

The Broadband Strategy Council

Meeting July 24, 2009

1:30 PM, Office of Information Technology, 36 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine

The Broadband Strategy Council (“BBSC”) is created to advise the ConnectME Authority (“Authority”) on all matters pertaining to broadband opportunities available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as well as advise the University of Maine System with respect to matters pertaining to the lease or sale of excess broadband capacity of the educational broadband service (“EBS”). Members of the BBSC include:

1. Senator Lawrence Bliss, Senate Chair
2. Representative Cynthia Dill, House Chair
3. Senator Christopher Rector
4. Representative Bruce MacDonald
5. Representative Kenneth Fletcher
6. Wayne Gallant, DAFS, Office of Information Technology
7. John Richardson, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development
8. Vendean Vafiades, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission
9. Phillip Lindley, Executive Director, ConnectME
10. Jeffrey LeTourneau, Director, Communications and Network Services, University of Maine System
11. Jeff Mao, MDOE, Representing the Maine School and Library Network

AGENDA

1. **Introductions**
2. **Overview of ARRA broadband provisions:**
 - National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”)*
\$4.7 billion - Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (“BTOP”)
 - Rural Utilities Service (“RUS”)*
\$2.5 billion - Broadband Initiatives Program (“BIP”)
3. **EBS Overview**
4. **Broadband and ARRA Status Reports** – limited to 5 minutes please:
 - a. Department of Economic and Community Development
 - b. ConnectME Authority
 - c. University of Maine
 - d. Maine School and Library Network
 - e. Office of Information Technology
5. **Set Goals for BBSC**
 - a. Identify Stakeholders (private, public, political)
 - b. Process
 - c. Outcome
 - d. Schedule Meetings