



Building our Connected Future: Minnesota's Better with Broadband!

Greysolon Ballroom, Duluth MN

Agenda

Tuesday, November 13

- 10-2pm Minnesota [Governor's Broadband Task Force Meeting](#)
(Not a conference session, but open to the public)
- 1:30 Registration Opens
- 2:05 Conference Opening by Bernadine Joselyn
- 2:10 Welcome by Mayor Ness
- 2:15 News from the Governor's Task Force on Broadband:
What's Up with Minnesota's Broadband Speed and
Adoption Goals?
- 3:00 Open Space: Conversations that help catalyze effective
action towards claiming our broadband-enhanced future.
- 5:30 Reception/Social Time
- 6:15 Dinner
- 7:30 Keynote Speaker: Craig Settles, broadband business
strategist and municipal broadband expert on *The
Business Case for Broadband*
- 8:15 Networking
- 9:30 Adjourn

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Wednesday, November 14

8:00 Breakfast Buffet

9:00 *National Broadband Policy and Its Implication for MN* Tom Koutsky, Chief Policy Council, Connected Nation

10:00 The New Digital Divide

11:00 Blandin Broadband Communities Introduced

11:30 Overview of Blandin Community Broadband Program

11:45 Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Temesi, Global Education, Education Strategist, Cisco

Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

1:00 Round 1

- Applications: Broadband Applications in Healthcare
- Access: ARRA and RUS Projects – Where we Stand
- Adoption: Strategies for Promoting Adoption among non-English Speakers

2:00 Round 2

- Applications: Education
- Access: NextGen Technology and its Impact on Minnesota
- Adoption: Adoption Tools and Practices in Minnesota: No Wrong Door

3:00 Round 3

- Applications: Trends in Business Applications
- Access: State of Research: Availability and Adoption
- Adoption: Video and Web Media: Tools for Community Messaging

4:00 Wrap-up and Adjourn

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