



IT-oLogY, 1301 Gervais, Columbia, SC 29201  
May 13, 2015 – 11:30am to 7:30pm

## ***Broadband's Impact on South Carolina***

### **10:00am - South Carolina Statehouse Visit (Optional)**

No trip to Columbia is complete without a visit to the Statehouse – especially when the legislature is in session. This year we are working to introduce our Connected Community Champions from around the state to their respective legislative delegations. We will visit the House and Senate galleries, watch as they deliberate, and listen as they welcome us for our tour. By appearing, our job is to underscore the importance of broadband to just about every aspect of South Carolina's economy.

### **11:30am - Private VIP Luncheon (Suite 200, Forums)**

This is an invitation-only event that will be focused on the public policy issues that are facing the telecommunications industry. Connected Nation's chief policy analyst Tom Koutsky (Washington, DC) will be on hand to provide a briefing on the most recent FCC rulings including Net Neutrality and the new 25Mb "advanced broadband" benchmark. Without providing an opinion, Mr. Koutsky will weigh-in on both sides of the recent decisions and we think you'll find this fascinating. In addition, we'll also explore South Carolina's policy positions vs. other states.

### **1:00pm - Broadband's Impact on South Carolina, General Sessions (Theater)**

As a collaboration with our friends at IT-oLogY, we'll present a series of presentations that showcase the impact of broadband on education, healthcare, rural communities, entrepreneurship and innovation, and economic development. Many of South Carolina's broadband community champions will be here live to tell their stories!

### **4:15pm – Richland County becomes First Certified Connected State Capitol! (Theater)**

Come find out what it means to be Certified Connected and watch as the Richland County team presents their Technology Action Plan and receives their award for becoming Certified Connected! Torrey Rush, Chairman of Richland County Council, and Mayor Steve Benjamin will be on hand to share their thoughts on the impact of broadband to each of our daily lives. Hear from a group of USC students as they describe their semester-long efforts to collect the necessary data for this massive project.



### **5:30pm – Tech after Five / Broadband Showcase (Forums)**

Tech after Five is live professional networking for IT Professionals, entrepreneurs and the people who can help them. Join us for this special night at IT-oLogY! During this event the room will be full of sponsor exhibits and you will be able to see live demonstrations of a variety of broadband-enabled products and services!



### **Likely Audience / Sponsor Opportunity**

This event is likely to attract an audience of approximately 200 IT, education and policy leaders throughout South Carolina.

To register: <http://SCconnections2015.eventbrite.com>