
U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Authentication and Certifications

1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (“DOC Pre-Award Notification”), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receive under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.



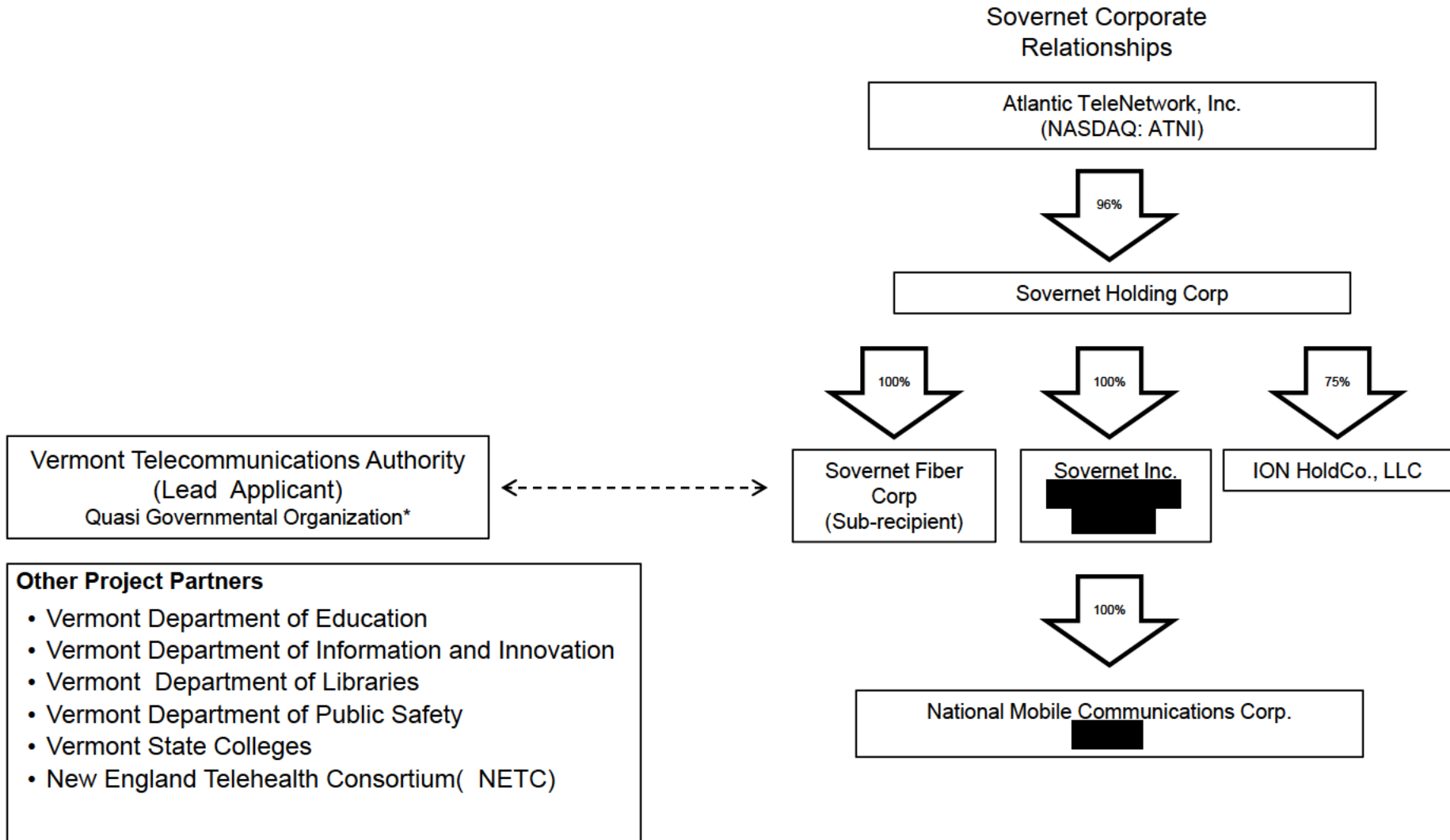
March 22, 2010
Date

Authorized Organization Representative Signature

Thomas Murray
Print Name

Executive Director
Title

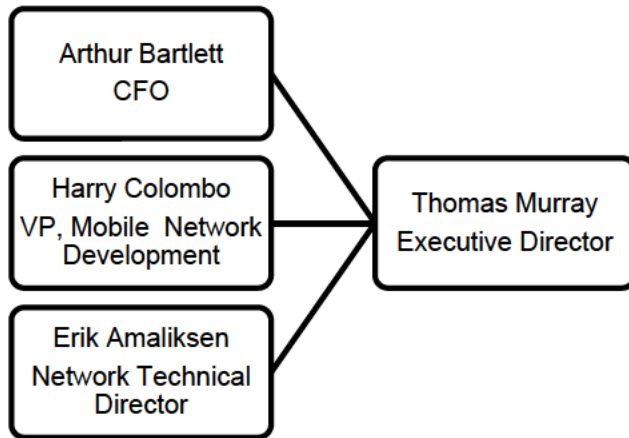
Organization Chart for VTA and Sovernet Communications



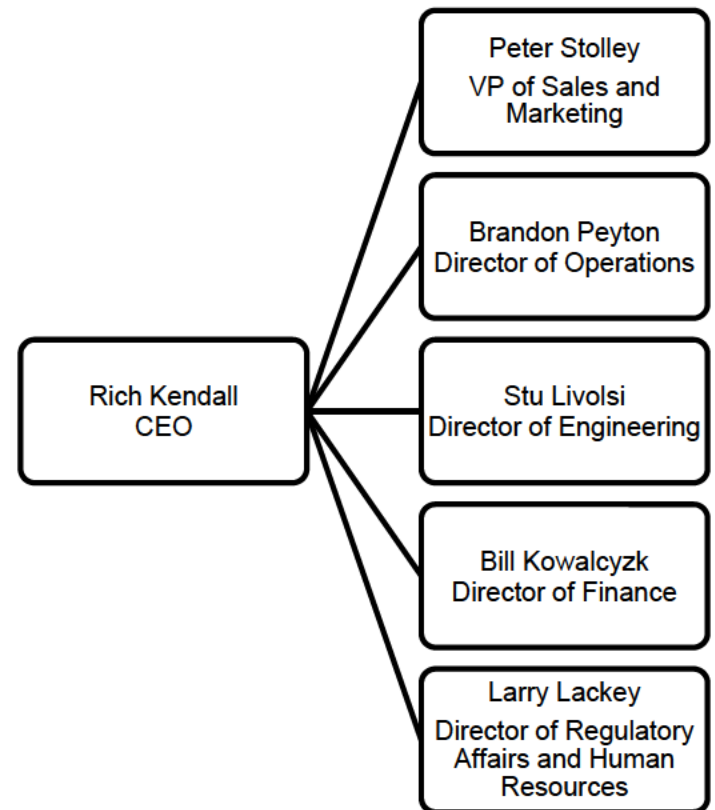
*the VTA was created via Act 79 of the Vermont State Legislature in 2007

Organization Chart for VTA and Sovernet Communications

Vermont Telecommunications Authority Key Staff



Sovernet Key Staff

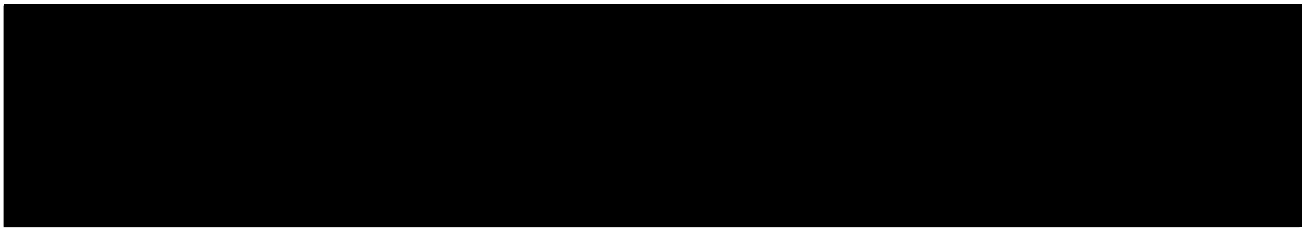


Other Project Participants

- Numerous Vermont School Supervisory Unions
- Vermont Law School
- North Country Investment Corporation (NCIC)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



PROFILE:



EXPERIENCE:

Vermont Telecommunications Authority

Executive Director

Present

Responsible for leading Vermont's efforts to expand broadband and cellular services statewide. This organization is committed to developing innovative incentives and business models that improve the business case for carriers to build out unserved rural areas of the state.

State of Vermont

Chief Information Officer and Commissioner-Department of Information & Innovation 4/06-10/09

Responsible for oversight of all information technology projects for the State of Vermont, with an annual budget exceeding \$40m. Manage the enterprise information technology department (DII), with a staff of 80, which operates the state's data and telecommunications networks, data centers and enterprise applications.

Deputy Commissioner-Department of Economic Development

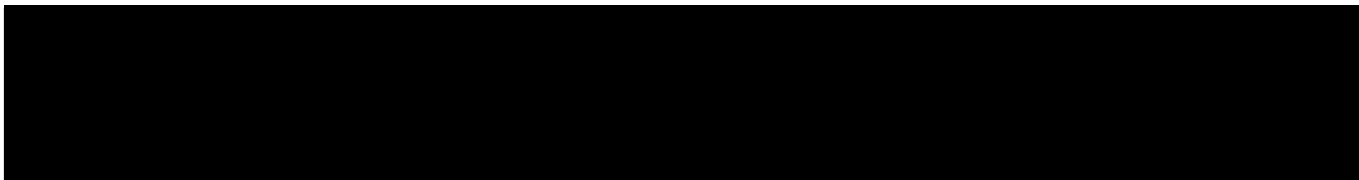
3/05-3/06

Responsible for the department's daily operational management, budgeting and served as legislative liaison. Supported numerous initiatives and organizations in their efforts to enhance job creation in the state and strengthen the state's economy.

Director of Telecommunications Infrastructure

9/03-3/05

Responsible for developing and leading the Governor's Broadband and Cellular strategy, including successful stewardship of numerous bills through the legislature.





EDUCATION:



BOARDS and AFFILIATIONS:

Vermont Telecommunications Authority: Board Member

Vermont Blueprint for Health: Board Member

Vermont Informational Technology Leaders: Past Board Member

Vermont Center for Geographic Information: Chairman

Vermont Web Portal Board: Chairman

Vermont Communications Board (VCOMM): Board Member



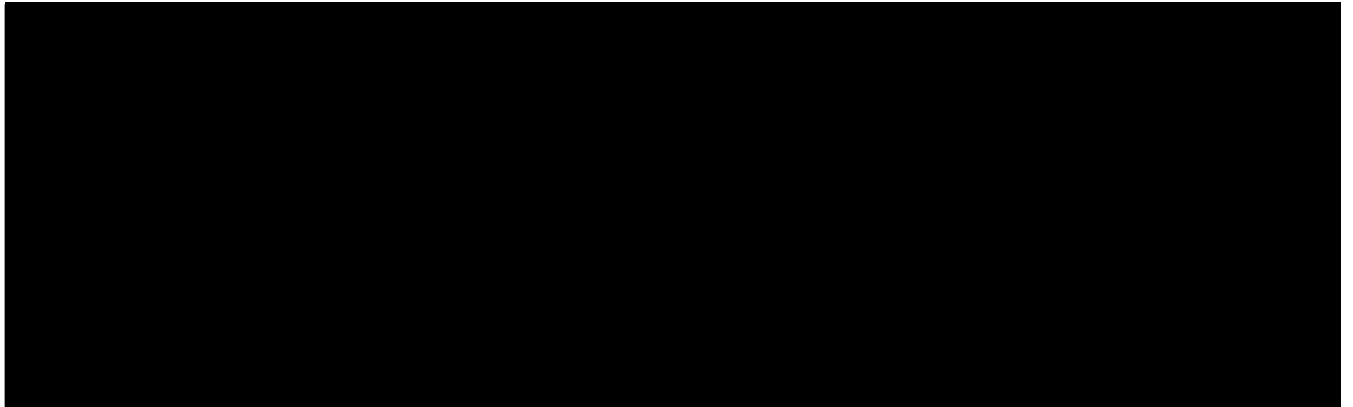
INTERESTS:



Arthur H. Bartlett



PROFILE:



EXPERIENCE:

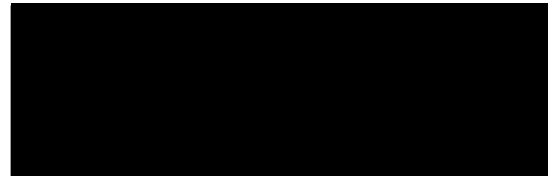
Vermont Telecommunications Authority

Chief Financial Officer

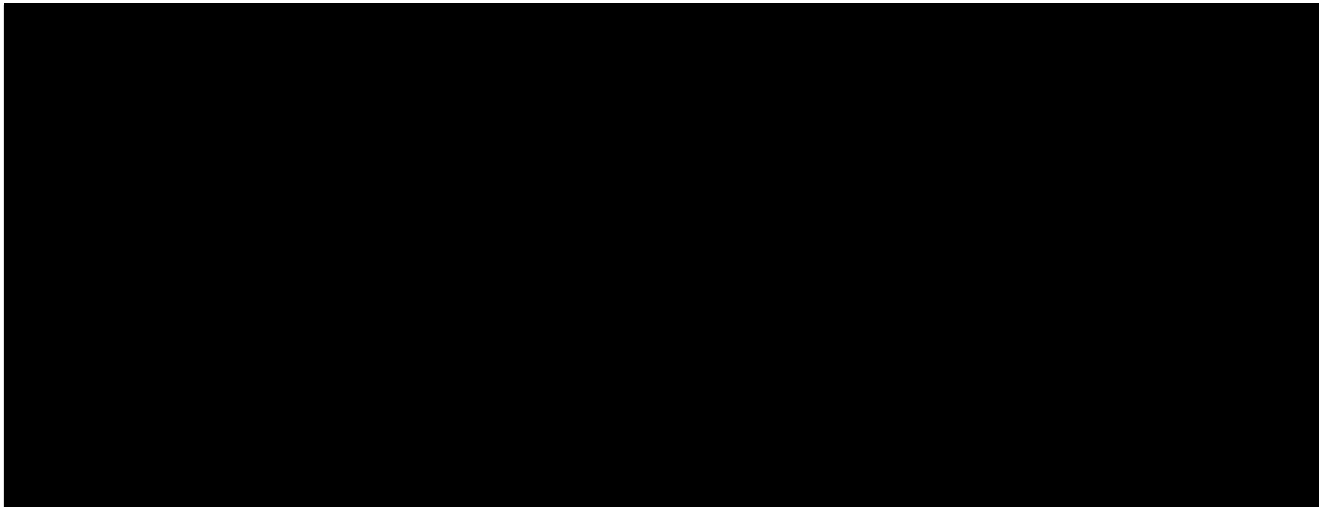
March 2008 - Present

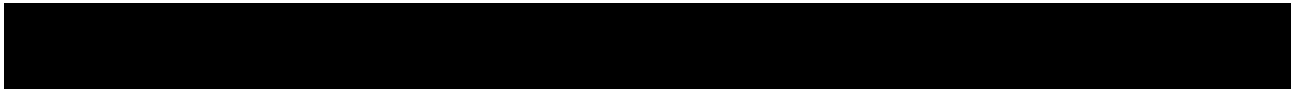
Responsible for budget development and execution, financial modeling, business model evaluation, banking and all matters relating to the accounting/audit function. As a quasi-government organization, financial results are reported to the Vermont Legislature, the Vermont State Treasurer and the public at large.

Financial consultant -

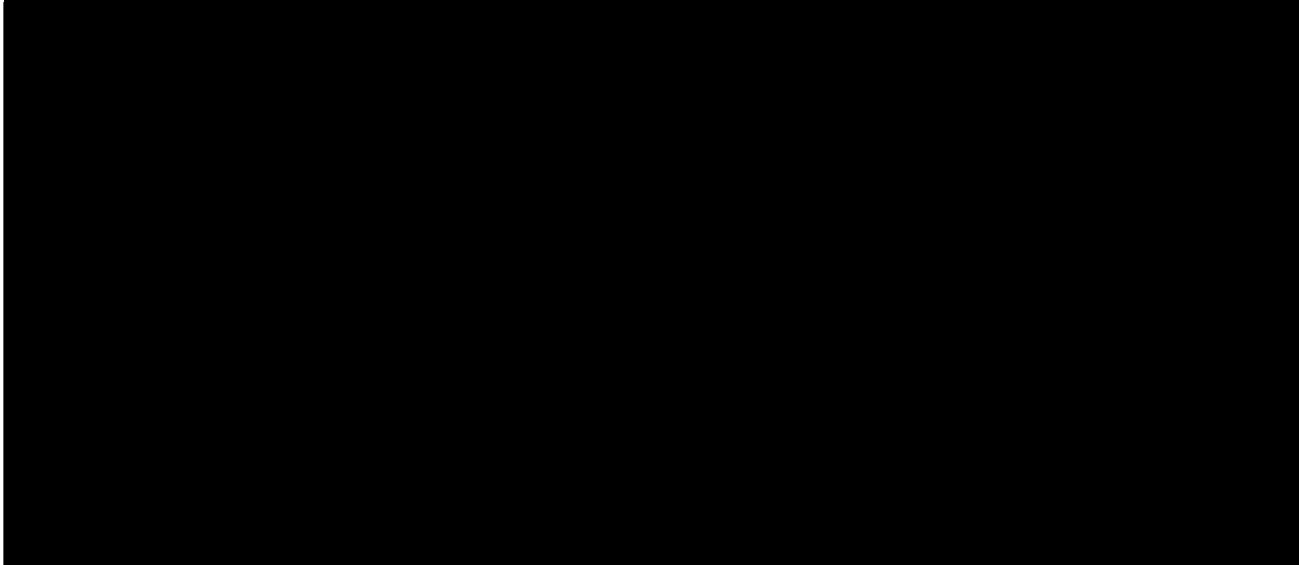


Controller

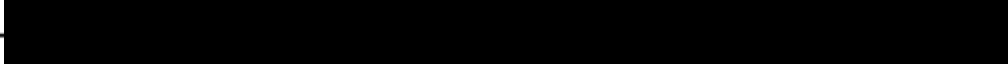


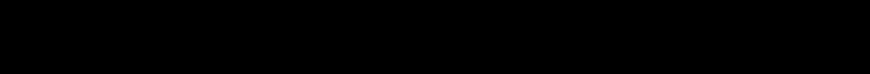


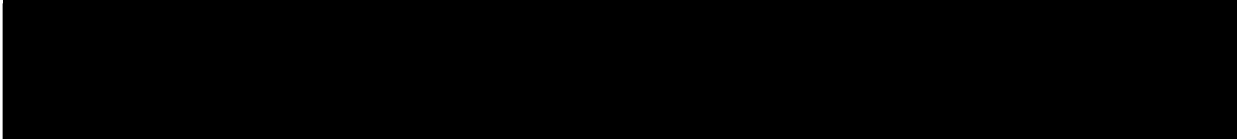
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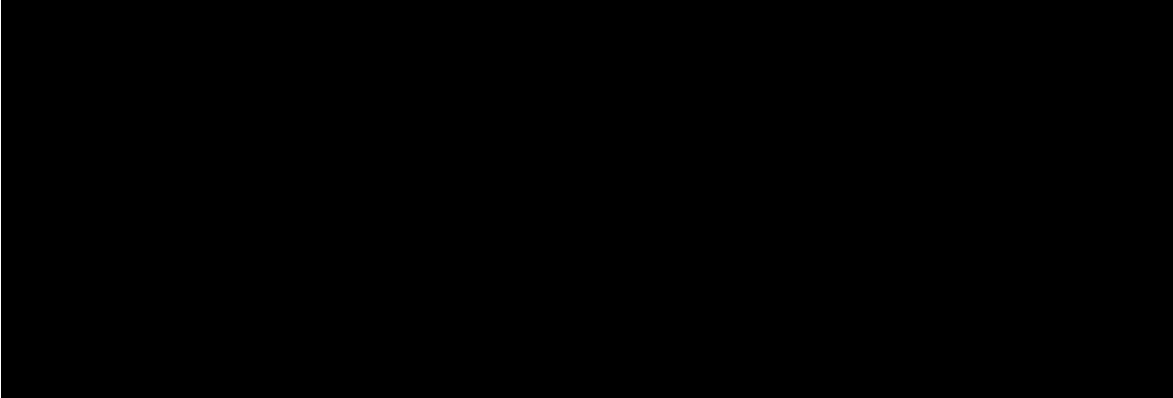
Other Employment:

Controller – 

Assistant Controller – 




EDUCATION:

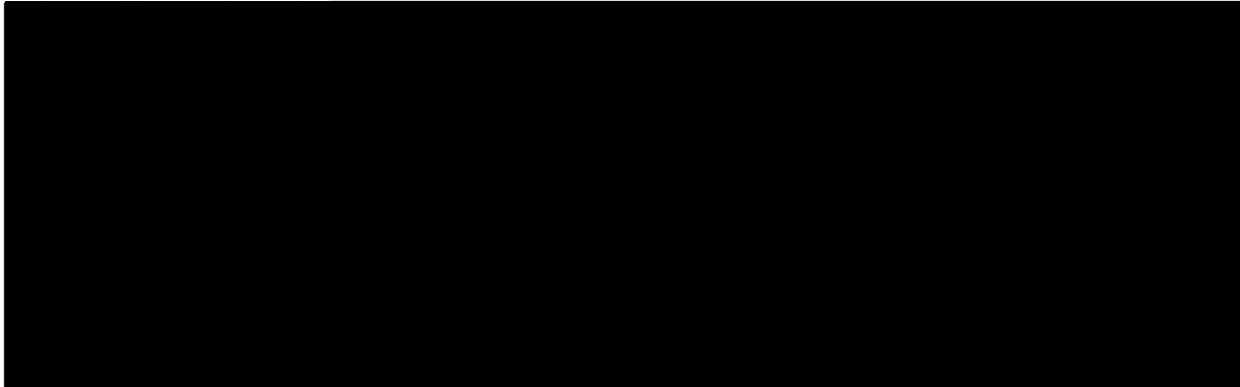


Harry R. Colombo



hcolombo@telecomvt.org

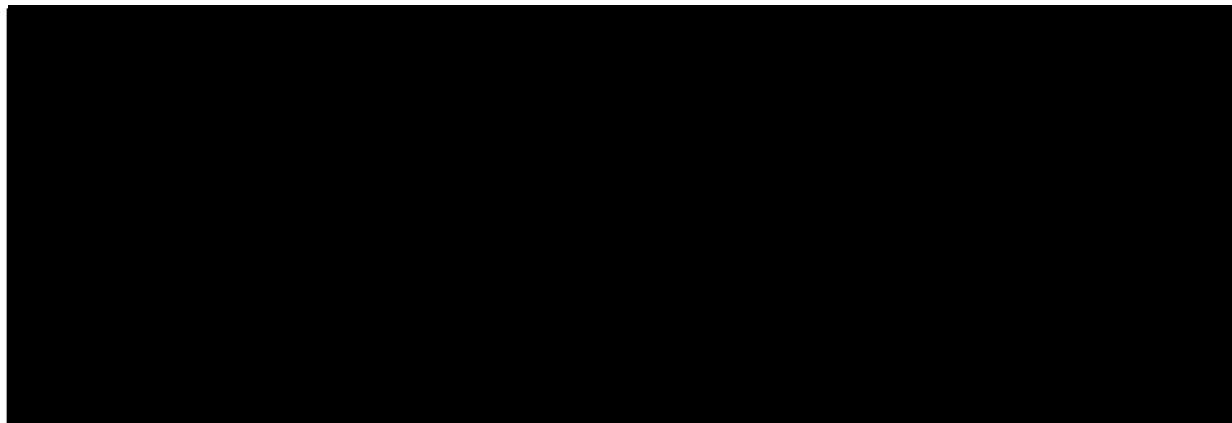
Harry Colombo, has served as VP of Mobile Network Development at the VTA for the past eighteen months. 



Act250, Wetlands, etc.). In his current capacity, Mr. Colombo manages the permit approval process for the VTA. He has served as a primary point of contact with the state legislative bodies on legislation affecting the VTA.

Erik Amalixsen

Profile



Career

State of Vermont, Montpelier Vt.
VTA Project Manager

Present

Manage the projects and efforts of expanding broadband and cellular coverage throughout the State of Vermont. This role includes long term network design with regional service providers to ensure broadband initiatives of the VTA are in the best interests of the State.

State of Vermont, Montpelier Vt.
Network Engineering Manager

2006-2009

Manage State WAN / LAN infrastructure where I oversee the operations that maintain all facility connectivity, data center networking and redundant internet egress for the State. In this position I have redesigned much of the infrastructure and supporting systems to provide state agencies much greater control and understanding of their agency network status. Redesign created \$250K per year savings.

Implemented new IP/VLAN structure for all State networks. Designed new data center network infrastructure and oversight for all enterprise application security requirements.

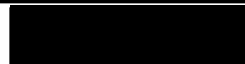
Technical Project Manager for the Vermont Telecommunication Authority (VTA). In this current role I provide the strategic technical vision to achieve the business objectives of 100% broadband and cellular coverage (e-State initiative) set forth by the Governor and State Legislature.



COO



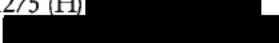
President / CTO



Erik Amalixsen



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IT Director - Reporting to COO

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IT Director - Reporting to CFO

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Erik Amalixsen

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Systems Administrator / Internet Project Manager - Reporting to Executive Director

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Erik Amalixsen

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(W) (802) 764-1275 [Redacted]
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RICHARD L. KENDALL



CURRENT EXPERIENCE

SOVERNET HOLDING COMPANY, INC. , Bellows Falls, Vermont (**February 2006- present**)

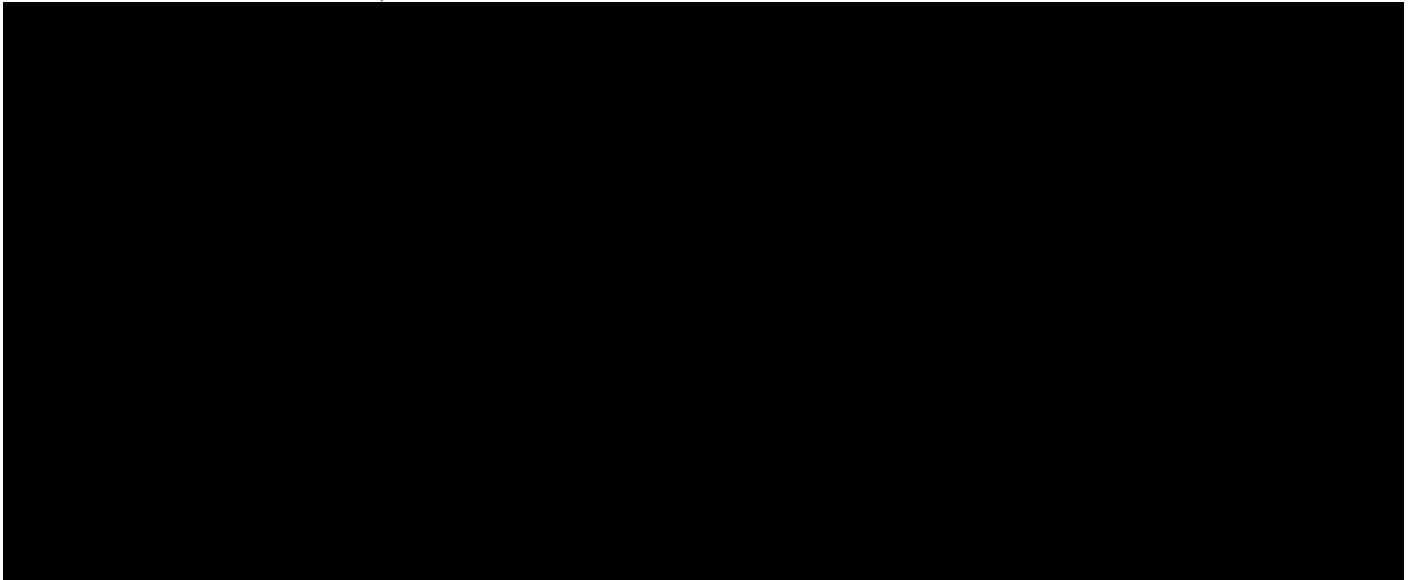
President & CEO

- **Oversee entire operation of Atlantic Tele Network (ATNI-NASDAQ) subsidiary which includes an ISP provider Sovernet Communications, a CLEC - National Mobile Communications, and Fiber Based Transport provider, ION Holdco, in Albany, New York.**

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

LIGHTSHIP TELECOM, INC., Bedford, New Hampshire (**March 2002-June 2005**)

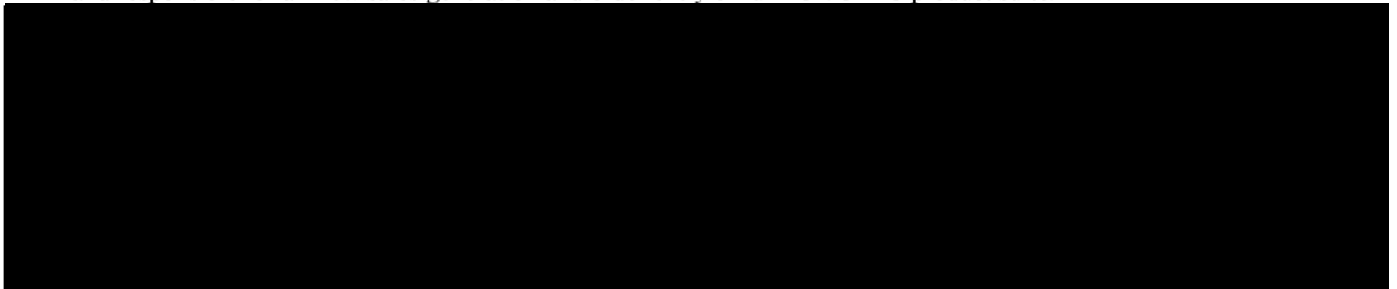
Executive Vice President, Sales



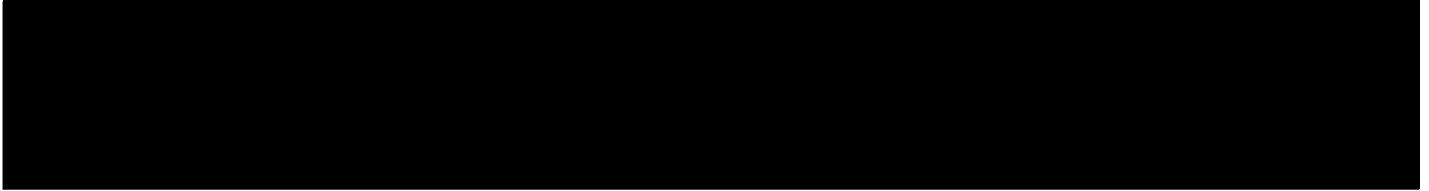
NETWORK PLUS, INC., (NASDAQ-NPLS), Quincy, Massachusetts (**1992-2002**)

Senior Vice President, Sales (March 1999-March 2002)

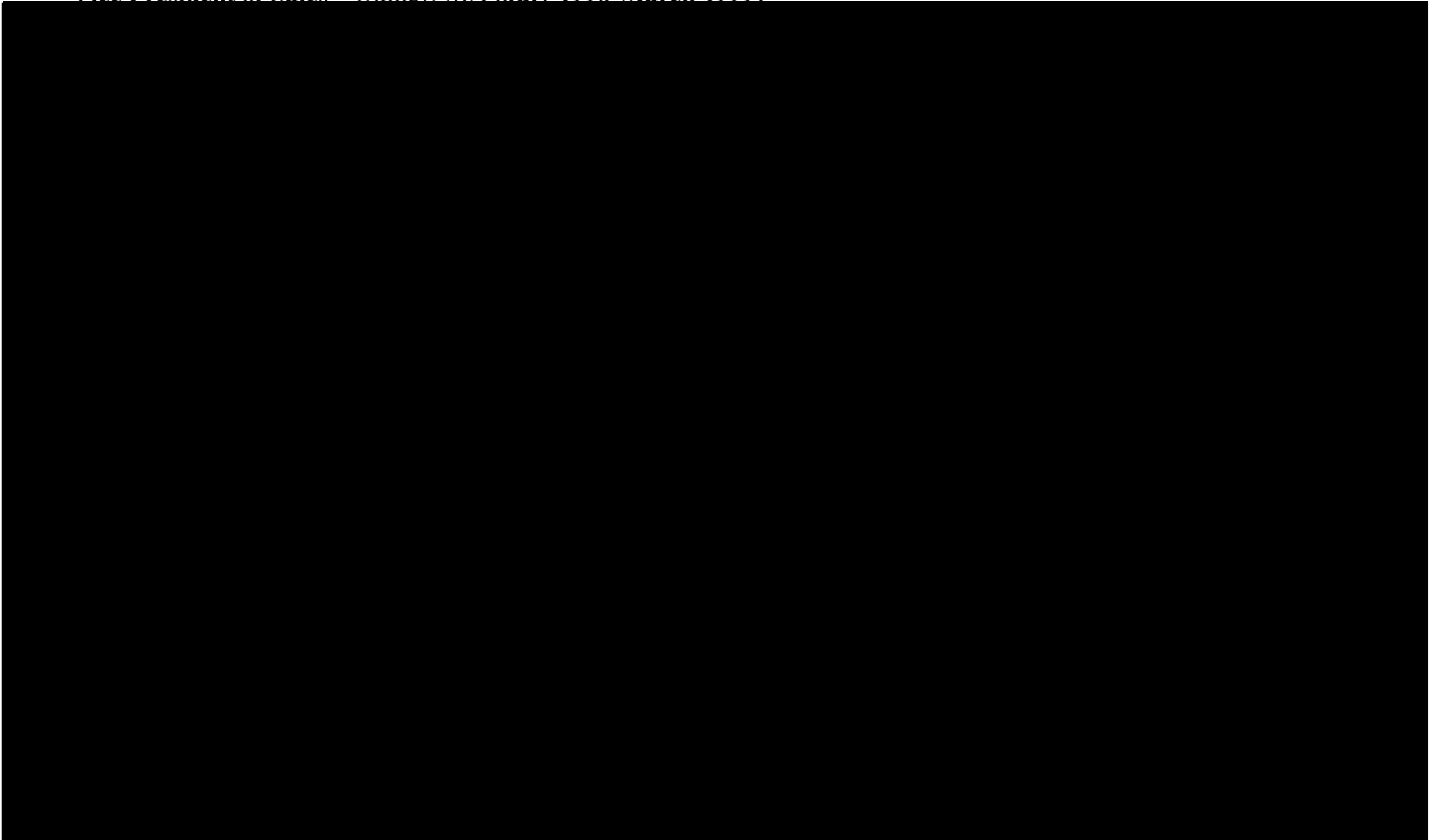
- **Oversaw and built entire 500-person, 16 branch sales organization, reporting directly to the President/CEO, and responsible for all new sales generation and order entry of full ICP/CLEC product suite.**



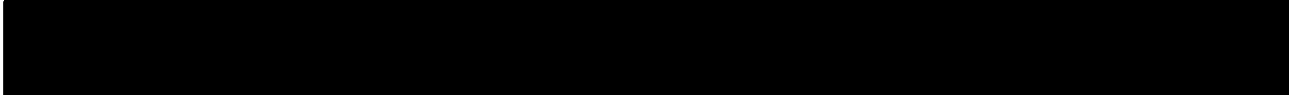
Senior Vice President, Sales (continued)



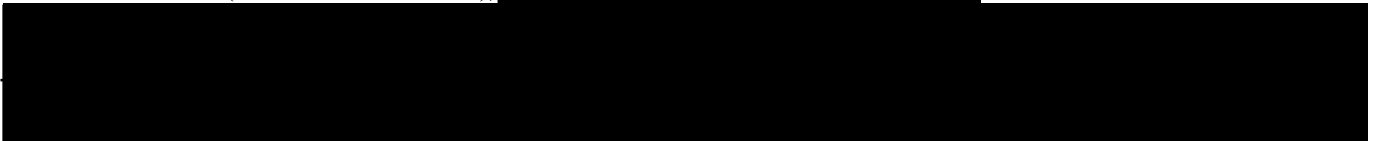
Vice President of Sales—Quincy, MA (July 1998-March 1999)



MCI, Boston, Massachusetts

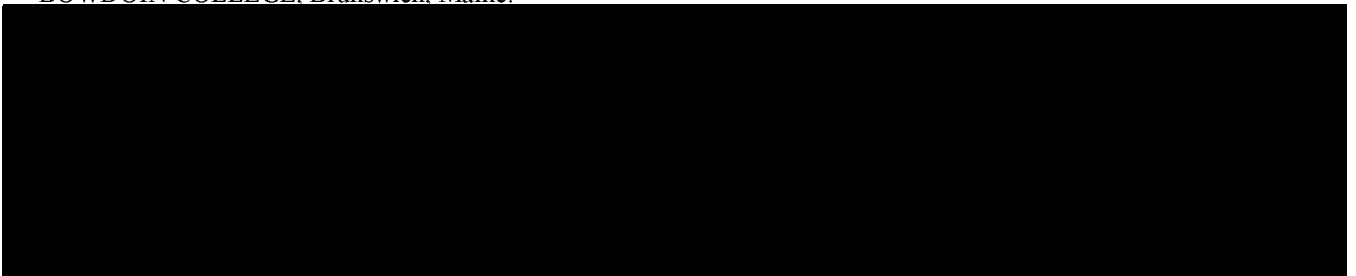


FLEET BANK (BANK OF AMERICA),



EDUCATION

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, Brunswick, Maine:



WILLIAM KOWALCZYK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

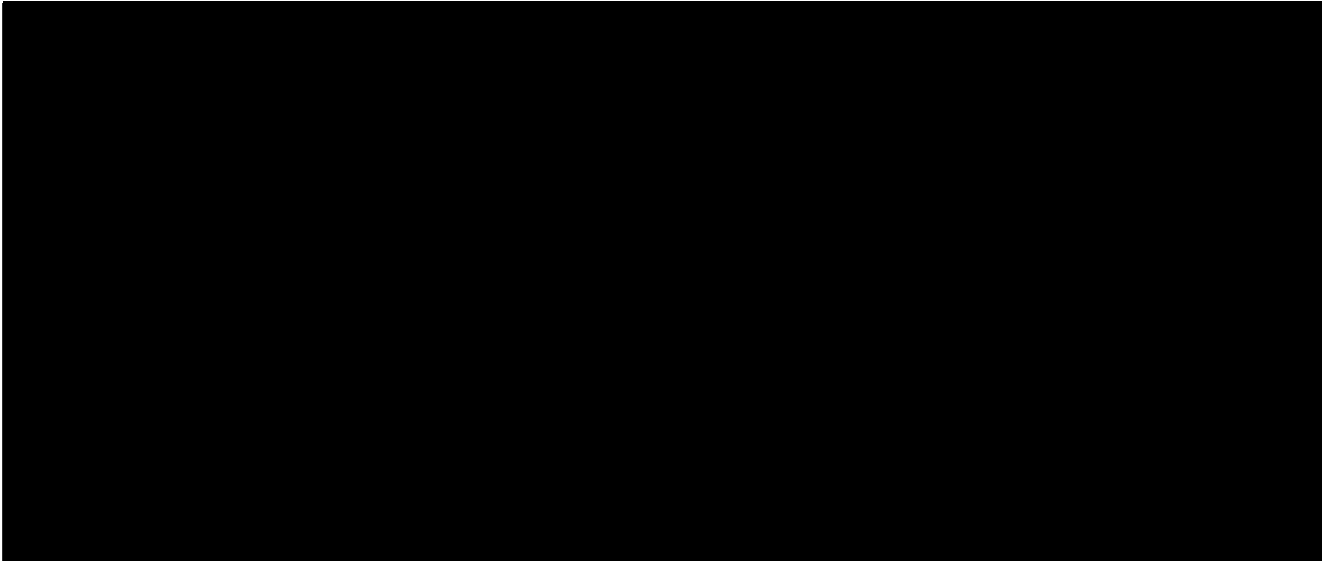
Sovernet Communications, Bellows Falls, VT

2009 - Present

Director of Finance

Responsible for financial planning and reporting for Sovernet and its subsidiaries including ION HoldCo

Responsible for all accounting and billing functions for the company



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration
Master in Business Administration

Northeastern University College of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Lawrence Lackey

Professional Experience:

Sovernet Communications

Bellows Falls, Vermont

Director of Regulatory Affairs & Human Resources

March 2008 – Present

Manage all regulatory advocacy and compliance, government relations and human resources matters for Internet service provider Sovernet, Inc., its wireline CLEC, National Mobile Communications Corp., and affiliated fiber-based transport provider, ION HoldCo, LLC.

Vermont Department of Public Service

Director for Telecommunications

Special Counsel for Financial Analysis

Economics and Policy Analyst

Utilities Financial Analyst

Vermont Public Service Board

Utilities Analyst and Hearing Officer

Education:

University of Vermont, M.B.A.

Bates College, B.S. Economics

Peter A. Stolley

Professional Experience:

Sovernet Communications
Bellows Falls, VT

October 1997 – Present

Sales
VP, Marketing
VP, Sales & Marketing

October 1997 – 2001
2001 – 2002
2002 – Present

Vice President of the Marketing Department since 2002

Responsibilities include:

- Product Development
- Management of Marketing for both Internet and telephone communications services
- Management of all channels of both residential and business sales
- Management of customer service



Stuart Livolsi

Experience

Sovernet, Bellows Falls VT
Director of Engineering

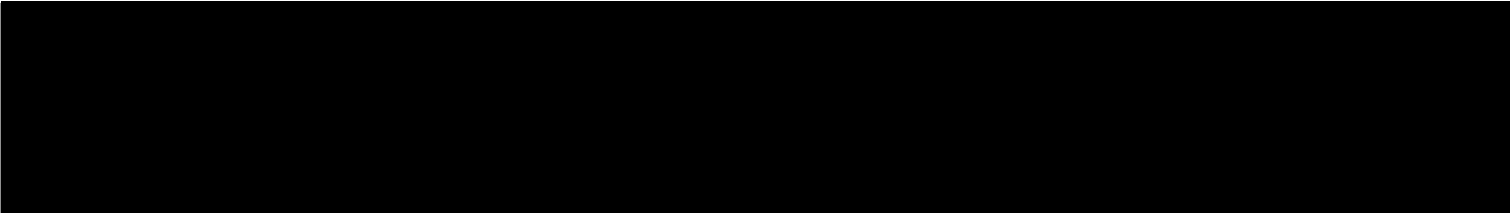
2008-Present

BayRing Communications, Portsmouth, NH
Technology Manager

Lightship Telecom, Bedford, NH
Director of Engineering

Related Coursework

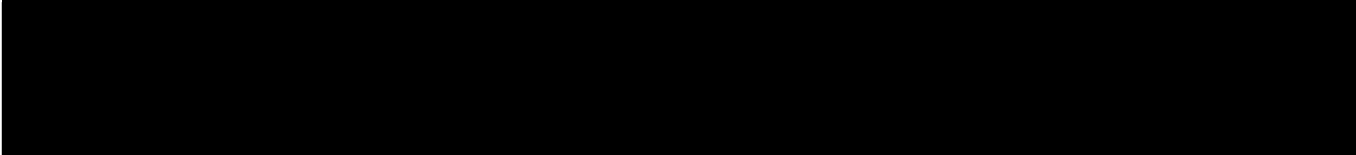
Wentworth Institute, Boston MA [REDACTED]
Associates of Applied Science in Electronic Technology



Brandon Peyton

Professional Experience

Overview:

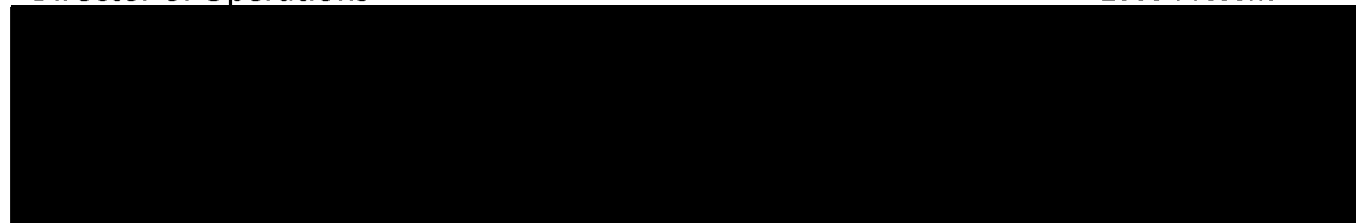


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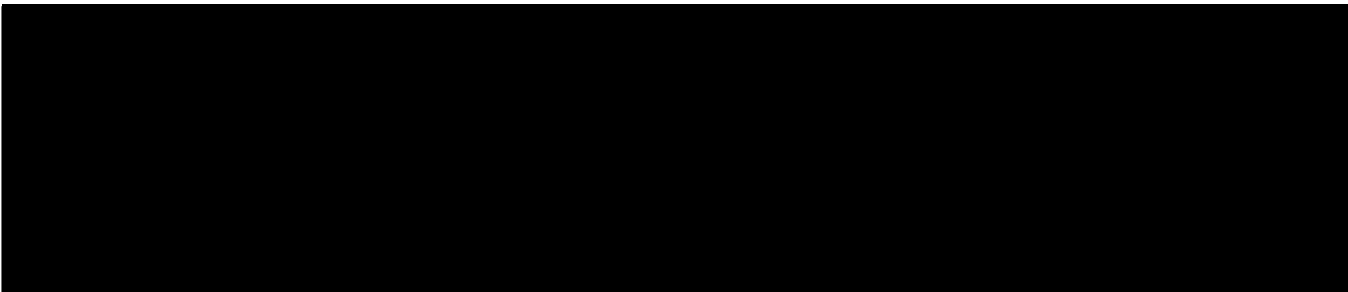
Burlington/Bellows Falls VT

Director of Operations

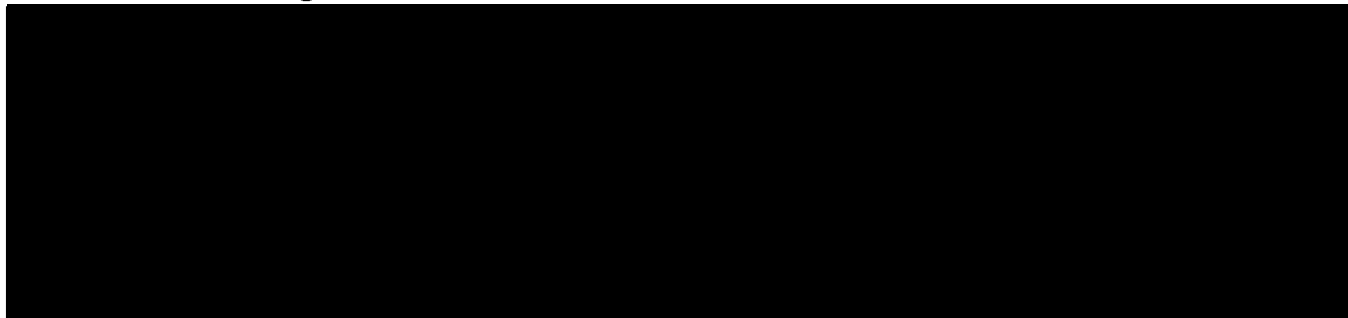
2003-Present



MCI WorldCom



UUNET Technologies



Education:

AS Computer Science/Computer Systems Information Technology



Charles (Chuck) W. Mason

Professional Experience

Independent Optical Network (ION)
Albany, NY

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VP – Network/Engineering

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Regional Engineer Manager

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VP – Operations and Engineering

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Director/General Manager

[Redacted]

Senior Manager of Operations

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Director of Operations/General Manager

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Director of Operations/General Manager

Education:

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