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PRESIDENT ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ACCELERATE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT

On June 14, 2012, President Obama issued an Executive Order entitled *Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment*. The Executive Order recognizes that broadband access is essential to the US economy and establishes a Broadband Deployment on Federal Property Working Group to be co-chaired by the Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security and comprised of representatives from various federal agencies. The action comes in response to comments in various federal proceedings pointing out the complexity of obtaining access to federal rights-of-way for such infrastructure. The working group is tasked with: 1) developing a strategy to facilitate deployment of broadband facilities on federal lands, buildings, rights-of-way, federally assisted highways, and tribal lands; (2) developing appropriate application forms, contracts and fees for access to federal rights-of-way; and (3) implementing policies that can accommodate and encourage the deployment of infrastructure (including conduit) in federal highway construction. For a copy of the Executive Order, [click here](#).

If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact any member of our GrayRobinson [Communications, Cable & Broadband](#) law team.

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