

NH TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT—MAY 2011



Scott Valcourt addresses the NH Telecom Summit

Network New Hampshire Now (NNHN) was one of almost 30 vendors in attendance at the 2011 New Hampshire Telecom Summit. Scott Valcourt, UNH Director of Strategic Technology and principle investigator for NNHN, was the keynote address for the conference. His presentation focused on a wide range of telecommunications initiatives that are being managed to improve broadband connectivity in the state, and rallied the group to work together to improve broadband in New Hampshire.

There are several broadband initiatives currently underway in New Hampshire. In addition to the Network NH Now BTOP project there are three Broadband Investment Program (BIP) projects for last mile broadband expansion. These are being managed by the Kearsarge Telephone Company, the Bretton Woods Telephone company, and the Merrimack County Telephone Company. The State Broadband Initiative



Sean Purcell of New Hampshire OS and Doug Green from NNHN collaborate at the summit.

awarded a grant to UNH GRANIT to map broadband availability and plan the expansion of broadband statewide. The New England Telehealth Consortium was awarded a FCC grant to build sustainable broadband health care networks in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The New Hampshire Electric Coop was awarded two Smart Grid grants by the Department of Energy to improve network infrastructures, meters, and switches. Grants addressing Cyber infrastructure Investments in Science, Research, and Education were awarded to UNH and Dartmouth.



Carole Monroe, Director of NH FastRoads, discusses her project with Victor Drouin, President of Green Mountain Communications

Telecommunications companies and community leaders were challenged to continue to work together to make improvements in our infrastructure that could pave the way for advances in telemedicine, e-government, home communications, and long distance learning .

Network New Hampshire Now was represented at the NH Telecom Summit by (l to r) Sue Corcoran, Doug Green, Brian Shepperd, and Ingo Roemer



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