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**UNM Collaborative NSF Cyberinfrastructure Tribal Regional Workshop to be held
October 19**

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The New Mexico State University, The University of New Mexico, and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology invite the public to participate in a free cyberinfrastructure workshop on October 19. Panels and presentations will serve to inform New Mexico's tribal and Pueblo stakeholders of the benefits of enhanced connectivity. The workshop will take place from 7:30 am – 4:45 pm at UNM's Continuing Education Building (1634 University Blvd NE), kicking off at 8:00 am with a keynote address by Chad Adams, Cyber Security Advisor, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security, Region 6. Mr. Adams has over 15 years of experience in Cyber Security, threat mitigation, risk management, advanced IT support, and complex system design and support.

Tribal regional workshop panels include *Tribal Leadership & Economic Development*, *Public Safety & Cyber Security*, *Cyberinfrastructure in Higher Education and K- 12*, and *Healthcare*.

Particularly important to rural areas of New Mexico, network improvements have the power to decrease isolation, educate distance learners, improve public safety and regional healthcare, foster economic development, advance discovery and innovation, connect public services, and enhance K-12 education, among other benefits. Workshop programs are developed in partnership with local leaders, economic development groups, businesses, public health providers, first responders, scientists, educators, students and community members.

This is the final workshop in a statewide series funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to enhance the ability of our universities to competitively conduct collaborative research through the implementation of high speed networks that—designed thoughtfully— can be leveraged to improve the community's access to broadband services and capacity for economic development.

Previous workshops were held in Espanola, Silver City, and Portales, New Mexico, and also in Flagstaff, Arizona. Panels have been designed in response to the unique needs and challenges of our state's communities, and in collaboration with Northern New Mexico College, Western New Mexico University, Eastern New Mexico University, and Navajo Technical University.

For more information, please contact the UNM Office of the Chief information Officer at 505.277.0752 or visit <http://nmseed.unm.edu>.