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### **CIT Announces Series of Broadband Strategy Workshops**

*CIT Broadband service line, Va. Tech and SNG partner to help communities with broadband deployment*

March 3, 2014 (HERNDON, Va.) – The Center for Innovative Technology announced today a series of regional broadband strategies workshops across Virginia.

Sandie Terry, Program Manager of CIT Broadband, said, “These workshops are focused on helping communities overcome obstacles to broadband access by educating community leaders on strategies to achieve expanded broadband access.”

The workshops will cover Virginia’s Community Broadband Planning Strategies Guide, updated Broadband Toolkit and associated broadband deployment planning tools, as well as a public-private partnership case study. Some workshops will include a presentation by the President of Fiber to the Home Council of the Americas. The final 30-45 minutes of every workshop will be a Q&A to allow time to discuss the specific challenges attendees are facing in their community. Every pre-registered locality or district will receive a custom mapbook which includes broadband coverage maps and vertical asset maps for their community.

The five workshops are co-hosted by CIT, SNG and Virginia Tech. The locations, dates and times are as follows:

- St. Stephens Church, March 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Targets localities in Middle Peninsula Planning District, Northern Neck PDC, George Washington RC and Accomack-Northhampton PDC.
- Lexington, March 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Targets localities in Roanoke Valley Alleghany RC, Central Shenandoah PDC and Region 2000 LGC.
- Lebanon, April 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Targets localities in Lenowisco PDC, Cumberland Plateau PDC, Mount Rogers PDC and NRV PDC.
- Keysville, April 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Targets localities in Commonwealth RC, Southside PDC and West Piedmont PDC.
- Surry, May 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Targets localities in Crater PDC, Hampton Roads PDC and Richmond Regional PDC.

For more information or to register, please contact Caroline Stolle ([caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org)).

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