

ABOUT APT

The Alliance for Public Technology is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1989 to foster public policy that ensures access to advanced technologies and their life-enhancing benefits for all Americans, regardless of income, age, ethnicity, location, or functional limitation. APT is the unifying force that brings the full range of our nation's consumer constituencies and public interest advocates together to advance this shared goal.



Through research, reporting, interaction with decision-makers, and educational outreach, APT strives to accelerate deployment of advanced telecommunications networks and services as a means to:

- Bring better and more affordable healthcare to all citizens;
- Expand educational opportunities for lifelong learning;
- Enable people with disabilities to function in ways they otherwise could not;
- Create opportunities for jobs and economic advancement;
- Make government more responsive to all citizens; and,
- Simplify the way we access communications technology.

APT provides information and expert analysis on existing and changing telecommunications policy, and its impact on consumer access to advanced technology. It is APT's belief that technological progress must be shared by all members of society to truly benefit society as a whole.

APT PROGRAMS

The uniqueness of APT is its ability to provide public platforms that bring all parties—industry, policy makers, and a diverse cross-section of consumer advocates—together for open and productive dialogue in pursuit of widespread, equitable access to communications technology.

Every year, APT hosts a national broadband policy forum in Washington, DC, along with the Susan G. Hadden Awards Luncheon honoring individuals or organizations for pioneering efforts in the area of consumer access to advanced telecommunications technology. APT also partners with member organizations to sponsor local and regional events, such as our monthly brown bag lunch series here in Washington.

APT PUBLICATIONS

APT produces both a bi-monthly newsletter, *APT NEWS*, and an email update, *Public Tech Notes*. In addition, APT publishes reports and policy papers on issues related to its mission, such as ***A Broadband World: The Promise of Advanced Services***, a case study released by APT and the Benton Foundation on initiatives that are broadening consumer access to advanced telecommunications services across the country, and ***A Nation of Laboratories: Broadband Policy Experiments in the States***, a survey of state broadband programs. In addition, APT just published a new policy report ***Achieving Universal Broadband: Policies for Stimulating Deployment and Demand*** which examines current Universal Service programs and reforms that are needed to promote deployment of and access to high speed networks and services.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

APT is composed of individuals and advocacy groups who represent many different constituencies, including senior citizens, minorities, education and labor organizations, urban and rural populations, low-income groups, and people with disabilities. Membership is open to individuals, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies or officials with the common goal of fostering equitable access to affordable and usable communication services and technology. Benefits of joining APT include:

- Subscriptions to our bi-monthly newsletter, *APT News*, and bi-weekly email update, *Public Tech Notes*
- Opportunities for visibility in APT's newsletter, including member profile, lead article and events calendar
- Complimentary copies of most APT publications, or discounted prices
- Discounted admission to APT events
- Opportunities for co-sponsorship of events, projects, and publications
- Participation in industry/consumer/government dialogues on technology and policy

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