

# RURAL BROADBAND SYMPOSIUM

**HOSTED BY CONGRESSMAN CHRIS GIBSON**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – REGISTRATION OPENS 8:30 AM**

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Develop your strategy for expanding broadband in your community!

The purpose of the **Rural Broadband Symposium** is to bring together broadband providers, government officials, anchor institution representatives and civic leaders interested in the expansion of quality broadband service to un-served areas. There is not one solution to expanding broadband because each community and situation is different. This conference will provide each participant with the Congressman's Broadband Guide and the opportunity to speak with experts, service providers and leaders thereby helping attendees to assess their own unique situation and development of a customized action plan.



**Moderator – Peter Aust, President & CEO  
Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Panelists:

<b>Government Leaders: 9:30 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Government Workshop: 10:00 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Case Studies: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Service Providers: 12:00 - 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Congressman CHRIS GIBSON</b>  <b>Senator BETTY LITTLE</b>  <b>Assemblyman TONY JORDAN</b>	<b>ROB O'HARA</b> , USDA (RUS) <b>DAVID SALWAY</b> , New York State Broadband Program Office <b>MARK WESTCOTT</b> , <b>SHAY MASON</b> , Rep. Chris Gibson, Federal/FCC Update <b>KEITH SCHERER</b> , Sen. Betty Little <b>CHRIS DEBOLT</b> , Assemblyman Tony Jordan <b>MEG WOOD</b> , Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward	<b>BILL FEREBEE</b> , Supervisor, Town of Keene <b>ROBERT PUCKETT</b> , President, New York State Telecommunications Association <b>WILLIAM FARBER</b> , Chairman, Adirondack Partnership <b>DAVE WOLFF</b> , Chairman, ADK Action <b>KATHLEEN WHITLEY-HARM</b> , <b>ROSEMARY O'BRIEN</b> , Greene County Citizens for Better Broadband	<b>CHARLIE WILLIAMS</b> , VP Government Affairs, Time Warner Cable <b>SAM CALDWELL</b> , VP Government Affairs, Verizon Wireless <b>GREG MACCONNELL</b> , President, PrimeLink <b>JIM FORCIER</b> , CEO, Westelcom <b>TODD RULISON</b> , Gen. Mgr. Frontier Communications <b>LEIF OVESON</b> , National Telecommunications Cooperative Association

Available in the lobby, starting at 8:30 am, will be representatives from the attending institutions and offices to further discuss one on one with attendees and provide information.

Each recipient will receive a copy of Congressman Gibson's Rural Broadband Guide providing information and resources including a tool kit for the development of a customized strategy.

**Who should attend the Rural Broadband Symposium? Just about anyone interested in bringing broadband to un-served areas:**

- Business owners
- Educators
- Librarians
- Safety professionals
- Health Care professionals
- Home owners



*As I have travelled the 137 towns throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, much of which is rural, I have heard from a number of people who have asked for help bringing broadband service to un-served areas. Broadband is an essential tool in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for all walks of life. This symposium has been created to bring leaders together for a productive and positive discussion to try and find solutions.*

*Congressman Chris Gibson*

To Pre-Register, call Congressman Gibson's office, 518-743-0964 or email [mark.westcott@mail.house.gov](mailto:mark.westcott@mail.house.gov)