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**\*\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\*\***

**CONNECTICUT'S 169 MUNICIPALITIES INVITED TO  
HALLOWEEN MEETING ON ULTRA-HIGH SPEED "GIG"  
INTERNET NETWORKS AND TO JOIN RFQ SEEKING PUBLIC-  
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

*Middletown Mayor Daniel T. Drew hosts Comptroller Kevin Lembo, New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz, Connecticut Broadband Policy Coordinator Bill Vallee, and representatives from Connecticut's municipalities to discuss effort to bring Gig internet to the State*

(October 29, 2014 – New Britain) “Gigabit-speed internet is the future, and no community wants to get left behind.”

That is how Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz explains the growing interest in a municipal proposal issued by Stamford, West Hartford, and New Haven seeking partners for public-private partnerships to facilitate the development of gigabit-speed “Gig” internet networks in their cities. The proposal, styled as a Request for Qualification or “RFQ,” invites any other interested municipality to join the effort. To date, several additional municipalities have joined, and many others are in the process.

