



## Iron Range Broadband Communities

### Bemidji Visit

[LaunchPad](#) co-working space

May 18, 2017

10:00am – 3:00pm

<b>AGENDA</b>
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- 10:00**     **Arrive/Welcome**
- 10:05**     **Intro to Bemidji and Bemidji Leads**  
*Jim Benson, President Emeritus, Bemidji State University, and Dave Hengel, Executive Director, Greater Bemidji*
- 10:30**     **Panel Discussion: Why is Bemidji doing what we do?**  
*Hear about LaunchPad, Bemidji Hackfest, TEDxBemidji, GigaZone Gaming Championship*
- 11:30**     **PCs for People**  
*Sam Drong, Program Director*
- Noon**     **Lunch at Tutto Bene (*short walk downtown*)**  
*Quick run-down on grant reporting requirements from Mary Magnuson, Blandin Foundation*
- 1:30**     **Why and how was GigaZone done? Advice on attracting advanced broadband**  
*Steve Howard, Paul Bunyan Communications*
- 2:15**     **Bemidji Brewing**  
*A pint and discussion with two millennial owners of Bemidji Brewing - Why here and what matters to young entrepreneurs?*
- 3:00**     **Adjourn**