

Follow up for Registered Participants:

Thank you for signing up for the West Hills College and USDA Rural STEM Listening Session.

In order to maximize your time we have the following suggestions:

A set of framing questions to help focus your thoughts are below. These are meant as a guide.

You will be given approximately six minutes to speak. This goes very fast. We suggest that you prepare your thoughts in outline form in advance. (It's not mandatory) You can also bring written statements to submit for the record. Please be sure to have your name and contact information on any submissions. West Hills will also have questionnaire which can be filled out during the listening session or returned later.

Registration at West Hills:

When you arrive, you will be asked to fill out a registration form. We will use this to create a list to determine the order of speakers. Please let us know if you need to speak earlier in the afternoon.

Please arrive between 12:30 pm and 1 pm to register so we can start the Listening Session promptly.

Thank You.

Listening Session Framing Questions:

- Why is STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Important?
- How is STEM relevant to your organization?
- What STEM skills are needed for local jobs?
- What (STEM) technical skills are lacking in the local workforce?
- Who and What are the drivers of STEM programs?
- Do you use internet based education curriculum to teach STEM?
- What role do you think Distance Learning or Distance Learning technologies could have in promoting STEM education?
- How is are STEM programs constrained by lack of broadband access or broadband capacity?
- What resources (trade associations, colleges, and committees) are available in your area that could support training activities?
- If you were to apply to the ideal STEM-focused grant program, what items would be funded, how much money would you need and how would your funded project be evaluated? Please explain.