



## **The Connecticut Office Of Consumer Counsel Presents**

### **TOWARDS A GIGABIT STATE:**

### **A CONVERSATION ABOUT HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Chattanooga, Tennessee has seen a renaissance of high-tech innovation and business development after investing in gigabit service for its businesses and residents. (For a New York Times article about Chattanooga, [click here](#).) Many municipalities in Connecticut are now considering their options for facilitating ultra-high-speed internet service, and the time is ripe for a conversation among the stakeholders.

Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz and State Broadband Coordinator Bill Vallee of the Office of Consumer Counsel invite you to join us for a discussion of the opportunities and challenges for municipalities seeking to bring “gig” service to their communities at our April 11 conference, “TOWARDS A GIGABIT STATE: A CONVERSATION ABOUT HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.”

There will be a keynote address by industry insider Blair Levin, architect of the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) National Broadband Plan and Chief of Staff to FCC Chairman Reed Hundt, and Executive Director of Gig.U, a collaborative of 40 research universities, including the University of Connecticut, across the country attempting to expand access to gigabit service into the communities surrounding their campuses.



With panels of key state and local leaders, this promises to be an interesting and forthright discussion of the possibilities for high-speed internet deployment in Connecticut. In addition, a panel of many of the state's Internet service provider companies moderated by state Rep. Lonnie Reed will discuss the ability of public/private partnerships to expand access to and adoption of broadband services in all Connecticut communities.

Please see the [agenda](#) for more information including registration information.