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## Message from the Board

Dear vtTA Members & Supporters,

Summer in Vermont. It's the perfect time to get together to celebrate tech in the Green Mountain State, network, and relax at the vtTA's annual sunset dinner cruise on August 21. We'll board the Spirit of Ethan Allen for an informal, fun evening featuring an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and dinner amid the spectacular setting of Lake Champlain - and it's a great way for support the vtTA. Plan to sign up today. Also, if you'd like to support the vtTA and sponsor the event, please contact Jeff Couture at jeffcouturevtta@comcast.net.

Looking ahead, <u>Tech Jam</u> returns in October and once again the vtTA will sponsor and present the second annual Tech Jam awards. Details to come, but we intend to again recognize a Vermont innovation and an ambassador who has helped define the state as a home for technology business. So, start thinking of worthy nominees for this year's "Jammies."

#### **Jeff Couture**

Executive Director, Vermont Technology Alliance

## Useful Links

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## **Upcoming Events**

#### 8th Annual Sunset Dinner Cruise

[Aug. 21, 2013 - Spirit of Ethan Allen]

Set sail with the Vermont Technology Alliance and friends aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen for our eighth annual sunset cruise! Enjoy spirits and a plated dinner amid the spectacular setting of Lake Champlain.

For more information, click here

### **HackVT**

[Oct. 11 - 12, 2013 - Champlain Mill]

HackVT will be held in Winooski, Vermont at the Champlain Mill. Teams may arrive at 3pm on Friday, October 11 to set up and start coding, and the event will kick off at 6pm for 24 hours of hacking and creative thinking. \$10,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs (and maybe a little extra!) Prizes

will be awarded to the top three teams, as well as a special prize for the best student team.

For more information, click here

#### Vermont Tech In the News

# Cost of Health Care IT Projects to Top \$427 Million Over Five Years

[Jul. 25, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

An independent consulting firm projects that over the next five years the Vermont and federal governments will shell out more than \$427 million to launch and run the state's new health care-related information technology systems.

For more information, click here

### Have News?

We're interested in keeping members up to date with all technology related news in Vermont. Have a story or event you would like to share? Have a link you believe would be helpful to members? Click the button below to submit your news or event item.

**SUBMIT NEWS** 

## Ruby Course, Code Camp and Conference Coming Soon

[Jul. 25, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

If you live in the Burlington area and you want to learn to code, you're in luck. There are not one, but two programming classes in the next couple weeks geared toward beginners. And the second annual Burlington Ruby Conference is also right around the corner.

For more information, click here

# **Comcast Launches X1 Platform in Connecticut, Western Massachusetts and Vermont**

[Jul. 24, 2013 - Source: TechJamVT.com]

Comcast, one of the nation's leading providers of entertainment, information, and communications products and services, has announced the launch of the X1 Platform from Xfinity across Connecticut, Western Massachusetts and Vermont, making the technology available throughout all of New England.

For more information, click here

# Tech Vault Inc and Cabot Creamery Partner on Data Center Agreement

[Jul. 22, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

Tech Vault, Inc has announced that it has entered into a long term agreement with Cabot® Creamery Cooperative Inc. of Cabot, Vermont to support their data center consolidation and technology upgrade efforts.

For more information, click here

### **Summit Technologies Acquires NOWIRZ Assets to Create Leading**

### Regional Wi-Fi Access Provider

[Jul. 22, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

Summit Technologies of Wiliston, Vermont, a high-speed wireless and guest access Wi-Fi provider, operating advanced networks throughout New England, announced today it has completed the purchase of all the substantial assets of NOWIRZ, LLC of Rochester, NH.

For more information, click here

## **Exporting Vermont: BioTek Trains Overseas Sales Teams**

[Jul. 18, 2013 - Source: TechJamVT.com]

BioTek Instruments is headquartered in a modest industrial park in Winooski, where its 250 Vermont employees design and manufacture microplate instrumentation and software. But BioTek isn't just selling to local customers - its products are used in hospitals, universities and research centers all over the world.

For more information, click here

## Sanders: Southern Vermont Getting Fastest Internet Service in US

[Jul. 17, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) said today that a region in southeastern Vermont is getting the fastest consumer connection to the Internet anywhere in the United States.

For more information, click here

## State Seeks Online System for Motor Vehicle Inspections

[Jul. 11, 2013 - Source: VTdigger.org]

Ink and paper might soon become a faint memory for Vermont auto technicians who conduct state inspections. The Administrative Rules Committee gave the Department of Motor Vehicles the go-ahead Thursday to seek bids for a software system that will collect state inspection data online.

For more information, click here

## **Burlington Group Hopes to Bring More Women Into Tech Field**

[Jul. 9, 2013 - Source: VPR.net]

The tech industry is a popular, growing field in Vermont and around the country. But the vast majority of employees are male. Many in the industry are trying to change that. There are organizations in several major cities devoted to teaching women how to break into the tech world. The Vermont chapter of Girl Develop It is one of them.

For more information, click here

### Vermont ISP Delivers Google Fiber Speeds for Half the Price

[Jul. 4, 2013 - Source: BGR.com]

Google Fiber is far from the only high-speed fiber service rolling out in the United States. Ars Technica reports that small Vermont telecom company VTel, with a big assist from an \$81 million stimulus grant from the federal government, has started rolling out a fiber network to its 17,500 customers and charging them around \$35 a month for gigabit Internet service.

For more information, click here

# Tech Valley Communications Completes Acquisition of Vermont's TelJet Longhaul Assets

[Jul. 1, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

Tech Valley Communications (TVC) of Albany, NY, a facilities-based telecommunications service provider operating advanced fiber networks in Upstate New York and Northern New England, announced today it has completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of Vermont-based TelJet Longhaul, LLC, including TelJet's Vermont and New Hampshire fiber networks and its recently built colocation facility.

For more information, click here

#### **Featured Member**

#### Dinse Knapp McAndrew



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Would you like to see your company highlighted? Know of a company the vtTA should be talking about? Send us an email at <a href="mailto:newsletter@vtta.org">newsletter@vtta.org</a>

## **New Member Update**

The Vermont Technology Alliance continues to welcome new members to the organization. New members joining in the past few months include representatives of these diverse and innovative companies: <u>Aerie</u> Consulting, Casenet LLC, Chroma Technology Corp., CSL SoftwareSolutions, Girl Zone Corp., IWD

Innovations, PerfectJob, LLC, Route 802, Symquest, Vermont Design Works.

#### **Useful Information & Links**

#### **Vermont EPSCoR Use of Facilities Awards**

Vermont EPSCoR will provide the opportunity for Vermont small businesses to compete for grants to use facilities at the University of Vermont (UVM) to collect the data necessary for the submission of Phase (I) and Phase (II) federal grants.

Read more here or email epscor@uvm.edu

#### **Vermont-Made Video Game Attempts to Curb Runoff**

Thousands of gallons of stormwater runoff have surged into Lake Champlain the last few months, polluting the lake and hurting local wildlife. Runoff, a new arcade game, invites players to use a rain barrel to stop the rain from hitting the storm drains. The free game, brought to you by Seven Days, Kids VT, Birnam Wood Games and the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, is playable online and at ECHO. Seven Days will donate a quarter to the Let It Rain Stormwater Program for each of the first 1000 games played.

Play the game here

#### Improved FLC Search Tool Delivers Technology Opportunities

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Access the search engine here

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