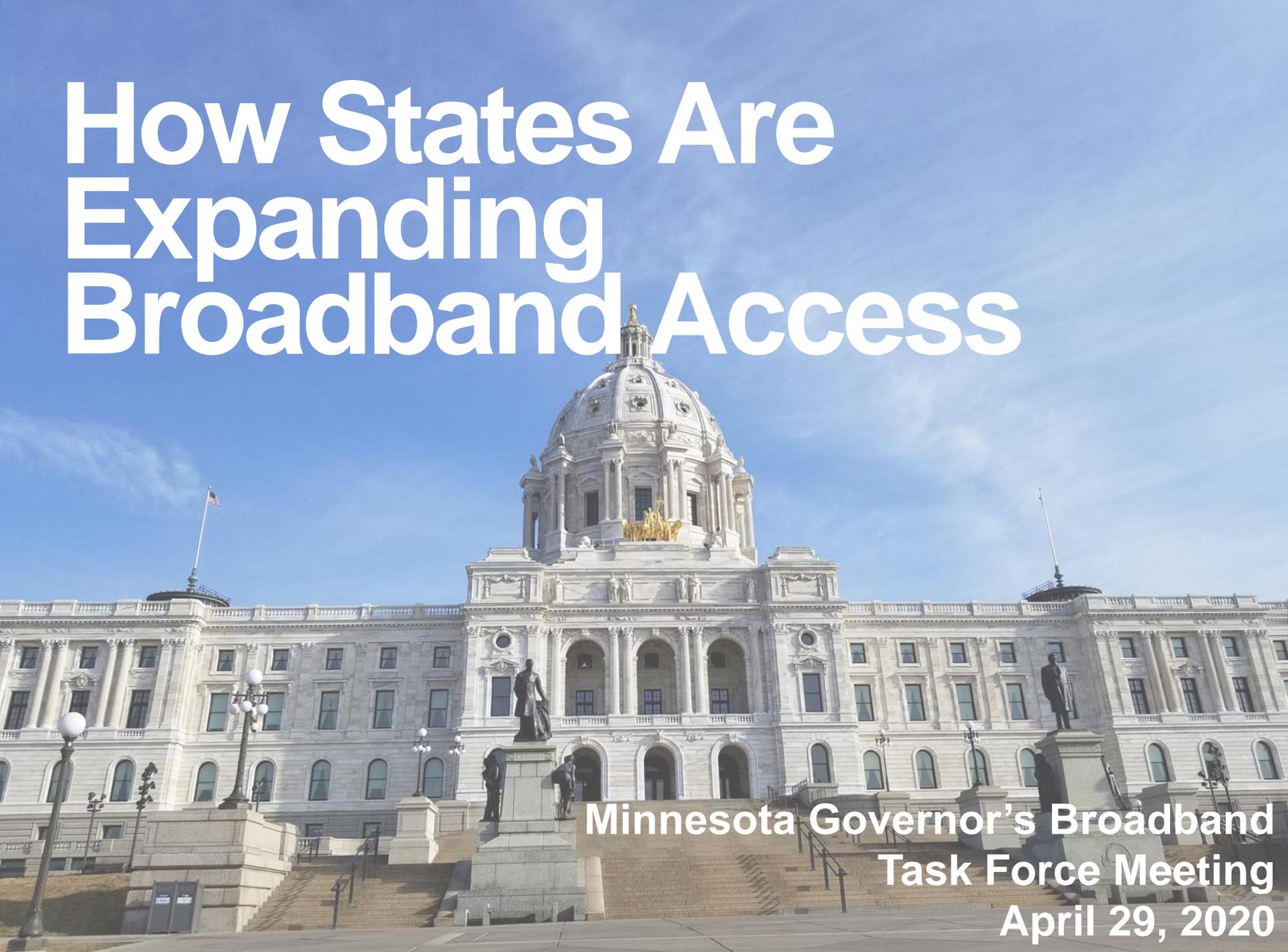


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A photograph of the Minnesota State Capitol building in St. Paul, Minnesota. The building is a grand, white, neoclassical structure with a prominent central dome topped with a golden orb. The facade features numerous windows and classical columns. In the foreground, there are stone steps leading up to the entrance, flanked by statues on pedestals. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds.

Minnesota Governor's Broadband  
Task Force Meeting  
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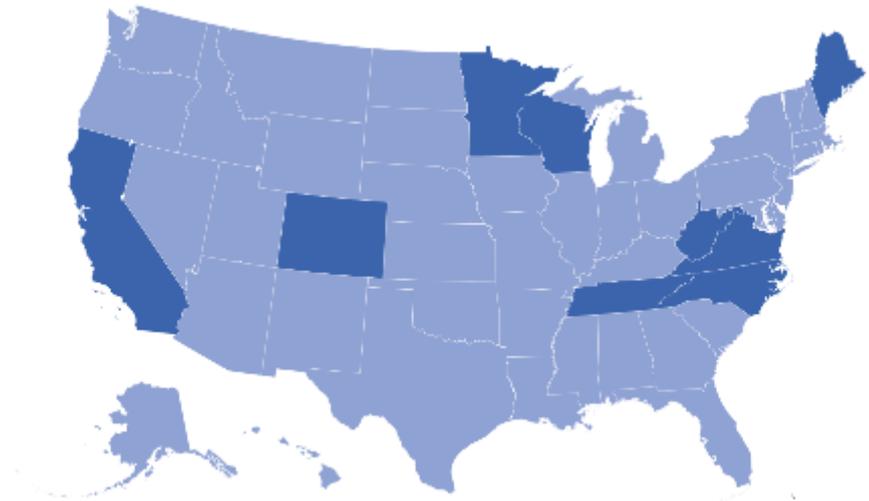
# States Are Expanding Broadband Access



- February 2020 Report
- Focused on state-led broadband initiatives
- [pewtrusts.org/broadband-research-initiative](https://www.pewtrusts.org/broadband-research-initiative)

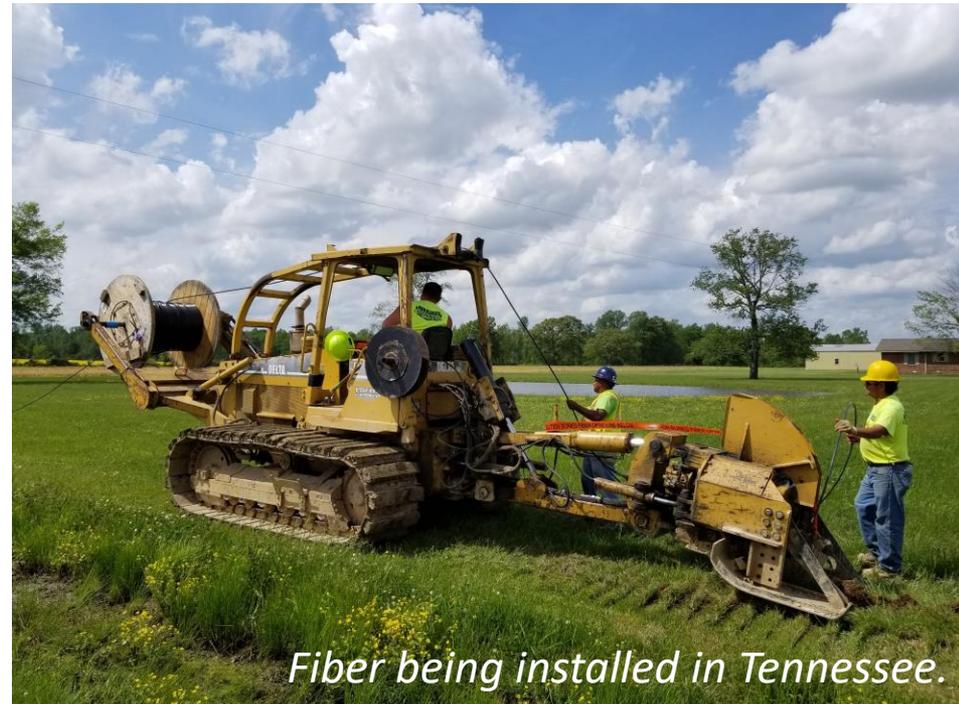
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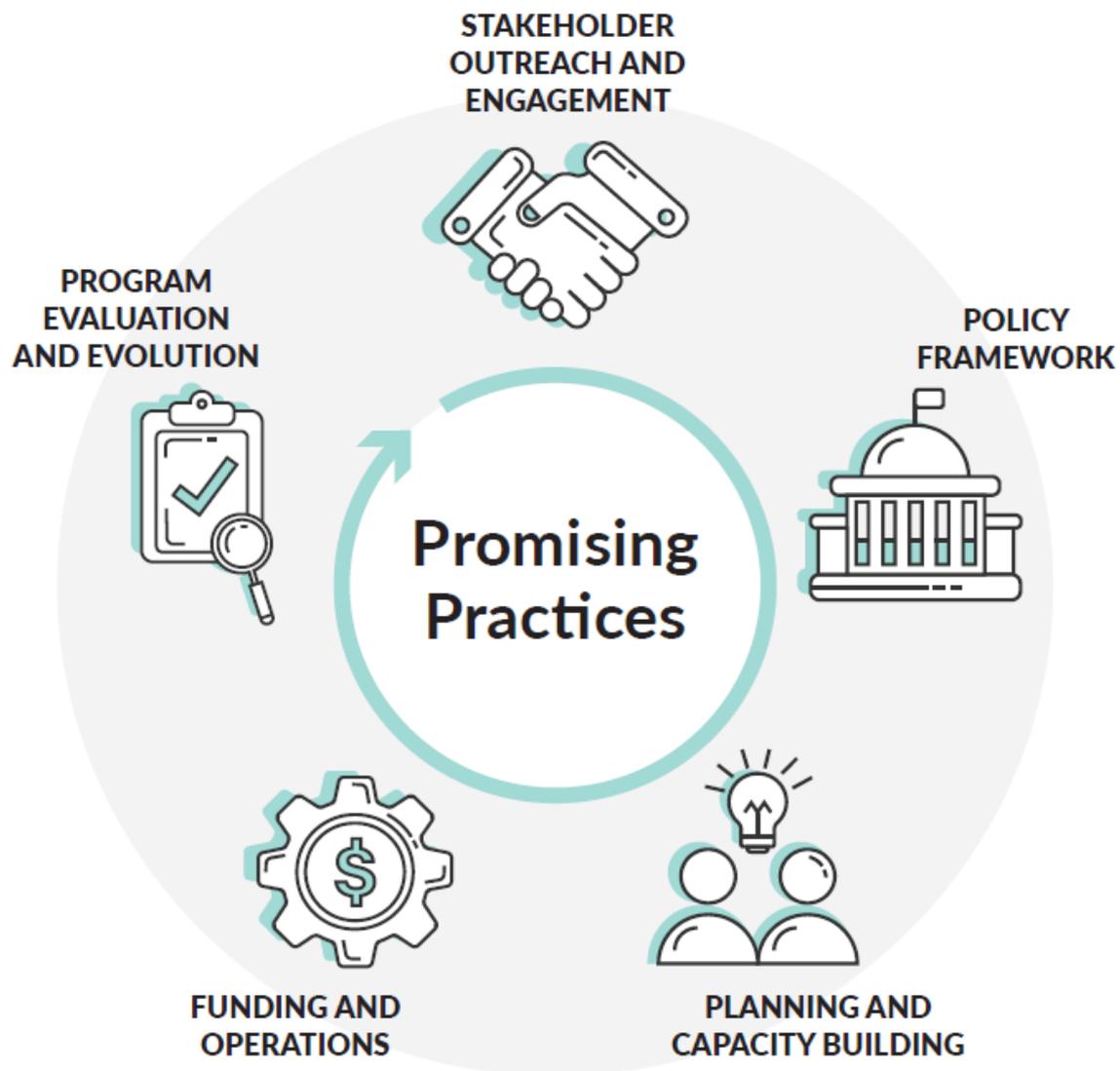
- 50-state policy and program analysis
- Selection of case study states
- Field research
  - Interviews with state broadband programs, grantees, other stakeholders



# (Near) Universal truths of broadband

- Executive and legislative leadership
- “Projects are the people”
- Trusted partners and resources





# Stakeholder Outreach & Engagement

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Stakeholder engagement informs all other practices



# Policy Framework

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Defining direction, identifying barriers, connecting priorities



# Planning & Capacity Building

Adopting state plans, supporting local and regional planning



# Funding & Operations

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Funding broadband deployment, addressing accountability



# Program Evaluation & Evolution

Adapting, improving programs with experience and information



# Questions?