

RURAL BROADBAND SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY CONGRESSMAN CHRIS GIBSON

APRIL 11, 2012 – REGISTRATION OPENS 8:30 AM

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Develop your strategy for expanding broadband in your community!

The purpose of the **Rural Broadband Symposium** is to bring together broadband providers, government officials, anchor institution representatives and civic leaders interested in the expansion of quality broadband service to un-served areas. There is not one solution to expanding broadband because each community and situation is different. This conference will provide each participant with the Congressman's Broadband Guide and the opportunity to speak with experts, service providers and leaders thereby helping attendees to assess their own unique situation and development of a customized action plan.

Moderator – WARREN HART

Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning for Greene County

Government Leaders: 9:30 - 9:50 am

- **CHRIS GIBSON**, Congressman

Government Agency/Associations: 10 - 10:50 am

- **JESSICA ZUFOLO**, Deputy Administrator, USDA RUS
- **DAVID SALWAY**, Director NYS Broadband Program
- **LEIF OVESON**, Director Government Affairs, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association
- **ROBERT PUCKETT**, President New York State Telecommunications Association

Case Study: 11 am – 11:50 am

- **KATHLEEN WHITLEY HARM** and **ROSEMARY O'BRIEN**, Greene County Citizens for Better Broadband
- **JAMES REYNOLDS**, President Mid-Hudson Cable
- **EVELYN WOOD**, Thurman Supervisor, **FRED ENGLEMAN**, **AVA ASHENDORFF**, Rainmaker Network Services

Service Provider: 12 – 1:30 pm

Panel 1: 12 - 12:40 pm

- **CHARLIE WILLIAMS**, VP Government Affairs, Time Warner Cable
- **ROBERT HOLLIDAY**, VP General Manager Upstate NY, AT&T
- **DAN AHOUSE**, VP Government Affairs NY, Cablevision

Panel 2: 12:50 - 1:30 pm

- **TODD RULISON**, General Manager North, Frontier
- **BRUCE BOHNSACK**, President, Germantown Telephone
- **WILLIAM MULREIN**, Sr. Manager Engineering, FairPoint Communications
- **MARK EVANS**, VP State Telephone Company

Who should attend the Rural Broadband Symposium? Just about anyone interested in bringing broadband to un-served areas:

- Business owners
- Educators
- Librarians
- Safety professionals
- Health Care professionals
- Home owners



As I have travelled the 137 towns throughout the 20th Congressional District, much of which is rural, I have heard from a number of people who have asked for help bringing broadband service to un-served areas. Broadband is an essential tool in the 21st Century for all walks of life. This symposium has been created to bring leaders together for a productive and positive discussion to try and find solutions.

Congressman Chris Gibson

To Pre-Register, contact Ann Mueller at 518-610-8133 or ann.mueller@mail.house.gov