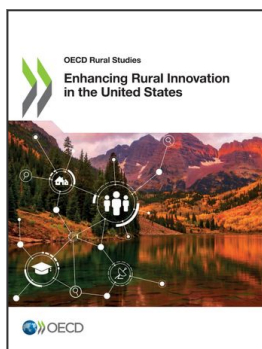


Abbreviations and acronyms

ACOA	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
ACP	Affordable Connectivity Program
ACS	American Community Survey
AI	Artificial intelligence
AR	Augmented reality
ARC	Appalachian Regional Commission
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
AU	Adjacent to urban
BDC	Indigenous Loan Fund
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BEAD	Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program
BSSP	Business Support Simplification Programme
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
CBP	County Business Patterns
CCTE	Center for Career and Technical Education
CCTT	<i>Centres collégiaux de transfert de technologie</i> , Technology transfer centres
CDB	Community development bank
CDFI	Community Development Financial Institutions
CED	Canada Economic Development for Quebec Region
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CEGEP	<i>Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel</i> , Community colleges
CNC	Computer numerical control
COG	Council of Governments
CRA	Community Reinvestment Act
CRM	Customer relationship management
DATA	Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability
DCN	Dakota Carrier Network
DoJ	Department of Justice
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line/Loop
EC	European Commission
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDC	Indigenous Community Business Fund
EDD	Economic Development District
EDI	Economic Development Initiative
ENoLL	European Network of Living Laboratories
EODA	Eastern Ohio Development Alliance

EPB	Electric Power Board
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FTTB	Fibre-to-the-building
FTTC	Fibre-to-the-curb
FTTH	Fibre-to-the-home
FTTN	Fibre-to-the-node
FTTP	Fibre-to-the-premise
FUA	Functional urban area
FWA	Fixed wireless access
FY	Financial year
GDP	Gross domestic product
GED	Gallup Economic Development
GFPB	Go Forward Pine Bluff
GGEDC	Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation
GLP	Gallup Land Partners
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HERD	Higher Education and Research and Development
HSI	Hispanic-serving institution
IEDC	International Economic Development Council
IJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
IoT	Internet of Things
IRA	Inflation Reduction Act
ISED	Innovation, Science and Economic Development
ISP	Internet service provider
IXP	Internet Exchange Points
JRC	European Commission Joint Research Centre
LISC	Local Initiatives Support Corporation
MNO	Mobile network operator
MR	Metropolitan regions
MSA	Metropolitan statistical area
NADO	National Association of Development Organizations
NAU	Non-adjacent to urban
NCCER	National Center for Construction Education and Research
NESTI	National Experts on Science and Technology Indicator
NGBEP	Next Generation Broadband Expansion Programme
NGIN	New Growth Innovation Network
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NLC	National League of Cities
NMU	Northern Michigan University
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTU	Navajo Technical University
NWNMCOG	Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
OLMC	Official language minority community
OLS	Ordinary Least Squares
OVBI	OpenVault Broadband Insights

PISA	OECD Programme for International Student Assessment
PPC	Persistent poverty county
PPP	Public-private partnership
QoS	Quality of service
R&D	Research and development
R&O	Report and Order
RDA	Regional development agency
RDOF	Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
RIS	Regional Innovation Scheme
RISE	Rural Innovation Stronger Economy
RLF	Revolving loan fund
RNTA	Research and National Technical Assistance
RUCC	Rural-Urban Continuum Code
SAIPE	Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBIC	Small Business Investment Corporation
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research
SBLN	State Broadband Leaders Network
SBTT	Small Business Technology Transfer
SDB	Small, disadvantaged business
SEAEDD	Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.
SEARK	Southeast Arkansas College
SES	Scenario Exploration System
SLFRF	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
SRLI	Smart Rural Living Lab
SSBCI	State Small Business Credit Initiatives
SSI	Shimadzu Scientific Instruments
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
STTR	Small Business Technology Transfer
TA	Technical assistance
TCU	Tribal Colleges and Universities
UAPB	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
UC	University center
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USF	Universal Service Fund
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
VC	Venture capital
VR	Virtual reality
WISP	Wireless Internet Service Provider



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