat: Attorney: Jurors in Gillum trial were 10-2 in favor of acquittal on conspiracy, fraud counts

FlaPol: Nikki Haley PAC dings Ron DeSantis Disney donations

FlaPol: Indivisible: Legislature approves Miami-Dade-focused bill barring duplication of Sheriff powers

FlaPol: 2 Fentrice Driskell bills head to Gov. DeSantis, addressing sickle cell and abandoned cemeteries

FlaPol: Bill movement: Biosolid improvement legislation passes

FlaPol: Senate refuses House vacation rental bill amendment

FlaPol: As Legislature passes ban on transgender care, LGBTQ groups promise legal action

FlaPol: Ready for upload: Legislature approves data privacy bill

FlaPol: Revamp of high school sports clears the Legislature

Times: 6 finalists named for Florida Supreme Court seat, including Tampa Bay names

Herald: COVID-19 vaccine, testing sites run by Miami-Dade to permanently close, officials say

Herald: Miami-Dade's elections director joins Democratic Party ahead of expected run in 24

Herald: Miami's mayor attends pricey Heat playoff games and glam Grand Prix parties. Who pays?

Times: UF's new president, Ben Sasse, has yet to make a big splash on campus

WLRN: Joe Carollo ends testimony saying police were 'weaponized' against him

Times: Pasco commissioner being treated for leukemia

Times: Formula One star Lewis Hamilton blasts Florida's anti-LGBTQ measures

On the Docket

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

- BARBERS ON THE AGENDA - Monday, 9 a.m. The Florida Barbers' Board is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 241687833
- ABORTION INITIATIVE - Monday, 10 a.m. The group Floridians Protecting Freedom will hold a news conference to announce a ballot initiative aimed at ensuring abortion rights. Florida Press Center, 336 East College Ave., Tallahassee.
- PSC HOLDS EVENTS FOR SENIORS - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold two events in Lake County to discuss with seniors issues such as water and energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. 10 a.m. at Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St., Leesburg. Also, 11:30 a.m. at Southside Umatilla Community Center, 17107 Ballpark Road, Umatilla.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

- **TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will start a trial in a lawsuit challenging a state decision to prevent Medicaid coverage for treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender people. United States Courthouse, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD MEETS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD MEETS** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

- **WILDLIFE TRAPPING** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will take up a series of issues, including receiving a report about wildlife trapping and discussing a goliath grouper fishing rule. Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- **UNIVERSITY ISSUES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will meet after a meeting of its Nomination and Governance Committee. <https://fbog.zoom.us/j/83248923464?pwd=czlSdEJxRmFRcXBkRmZ2g4aGVkcW9nQT09/Passcode:648500>
- **PAROLE ISSUES ON AGENDA** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **CYBERSECURITY** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-323-741-6564. Code: 492170315
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED** - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- **SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE SEARCH DISCUSSED** - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will discuss the search for a successor to retiring President Thomas Leitzel. South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- **PEANUTS** - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The Florida Peanut Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Florida Peanut Federation, 17856 U.S. 129 South, McAlpin. Call-In Number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 573953338
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE** - State candidates and political committees face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports detailing finance activity through April 30.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

- **INVASIVE SPECIES** - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will take up issues such as proposed rules to prevent new non-native species from coming to Florida. It also will discuss the proposed creation of a Weeki Wachee River Springs Protection Zone and the establishment of the Doral Glades Fish Management Area. Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.

- HEALTH INTEGRITY PANEL MEETS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Public Health Integrity Committee, which is chaired by Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo, will meet. Information at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/about/ssg/public-health-integrity-committee/index.html>
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Collier County. Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples.
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD MEETS - 10:30 a.m. Central time. The Triumph Gulf Coast board, which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Walton County Commission Chamber, 571 U.S. 90 East, DeFuniak Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- GARCIA HONORED - Thursday, noon. Sen. Ileana Garcia, R-Miami, is slated to receive the Public Service Award during United HomeCare's annual luncheon and Claude Pepper Awards. Pullman Hotel, 5800 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services & Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- COURT CONSIDERS MEDICAL POT FIRING - Thursday, 2 p.m. A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about the dismissal of a state correctional officer for using medical marijuana. Samuel Velez Ortiz, who was a sergeant for the Florida Department of Corrections, was approved by a doctor to use medical marijuana to treat post-traumatic stress disorder related to previous military service, according to documents filed in the case. He tested positive for marijuana during a random test, ultimately leading to his firing under a department "zero tolerance" policy. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- TREASURY INVESTMENT PANEL MEETS - Thursday, 2 p.m. The state Chief Financial Officer's Treasury Investment Committee is scheduled to meet. 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 4 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board member. Florida Gateway College, Lake City.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED - Friday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update its forecast for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-(888) 844-9904. Code: 8552986

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