



Second Annual Michigan Broadband Conference Slated for This Month

Explore best practices in leveraging technology for improving regional quality of life, fostering economic development

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Lansing, MI – The **2014 Michigan Broadband Conference** is slated for Wednesday, October 29, at the Radisson in downtown Lansing. Building on the overwhelming success of last year's event, the conference brings together community broadband champions, technology providers, and policy makers from across the state to discuss broadband access, adoption, and usage.

"This year's conference will have something for everyone," said Eric Frederick, Connect Michigan's executive director. "Whether you're a local government official or staff, economic developer, educator, librarian, small business owner, technology provider, or concerned citizen, rural or urban, everyone will find useful content and interesting keynote speakers at this Michigan Broadband Conference."

This year's keynote speakers will highlight local, state, and federal efforts to improve technology adoption and usage among government, schools, libraries, and other sectors.

Confirmed keynotes include the following:

- **Dr. Cable Green** - Director of Global Learning, Creative Commons
- **Dr. Bill Dutton** - Chair, Quello Center for Telecommunications Studies, Michigan State University
- **Andrew Spurgeon** - Program Officer, US Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- **Harold Feld** - Senior Vice President, Public Knowledge

- **Allyson Knox** - Director of Education Policy and Programs, US Government Affairs Division, Microsoft

Connect Michigan has partnered with the [Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband \(SHLB\) Coalition](#) for this year's event. Apart from a powerful lineup of keynote speakers, breakout session topics will include gigabit networks, rural infrastructure, technology adoption for small businesses, women in technology, state of Michigan education network, and technology for seniors, and many others.

Additionally, Connect Michigan annually recognizes individuals and organizations that are significantly impacting Michigan's broadband landscape. If you know of an individual, organization, or company that is working to expand the access, adoption, and use of technology in any sector, nominate them for a Michigan Broadband Hero Award. [Nominations can be submitted by clicking here.](#)

They hope to see you at the Radisson in Lansing on October 29. Seats are limited so register today! [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

This year's event is sponsored by the following: Michigan Public Service Commission, Frontier Communications, COMLINK, Courtland Consulting, Charter Business, AARP, Clark Hill, PLC, Peninsula Fiber Network, US Signal, ACD.net, Lynx Network Group, and CenturyLink. Vendor space and sponsorship packages are still available [by clicking here.](#)

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About Connect Michigan: As the designated entity for broadband mapping and planning in the state of Michigan, Connect Michigan is a public-private partnership between the Michigan Public Service Commission and Connected Nation to work with local governments, businesses, and citizens in the goal of increasing broadband service in the state's underserved areas. For more information about what Connect Michigan is doing to accelerate technology in Michigan's communities, visit www.connectmi.org. **Follow Connect Michigan on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).**