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Western Massachusetts Broadband Workshop

Sponsored by USDA and Senator Edward M. Kennedy

When: **October 15, 2008**
9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Where: **Grand Ballroom**
The Hotel Northampton
36 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060
413-584-3100

The event is free, but please register (see below)

This **FREE** workshop is for businesses, local governments, economic developers, educators, libraries, health care and emergency services agencies and others who want to learn more about broadband matters relevant to this region. Topics to be covered include potential funding sources for Broadband through USDA Rural Development, and broadband issues and opportunities in western Massachusetts.

Time will be available for individual meetings of prospective loan or grant applicants with Rural Development staff.

Conference Agenda

8:00-9:00 am	Registration/Refreshments	1:00-2:00 pm	A Broadband Success Story Charlie Davenport Topsham Communications
9:00-9:30 am	Welcome David Tuttle, Rural Development State Director, Massachusetts Other Speakers to be announced	2:00-2:30 pm	Public/Private Partnerships to Bring Broadband to Rural America Gary Marx Marx and Lieberman
9:30-11:00 am.	The USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs for Broadband Deployment Mary Campanola, Rural Development Telecommunications Program	2:30-3:30 pm	Q & A Open Discussion on Next Steps, Possible Partnerships Facilitated by David Tuttle and Mary Campanola
11:00-12:00 am	Massachusetts Broadband Issues and Opportunities Speakers to be announced	3:30-5:00 pm	Individual discussions with Rural Development staff as desired
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch on your own		

To register: Please email Maril Alsup-Stockwell at Maril.Stockwell@ma.usda.gov. Please provide name, title, organization/company, and phone number for each attendee. For questions on the USDA Rural Development broadband programs, please visit www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/ or contact Mary Campanola at 202-720-8822 or Mary.Campanola@wdc.usda.gov

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