



**October 25-26, 2017**  
**Madden's on Gull Lake**  
Brainerd, Minnesota

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## **PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

### **Wednesday, October 25**

**9:00 am**      **Registration Opens**

**10:00**      **Concurrent Preconference Sessions**  
***Broadband 101 OR***  
***Digital Inclusion Showcase***

**12:00 pm**      **Lunch**

**1:00**      **Building Bridges: Expanding the Impact with Cooperation**

**3:00**      **Hotel Check-in / Free Time**

**5:00**      **Reception / Exhibit Hall / Dinner**

**7:00**      **"Dig Deep" KAXE Northern Community Radio podcast recording**  
Commentators Aaron Brown of Minnesota Brown, and Chuck Marohn of Strong Towns, explore the idea of broadband as a transformative infrastructure, and its role in creating vital rural communities. Moderated by Heidi Holtan, News and Public Affairs Director, Northern Community Radio.

**8:00**      **Social Time**

## **Thursday, October 26**

- 8:00 am**      **Registration / Breakfast Buffet / Exhibit Hall**
- 9:00**          **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:30**          **Keynote Presentation: *Is Rural Minnesota Poised for the Digital Age?***  
Roberto Gallardo, Assistant Director/CED Specialist, Purdue Center for Regional Development
- 10:30**        **Talking to Communities about Broadband**  
Introduction to research and key findings. Panel response.
- 11:30**        **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm**      **Learning Stations**  
Featuring projects funded through the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.
- 2:30**          **Closing Reflections**  
Bernadine Joselyn, Public Policy & Engagement Director, Blandin Foundation  
Roberto Gallardo, Assistant Director/CED Specialist, Purdue Center for Regional Development
- 3:00**          **Adjourn**



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