



# Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating CBICC

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## CBICC MINUTES

Teleconference Meeting, October 3, 2011 ♦ 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### **Introductions**

Mike Chowaniec, Cablevision  
Burt Cohen, Murtha Cullina LLP  
Rob Earley, Comcast  
John Emra, AT&T  
Lou Manzione, *CBICC Chairman*, University of Hartford  
Jack McCoy, Town of Manchester  
Matt Miller, Consultant  
Peter Pescosolido, DPUC  
Anthony Santino, Independent Businesses  
Bill Vallée, Office of Consumer Counsel  
Robert Vietzke, CBICC Vice Chairman, Internet 2

*Also Present:* Richard Strauss with CASE

*Not Present:* Patrick O'Brien, OPM

### **Update on CASE Study: Guidelines for the Development of a Strategic Plan for Access to and Adoption of Broadband Services in Connecticut – Rick Strauss (CASE)**

The CASE Study Committee met in September to review the study findings and recommendations. The CASE Study Management Team revised the draft report based on committee comments and then developed the study's executive summary. The final draft report is now being reviewed by the committee with comments due by October 7. Pending review of revisions based on committee comments, CASE is on schedule for providing CBICC members with the draft report for review and comment on or about October 17, with comments due back to CASE by October 24. Additionally, the November 7 CBICC meeting will provide an opportunity for CBICC discussion on the CASE draft report.

It was decided that CBICC members would submit comments on the draft report individually to CASE. All comments will be shared with the CASE Study Committee and Bill Vallée, Broadband Coordinator and taken into consideration in finalizing the CASE Report. Additionally, the CBICC will have an opportunity to submit comments on the CASE Final Report to Bill Vallée.

### **2011 CBICC Report to the General Assembly – Discussion**

Members discussed the timing of when to present the CBICC Annual Report to the General Assembly and it was decided to prepare the report for presentation in April 2012. Topics to consider for the report include:

- Adoption:
  - Broadband adoption with respect to quality in education across the state
  - low-cost broadband service programs
  - public/private partnerships
- Considerations regarding connecting municipal facilities to the network

### **Focus on Broadband Adoption in Connecticut**

Discussion focused on an opportunity to address educational disparities. It was decided that a CBICC working group will work on this issue. The Group will include: Burt Cohen, Jack McCoy, Lou Manzione, Matt Miller, and Bill Vallée

### **Future Guest Speakers**

- Scott Taylor, Connecticut Education Network, will be the guest speaker for the November 7 meeting.
- Comcast Internet Essentials Program: Rob Earley will confirm availability of a Comcast speaker to provide an overview of this low-cost broadband adoption program.
- Potential Topics for Future Speakers
  - Best Practices from other states on public/private partnerships
  - Impacts of state government reorganization regarding broadband issues.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting of the CBICC is scheduled for November 7, 2011

Adjourned.