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Message from the Board

Dear vtTA Members & Supporters,

We're looking forward to the **Tech Jam** on Oct. 18 and 19. The Vermont Technology Alliance has been an organizing sponsor of this annual tech expo since its beginning, and we're pleased to be part of this year's event.

Again this year, we're presenting the **Tech Jam awards** with the support of a generous sponsorship from the Merchants Bank. The "Jammies," will recognize a Vermont technology innovation and a Vermont technology ambassador. We received a range of outstanding nominations. We're pleased to announced that that finalists for the Innovation Award are BioTek Instruments, Pwnie Express, and MBF Bioscience. The finalists for the Ambassador award are Found Line, FreshTracks Capital and MyWebGrocer. The winners will be announced following the close of the Jam on Friday night at the exhibitors' reception and awards event.

This year, thanks to sponsorships from Physician's Computing Company (PCC) and FairPoint Communications we also are able to provide two booths for participants who otherwise would not be able to exhibit at the event. Participating together in a booth are Champlain College gaming students **Team Aurora** and New York game designer **Tim Fielder**, who's looking to establish some Vermont roots. The FairPoint booth will feature representatives from the Burlington chapter of **Girl Develop IT**.

We also want to thank the following companies for sponsoring the vtTA advertisement in the program guide that highlights our mission to support Vermont's technology business sector: Dinse Knapp McAndrew, Empower Mobility, FairPoint Communications, FirstLight Fiber, Hen House Media, Merchants Bank, MyWebGrocer, and PCC.

We hope you can make it to the Jam and come visit us at our booth.

Jeff Couture

Executive Director, Vermont Technology Alliance

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Upcoming Events

Vermont Tech Jam

[Oct. 18 -19, 2013 - Memorial Auditorium]

Seven Days and vtTA are organizing this two-day job fair and tech expo, which will gather dozens of Vermont's most innovative companies and organizations all under one roof. It's completely free and provides an opportunity for job seekers, career changers and students to talk with

recruiters, participate in panel discussions and other programs, and find out about educational opportunities available right here in Vermont.

For more information, click [here](#)

Creative Convergence

[Oct. 19, 2013 - Office of the Creative Economy]

Join Michael Jager (JDK Design), Marguerite Dibble (Birnam Wood Games), Paul Budnitz (Budnitz Bicycles), and creative people from across sectors for a fun mixer on Oct. 19, from 7-9 p.m. as the Office of the Creative Economy presents the first in a series of creative economy profiles.

For more information, click [here](#)

Pitch Vermont Life

[Oct. 24, 2013 - Office of the Creative Economy]

The Office of the Creative Economy and Vermont Life are partnering to host our fourth listening session where we're looking for stories of creativity at the nexus of people, place, and innovative products.

For more information, click [here](#)

The Future of Cyber: Cyber Security Lecture by VADM Mike McConnell

[Oct. 24 - 2013 - Plumley Armory, Norwich University]

VADM Mike McConnell (Vice Chairman, Booz Allen Hamilton) will be speaking on "The Future of Cyber" and what the federal government, and business sector, is and is not doing in order to prevent cyber attacks.

For more information, click [here](#)

VEC Annual Meeting and Trade Show

[Nov. 21, 2013 - Opera House, Rutland VT]

CELEBRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY BUSINESS SECTORS. Sponsored by VEC, Green Mountain Power and the Regional Development Corporations of Vermont

For more information, click [here](#)

Vermont Tech In the News

Have News?

Burlington Named US Ignite Partner, Launches BTV IGNITE Website

[Oct. 16, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

William Wallace, executive director of US Ignite, announced Tuesday that the City of Burlington has been named a US Ignite partner. Mayor Miro Weinberger announced that Burlington has branded its local Ignite initiative "BTV IGNITE: New England's Gigabit City" and launched a new website, as well as introduced his BTV IGNITE Advisory Group. Further, Weinberger encouraged the public to attend and participate in the upcoming 7th Annual Vermont Tech Jam, scheduled for this Friday and Saturday at Memorial Auditorium.

For more information, click [here](#)
To view the BTV Ignite website, click [here](#)

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.

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2013 Tech Jam Award Finalists Announced

[Oct. 11, 2013 - Source: TechJamVT.com]

The Vermont Technology Alliance received numerous nominations for this year's second annual Vermont Tech Jam Innovator and Ambassador awards, aka the Jammies, sponsored by Merchants Bank.

The Innovation Award will be presented to the individual or business with the most innovative new product, application of technology, or way of doing business. The Ambassador Award will be presented to an individual or business whose leadership and actions positively represent Vermont as a home for technology business, and whose efforts help put Vermont "on the map" as a place for technology businesses to start, succeed and grow.

For more information, click [here](#)

Champlain Mini Maker Faire Draws Over 2,400

[Oct 9, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

The second-annual Champlain Mini Maker Faire drew a crowd of over 2,400 people to Shelburne Farms, Sept. 28 and 29. Over 70 Makers from across Vermont gathered to show the public what they had made and discuss what they learned in the process.

For more information, click [here](#)

State of Vermont Celebrates '50 Innovations Made in Vermont'

[Oct. 7, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

Automatic milk-shake machines. Solar-powered street lamps. Bullet-proof eyewear. Life-sized animated dinosaurs. This October, Vermont highlights these and other products in a first-time celebration of "50 Innovations Made In Vermont."

For more information, click [here](#)

Patent Trolls Cost Jobs

[Oct. 3, 2013 - Source: BurlingtonFreePress.com]

MyWebGrocer's Jerry Tarrant describes how patent trolls can cost companies jobs and money in this commentary.

For more information, click [here](#)

StartupVT Officially Launches

[Oct. 1, 2013 - Source: StartupVT.org]

StartupVT, the Green Mountain State's version of the national Startup America Partnership, announced it has officially launched. The program has two events scheduled and five more in the works and reports it's ready for action.

For more information, click [here](#)

Interview: Vt. App Developers Find Success

[Sept. 30, 2013 - Source: VPR.net]

App developers in Vermont are working in diverse sectors -- from the great outdoors to health care delivery. Vermont Public Radio spotlights a few apps in development here with David Bradbury of the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies. VCET was recently named one of the 11 best tech incubators in the world by UBI.

For more information, click [here](#)

Vermont Youth Exodus?

[Sept. 30, 2013 - Source: VermontLife.com]

Vermont Life Magazine looks at Vermont's long-time concern with the exodus of young people to other states, and finds that with the presence of companies like Dealer.com, it may not be as bad as feared.

For more information, click [here](#)

Burlington Area Home to Start-up and Tech Innovation

[Sept. 18, 2013 - Source: BurlingtonFreePress.com]

The Burlington-South Burlington metro area is home to an impressive amount of thriving startup and tech innovation activity, writes Cairn Cross of FreshTracks Capital. During 2013, there were a number of third party national studies that highlighted this critical mass of innovation and entrepreneurship.

For more information, click [here](#)

Mylan Technologies Gets Boost From State in Complex Property Swap

[Sept. 12, 2013 - Source: VermontBiz.com]

The Shumlin administration brought in three state departments, a state funding agency and lawmakers to seal the deal on a complex financing plan for a new state office building in St. Albans on Wednesday.

For more information, click [here](#)

Front Porch Forum Now Available in Every Vermont Town

[Sept. 11, 2013 - Source: VTRural.org]

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) and Front Porch Forum (FPF) announced that Front Porch Forum will be available statewide in every Vermont town and neighborhood.

For more information, click [here](#)

BioTek Wins Scientists' Choice Award

[Sept. 10, 2013 - Source: SelectScience.net]

Winooski's BioTek Instruments won a Scientists' Choice award from SelectScience for its new Cytation 3, a medical research tool that combines automated digital microscopy and conventional microplate detection.

For more information, click [here](#)

More Women Scientists Isn't Rocket Science

[Sept. 5, 2013 - Source: VTDigger.org]

Tiffany Bluemle of Vermont Works for Women and Jan Blomstrann of Renewable NRG Systems offer advice on getting more women into science, technology, engineering and math careers.

For more information, click [here](#)

State Regulators Say Universal Broadband is Within Reach

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

Broadband projects for all but 200 places in Vermont have been set in motion, bringing the state much closer to the governor's goal of bringing universal broadband to "every last mile" by the end of this year.

For more information, click [here](#)

Featured Member

Competitive Computing



C2, also known as Competitive Computing, is a Vermont-based technology services firm specializing in internet business solutions and enterprise technology infrastructure. Their industry-leading technology solutions are custom designed to help position their clients to compete in an increasingly fast-paced and highly connected world. For over 20 years, C2 has worked with brand-name businesses, as well as educational and governmental institutions, to deliver award-winning solutions while earning premiere status partnerships with vendors such as Microsoft, Dell, VMware and EMC. Serving clients throughout the northeast, their client list includes national and local brands. In 2013, C2 was once again recognized as one of the top 5 fastest growing tech companies in Vermont.

For more information, visit <http://www.competitive.com/>.

Would you like to see your company highlighted? Know of a company the vtTA should be talking about? Send us an email at newsletter@vtta.org

Useful Information & Links

Essex STEM Academy Seeks Speakers, Mentors

The STEM Academy at Essex High School is designed to give students the ability to explore their interest in the fields of science and technology. Students in the Academy will meet interesting guest speakers, participate in job shadowing experiences and produce independent, creative projects. Their diploma will have a STEM stamp to indicate that they have gone above and beyond in the areas of scientific exploration and creativity.

The academy is looking for people who are willing to be guest speakers at Essex High School, to host students for job shadowing experiences or to mentor students as they create their own projects. If you have any interest in helping, please contact Lea Ann Smith at EHS at lsmith@ccsuvt.org

VT EPSCoR Offering Facilities Grants

VT EPSCoR is provide a funding opportunity with awards of up to \$5,000 to Vermont based businesses.

Use of Facilities for Private Sector provides the opportunity to compete for up to \$5,000 grants for the use of facilities at UVM.

- Rolling Deadline - you may submit a proposal at any time
- To see full submission guidelines, please visit:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~epscor/redirect/use>

Know of any resources that would be helpful to vtTA members? Send us an email at newsletter@vtta.org

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