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

- 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)*
- 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