Broadband 2010: Cultivating a Culture of Use

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13

10 am – 4:30 pm Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities Leadership Training

1:15   Optional Tour Fiber Network Construction in the Brainerd Area with Kevin Larson, Consolidated Telephone and Tony Mayer, WC Telephone Assn

5:00	Registration and Reception
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Keynote Presentation: Robert Stephens, Founder, Geek Squad.
7:45	Exhibits / Networking
9:00	Adjourn

Thursday, October 14

7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30	Welcome and Conference Overview
8:45	Presentation and World Café Discussion ~ *Minnesota Broadband Goals: Making it Happen.* Diane Wells, Minnesota Department of Commerce.
10:05	Break
10:20	Panel and Work Session ~ *Seeding Collaboration: Leveraging Broadband Investments.* Paul Brinkman, Northeast Service Cooperative; Craig Taylor, University of Minnesota; Keith Stubbe, SouthWest Minnesota Fiber Project.
12:05 pm	Break
12:20	Lunch
1:00	Dessert and Keynote Presentation: *Global Competition: What's happening around the World?* Robert Bell, Intelligent Community Forum.
1:50	Break
2:05	University of Minnesota-Morris Student Presentation: "We want to live in Intelligent communities!"
2:35	Panel ~ *Addressing the Broadband Gap: What Works?* Steven Renderos, Mainstreet Project; Sam Drong from PCs for People; Mark Skeie, Age4Action Network.
3:50	Panel ~ *Minnesota Intelligent Communities: Is this a valid Approach?* Bill Blazar, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce; Scott Marquardt, Southwest Initiative Foundation; Joe Sertich, Northeast Minnesota Higher Education District.
4:40	Adjourn

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