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Public Comment Period for DAAI Plan is Open

BOISE, Idaho -- The Idaho Commission for Libraries has partnered with Boise State University's Idaho Policy Institute for support in creating a robust and comprehensive five-year statewide Digital Access for All Idahoans (DAAI) Plan, which will serve as a benchmark and roadmap for achieving digital equity in Idaho.

The draft of the DAAI Plan is now ready for review and public comment. The public comment period is open through September 8, 2023. To view the draft Plan and for more information, visit: https://libraries.idaho.gov/digital-access-for-all-idahoans/.

Access the online comment form here: https://forms.office.com/g/cAk6iLYRkQ. The form can also be printed, completed, and mailed to:

Idaho Commission for Libraries Attn: DAAI Plan Comments 325 W. State Street Boise, ID 83702

Comments may also be emailed to digitalskills@libraries.idaho.gov.

Feedback from Idahoans about the DAAI Plan is a critical part of the process. The Plan is still in draft form, and comments and input will be considered before the DAAI Plan is finalized. A revised Plan will be available in October after the public comment period ends.

The goals of the DAAI Plan are to: increase adoption and affordability of broadband technology; improve online accessibility and inclusivity of public resources and services; increase digital skills; spread awareness of cybersecurity and online privacy; and increase availability and affordability of devices and technical support.

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

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