



## Register Now! CEN Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce that this year's **Member Conference** will be held on **May 22, 2013** at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut.



[Register Here](#)

With last year's event reaching capacity, CEN will move the conference to a larger venue that can accommodate over 200 additional spots for our growing membership. A bigger event will allow for more quality resources to be available during the conference.

CEN cannot act alone to make this event another success. Currently there are sponsorship opportunities available for a variety of budgets. Also, we are currently in the process of gathering session proposals.

Follow CEN on Facebook and Twitter to get up to date information as it becomes available. Registration is open now! If you have any questions regarding the event please contact [Melanie.Raczkowski@uconn.edu](mailto:Melanie.Raczkowski@uconn.edu).

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## Municipality Expansion Project

In July of 2013, state legislators passed new legislation (PA 13-247) that has accomplished two major items. First, it allows all municipalities and regional councils of government access to The Nutmeg Network at a discounted rate. Second, it has created a grant fund that municipalities and regional councils of government (RCOGs) can apply to for achieving connectivity to the fiber optic Nutmeg Network. The legislation states that there has been funding made available for two years, and that the Department of Administrative Services / Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology (DAS/BEST) is responsible for assisting the municipalities and the RCOGs to get their connections up and running.



The Connecticut Education Network (CEN), which reports up through DAS/BEST and UConn, has been tasked by DAS/BEST to assist in the execution of this legislation. CEN has historically been focused solely on schools, libraries and research organizations. By providing connectivity to all of the municipalities and RCOGs, it broadens the member base for The Nutmeg Network. It also increases utilization of the state's multimillion dollar fiber optic asset, brings in more revenue for a better sustainability model for the entire network, and increases the ability to share applications and other resources across the state.

CEN is also looking to provide all of its members additional services above the network layer. Some of these services include web filtering, video teleconferencing, DNS & firewall services, etc.

Sharing applications and services across the state will provide an opportunity for Nutmeg Network members to cut costs by sharing resources, streamlining business processes and creating additional collaborative opportunities.

To date, 8 municipalities have already been connected and over 100 municipalities and RCOGs are in the queue to get connected during the next calendar year. Berlin, Bethel, Cheshire, Killingly, Plainville, Suffield, Waterbury, and Westport are the 8 towns already connected to CEN.

For more information on this project, please contact [Wendy.Rego@uconn.edu](mailto:Wendy.Rego@uconn.edu) or click [here](#)

## Spotlight Members!



In our upcoming newsletters CEN will start to integrate "Spotlight Members". We would like to hear from YOU about something exciting your school or organization is doing. Tell us about how you are using CEN, an accomplishment you have recently achieved, or how you are integrating general technology in a new way. It's easy to reach out to us. All you have to do it fill out [this form](#), and if we like what we see, you will be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

## Lightning Fast Speed!

We've been busy! CEN is in the process of upgrading sites to Cisco ME3600 switches. This will increase internet handoff speeds from 100mbps to 1 Gbps. Since October 1st CEN has upgraded 47 sites!

1. American School for the Deaf (West Hartford)
2. Ann Antolini School
3. Avon High School
4. Bolton High School
5. Booth Free School
6. Bristol Votech
7. Brookfield High School
8. Bullard Haven Votech
9. Burnham Bridgewater School
10. Chester Middle School
11. Connecticut Science Center
12. CREC 2 Rivers Magnet School
13. Danbury Public Library
14. Danbury Votech
15. Deep River Elementary School
16. East Hartford
17. East Hartford High School
18. East Windsor High School
19. Eastern Connecticut State University

- 20. Essex Elementary School
- 21. Fields Memorial School
- 22. Hopkins School
- 23. Horace W. Porter School,
- 24. John Winthrop Middle School
- 25. Litchfield High School
- 26. Manchester Community College
- 27. Nonnewaug High School.
- 28. O'Brien Votech
- 29. Old Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts
- 30. Old Lyme LEARN
- 31. Old Lyme Middle School
- 32. Old Saybrook BOE
- 33. Platt Votech
- 34. Saxton B. Little Library
- 35. Simsbury High School
- 36. Southbury High School
- 37. Terryville Middle School
- 38. The Gunnery School
- 39. Thomaston High School
- 40. Tunixs Community College
- 41. UConn Haddam
- 42. UConn Waterbury
- 43. University of Saint Joesph
- 44. Wamogo Regional High School
- 45. Washington Valley High School
- 46. Watertown High School
- 47. Windsor Locks High School

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