DIGITAL ACCESS FOR ALL IDAHOANS PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Commission for Libraries' (ICfL) Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan (DAAI)!

The DAAI plan aims to ensure all Idahoans have essential access to information and communication technology in the 21st century.

Idahoans' feedback on the plan is crucial, and we value your input during this engagement and planning period. The plan is still in draft form, and we will consider your comments before finalizing it. A revised plan will be available in October after the public comment period ends.

Click here to read the draft Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan.

If you have feedback on any section not specified in the form, feel free to share it in the last question or email us at digitalskills@libraries.idaho.gov. Please mail your completed form to:

ATTN: DAAI Plan Comments
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Last Name

Zip Code

Your Organization (If you're completing on behalf of an organization)

We are looking for feedback specifically on the following sections:
1. Executive Summary
2.1 Vision
2.2 Alignment with Existing Efforts to Improve Outcomes
2.3 Strategy & Objectives
3.1 Asset Inventory
3.2 Needs Assessment
4.1 Coordination & Outreach
5.1 Implementation Strategy & Key Activities

1 Executive Summary
The executive summary of the DAAI Plan outlines its purpose, key points, and approach. It includes the problem statement, vision, goals, and objectives, as well as collaboration details. The summary also highlights priorities, strategies, activities, and how success will be measured.

Questions to consider: Are there main ideas or themes that need to be present in this summary that the ICfL should draw more attention to?

2.1 Vision
The vision briefly describes the ICfL's goals and our ideal endpoint achieved through the DAAI Plan.
Our vision:
Idaho supports all residents in thriving online through:
- Digital literacy, cybersecurity, and technical support – providing curated tools and resources to Idahoans to increase digital skills and online safety.
- Public services and resources – improving accessibility for Idahoans to connect and engage with local and state services.
- Affordable broadband and devices – ensuring Idahoans have broadband and internet-enabled devices that fulfill their unique work, school, and life needs.

Questions to consider: Is there anything missing from this vision statement that you think would be important to add? Do you disagree with anything stated in the vision?

2.2 Alignment with Existing Efforts to Improve Outcomes
The alignment section outlines how the ICfL plans to weave the priorities, strategies, and activities in the DAAI Plan with our existing organizational priorities, processes, activities, and other ongoing statewide efforts.

Questions to consider: Are there other ongoing statewide efforts not mentioned in this section that the ICfL should consider aligning with?

2.3 Strategies and Objectives
The strategies and objectives contain the ICfL's explicit long-term goals for advancing digital access, closing the digital divide, addressing affordability and adoption issues, and sustaining growth towards a digitally connected state.

Questions to consider: Should our digital access strategies support or achieve other goals? Are there additional objectives that can strengthen the existing goals or support new ones?

3.1 Asset Inventory
The asset inventory section lists the resources compiled, particularly those that serve covered populations.

Questions to consider: Which other core digital access partners or networks working with covered populations should be included? Are there specific programs or initiatives that serve these covered populations that you are aware of?

3.2 Needs Assessment
The needs assessment identifies barriers faced by Idaho's populations regarding broadband adoption, affordability, and access, especially for covered populations. While many community members recognize the importance of broadband access, they struggle to rely on the existing infrastructure.

Questions to consider: What other needs or gaps are not mentioned here? How can the ICfL address them? Please specify if these needs are supported by data or observations. Also, what alternative strategies could the ICfL use to address these identified needs or gaps?

4.1 Coordination and Outreach
The coordination and outreach section outlines the ICfL's engagement efforts in creating the DAAI Plan and its ongoing plans to engage with various partners, including individuals, communities, organizations, Tribal partners, committees, and working groups, to close the digital divide.

Questions to consider: Should the ICfL involve more people or groups in this section? Are there alternative methods the ICfL could use to engage with these groups? Should any of the current engagement strategies be removed?

5.1 Implementation Strategy & Key Activities
The implementation strategy and key activities section outlines the principles the ICfL will consider to achieve the DAAI Plan's vision, goals, and objectives for digital access in Idaho.

Questions to consider: Should the ICfL consider adding any activities not listed here? If so, why should they be prioritized? Are there any activities listed here that should be removed? If yes, why? What activities do you suggest we prioritize funding first, and why?

Do you have any other comments regarding the Digital Access for All Idahoans Plan?