



Digital New England: A Summit for Regional Broadband Leaders

Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME September 27-28, 2015

Sunday, September 27, 2015

5:00pm - 7:00pm **Welcome Reception at Gulf of Maine Research Institute
(350 Commercial Street, Portland, ME)**

Monday, September 28, 2015

7:30am - 4:00pm **On-site Registration**

7:30am - 8:30am **Networking Breakfast**

8:30am - 8:45am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Deb Socia, Executive Director, Next Century Cities
- Doug Kinkoph, Assistant Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Lawrence Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

8:45am - 9:15am **Keynote Conversation**

- Angus S. King, Jr., United States Senator for the State of Maine
- R. David Edelman, Special Assistant to the President for Economic and Technology Policy
- Susan Crawford, Professor of Law, Berkman Center of Internet and Society, Harvard (*moderator*)

9:15am - 10:15am **First Panel: A Shared Future: Regional Approaches to Broadband**

- Chris Mitchell, Policy Director, Next Century Cities (*moderator*)
- Representative Norm Higgins, Maine House of Representatives, District 120
- Elin Katz, Consumer Counsel, State of Connecticut
- Monica Webb, Chairman, Massachusetts Wired West
- Fletcher Kittredge, CEO, Great Works Internet
- Briana Warner, Economic Development Director, Island Institute

10:15am - 10:30am **Morning Break**

10:30am - 10:45am **Remarks from Jill Szuchmacher, Director of Business Development, Google
Fiber**

10:45am - 11:45am **Second Panel: Why Broadband Matters: Real-World Impacts**

- Sharon Gillett, Principal Networking Policy Strategist, Microsoft Research (*moderator*)
- Jascha Franklin-Hodge, CIO, City of Boston
- Emy Tseng, Sr. Communications Program Specialist, BroadbandUSA/Berkman Fellow, Harvard
- Tim Schneider, Public Advocate, Maine Public Advocate Office
- Susan Corbett, CEO, Axiom Technologies
- Pam Goldberg, CEO, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

11:45am - 11:50am **Special Maine Broadband Announcement**

11:50am - 1:30pm **Lunch**

12:15pm - 12:45pm **Keynote Remarks**



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- Lawrence Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

1:30pm - 2:30pm Breakout Workshops

Getting started: Models 101 – Connecticut/Rhode Island Rooms

- Don Williams, Broadband Program Specialist, BroadbandUSA (*moderator*)
- Chris Campbell, Principal Broadband Strategist, Tilson
- Irv Thomae, Chairman, EC Fiber
- Chris Dumais, Information Technology Director, City of South Portland

Successful Broadband Projects – Oxford/Somerset Rooms

- Deb Socia, Executive Director, Next Century Cities (*moderator*)
- Josh Broder, CEO, Tilson
- Larry Sterrs, Chairman of the Board, Unity Foundation
- Jim Nimon, Executive Director of Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council
- Denzel Hankinson, Chair, Leverett Municipal Light Plant, Leverett, MA
- Eric Nakajima, Director, Massachusetts Broadband Institute

Partners' Perspective – Lincoln/Kennebec/Cumberland Rooms

- Chris Mitchell, Policy Director, Institute for Local Self Reliance, NCC (*moderator*)
- Jeff McCarthy, Vice President of Business Development, Maine Fiber Company
- Allison Ellis, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Frontier Communications
- Russ Stephens, President and CEO, NextGen Telecom Services Group, Inc.
- Jeff Nevins, Director, Regulator & External Relations and Community Broadband Development, Fairpoint Communications

2:30pm - 2:45pm Afternoon Break

2:45pm - 3:55pm Third Panel: Results of the Broadband Opportunity Council

- Aimee Meacham, Director, Program Services, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (*moderator*)
- Dr. R. David Edelman, Special Assistant to the President, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Karen Hanson, Manager Partnerships and Interagency Affairs, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Keith Adams, Assistant Administrator of Telecommunications, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture

3:55pm - 4:00pm Concluding Remarks

- Deb Socia, Executive Director, Next Century Cities
- Doug Kinkoph, Director BroadbandUSA, NTIA