

OMEGA

SPECIAL MEETING— *CONNECTING APPALACHIA* BROADBAND IN OHIO'S ARC COUNTIES

WHEN

February 25, 2009

Noon Lunch

(Reservations required Cost \$15)

Meeting 12:45

Open to the public

*Please let us know how many
are attending to ensure adequate
sitting*

WHERE

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Tom Reid, President of Reid Consulting, will address the OMEGA board on an important new initiative. It will be of special interest to schools, health care facilities, economic development officials, and rural access advocates. This project hopes to bring robust broadband access to all of Ohio's Appalachian counties. It is a four phase project.

The first phase is partially funded already through a FCC grant to provide connectivity to some health care providers. It will allow the creation of a fiber optic backbone .

The second phase will allow wireless coverage to as much as 85% of the rural areas in the region. Primary, secondary, and tertiary towers will create the opportunity for wireless internet service providers to service the area.

The third phase would allow world class connectivity for industrial parks with fiber-optic links to existing industrial parks.

The final phase would advance world-class health care to Appalachia using broadband medical tools providing new telemedicine techniques.

Please attend to find out all the details.