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Message from the Board

Useful Links

Dear vtTA Members & Supporters,

It's summertime, and what better time to get together and network with the Vermont's tech community and supporters?

The vtTA is partnering with the Vermont Biosciences Alliance for a [Bio and Tech Beer](#) social event on July 22 at the Queen City Brewery. We hope you can join us for this informal gathering.

And sign up now to attend the vtTA's annual signature event, the [sunset dinner cruise on August 27](#). We'll board the Spirit of Ethan Allen for an informal, fun evening featuring refreshments and dinner amid the spectacular setting of Lake Champlain. The cruise is made possible thanks to support of generous sponsors, which include major sponsors, [FirstLight Fiber](#) and [PCC](#), and supporting sponsors the [University of Vermont](#) and the [Vermont Biosciences Alliance](#).

The vtTA will once again present the annual Tech Jam Awards, sponsored by [Merchants Bank](#) at the Tech Jam event on Oct. 23 & 24. The nomination forms for the Innovation Award and the Ambassador Award will be available soon - so get ready to participate. New applicants as well as those who missed taking home the honors last year are encouraged to apply.

Jeff Couture

Executive Director, Vermont Technology Alliance

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Upcoming Events

[Bio and Tech Beer Social Event](#)

[July 22, 2015 - Queen City Brewery, Burlington]

Become a Sponsor

We have sponsorship opportunities in our newsletter, for our Lunch & Learn and social events, on our website, and much more.



Click the link below to contact us.



The vtTA is partnering with the Vermont Biosciences Alliance for this "Bio and Tech Beer" social at the Queen City Brewery on Pine Street in Burlington. Network and unwind with others involved in the Vermont biosciences and technology fields at this informal gathering.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Rutland Mini Maker Faire

[August 1, 2015 - Rutland]

The Rutland Mini Maker Faire is part science fair, part county fair, and something entirely new. As a celebration of the Maker Movement, it's a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness.

For more information, click [here](#).

Burlington Ruby Conference

[August 1-2, 2015 - Main Street Landing, Burlington]

The Burlington Ruby Conference is a gathering for those who use and are interested in the Ruby programming language. The event is single track, with talks spread over the course of two days.

For more information, click [here](#).

Road Pitch

[August 3-7, 2015 - Statewide]



Road Pitch is a four day motorcycle tour of Vermont by "business bikers" who ride around the state and stop in various towns to listen to

entrepreneurs pitch their business concepts. Road Pitch will stop in eight towns during the first week in August.

To view the schedule, click [here](#).

VtTA's Annual Dinner Cruise

[August 27, 2015 - Spirit of Ethan Allen, Burlington]



Join the Vermont Technology Alliance for its annual sunset dinner cruise on Thursday, August 27 on the Spirit of Ethan Allen. The cruise is an informal, fun event and a great time for socializing, networking and celebrating the vtTA and tech in VT.

Details and registration are available [here](#).

Vermont Technology News

GBIC presents achievement award to Ken Merritt

[July 15, 2015 - Source: vermontbiz.com]

The Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) has presented the 2015 C. Harry Behney Lifetime Economic Development Achievement Award to Ken Merritt, Managing Director of the law firm of Merritt & Merritt & Moulton in Burlington.

For more, click [here](#).

Draker and Inaccess Join Forces

[July 14, 2015 - Source: Press Release]



Draker Inc. and Inaccess announced that they are joining forces to provide industry-leading photovoltaic monitoring and asset management solutions. This agreement enables the two companies to combine their technology platforms and global delivery capabilities that currently serve a combined portfolio of 5 gigawatts of utility and commercial-scale solar power plants from 3400 sites across five continents.

For more, click [here](#).

Dynapower Announces Contract with Tesla

[July 14, 2015 - Source: Press Release]

Dynapower Company announced that it will supply 250 kW energy storage inverters as an integral part of Tesla's recently announced Powerpack Commercial battery systems for large commercial and utility customers. Tesla selected the Dynapower system based on the company's technology, track record, and long-term viability.

For more, click [here](#).

Grant Awarded to Boost College Attainment

[July 13, 2015 - Source: vermontbiz.com]



Efforts to boost the rate at which Vermonters attain post-secondary education will receive \$50,000 in support from the Lumina Foundation. The Vermont State Colleges and others have received the grant to help increase the attainment rate from about 45 percent to 60 percent by 2020.

For more, click [here](#).

Cyber Security, Whether You Like it or Not

[July 13, 2015 - Source: vermontbiz.com]

Cyber security measures can be annoying chores that are easily put off, but they can save a business much money and a lot of heartache. The good news, according to professionals, is that most cyber problems are preventable. But it's still going to require vigilance and a certain level of suspicion by business owners and managers, especially for those many small businesses in Vermont which do not have in-house IT.

For more, click [here](#).

VTel's Wireless Broadband System Nears Completion

[July 8, 2015 - Source: vpr.net]

Springfield-based VTel was awarded \$116 million in 2010 in grant and loan money, in part to help build a statewide wireless high speed broadband network. Since then, major companies have improved their own networks for mobile and broadband service. But VTel President Michel Guite says there's still a place in the market for his wireless network, which he says will cover 97 percent of Vermont.

For more, click [here](#).

Huge Money, Small Oversight: State IT Spending In Vermont

[July 1, 2015 - Source: vpr.net]

VPR looked at the use of technology in Vermont state government and concluded that it's nearly impossible for Vermonters to know how much of their tax money goes toward IT operations in the state, how successful IT projects are in meeting state needs, or how well state agencies follow defined protocols for state contracts.

For more, click [here](#).

GlobalFoundries Takes Over in Essex Junction

[July 1, 2015 - Source: burlingtonfreepress.com]



GlobalFoundries announced the close of the deal to acquire IBM's microelectronics business, which includes the semiconductor plant in Essex Junction. The agreement ends years of uncertainty for plant employees and their families. Approximately 3,000 former IBM manufacturers, engineers and executives transitioned to similar roles at GlobalFoundries.

For more, click [here](#).

IBM, Thanks for the Memories

[July 1, 2015 - Source: vermontbiz.com]

In the wake of the transfer of ownership of Vermont's IBM microchip facility, Vermont Business Magazine collected observations on the impact of IBM on Vermont and the hopes for the plant's new owner, GlobalFoundries.

For more, click [here](#).

UVM Researcher Develops AFib Treatment

[July 1, 2015 - Source: sevendaysvt.com]

A grant from Mary and Tom Evslyn helped fund research by UVM cardiologist Dr. Peter Spector into a new treatment for atrial fibrillation, a common heart-rhythm irregularity. Spector and his team have come up with a mapping system so promising it could enable doctors to cure atrial AFib, which affects millions of Americans.

For more, click [here](#).

Chroma Technology Receives Workplace Safety Award

[June 30, 2015 - Source: vermontbiz.com]



Chroma Technology Corp, based in Bellows Falls, has received an award for workplace safety from workers' compensation insurer MEMIC. Only eight out of more than 20,000 policyholders were honored with a safety award at MEMIC's Annual Meeting. Chroma Technology Corp is an employee-owned manufacturer of optical filters.

For more, click [here](#).

Featured Member

FirstLight



FirstLight Fiber is a leading provider of high speed data, Internet, data center and voice services to enterprise and carrier customers in upstate New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Maine over the company's own fiber optic network. Its mission is to offer customers a full selection of the highest quality telecommunications services, utilizing the most advanced technology available.

FirstLight operates a network comprised of more than 215,000 fiber miles that connects more than 1,650 carrier and enterprise customers.

FirstLight's clients include service providers, high tech manufacturing and research facilities, hospitals and healthcare, banking and financial businesses, colleges and universities, professional offices, and government.

For more information, visit <http://www.firstlight.net/>

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

New Member Update

The Vermont Technology Alliance welcomes the **University of Vermont** as a new member.

If your business is not a member, please consider joining. Members benefit from vtTA's advocacy, programs and services, including discounts on our sponsored events, job postings in our Career Center, and networking and business opportunities. Sign up to be a new member [here](#).

Useful Information & Links

Code for BTV Hack Nights

Code for BTV Hack Nights are an opportunity to meet and collaborate with others working on community and civic projects. Participants are welcome, whether they are a coder, designer, project manager, or are curious about how to get involved.

Upcoming Dates (Held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.):

July 23

July 30

August 6

August 13

For more, click [here](#).

vtTA's Career Center

Be sure to visit the Career Center tab on the [Vermont Technology Alliance website](#). Member companies can post open positions, while job seekers can search positions and sign up for new posting notifications.

For more, click [here](#).

vtTA's Resources Page



Check out the [resources page](#) posted on the [Vermont Technology Alliance website](#), to find listings and links for businesses, financing, internships, government organizations, events,

services and more.

Find the resources page [here](#).

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