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MAINE'S LARGEST BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT AND TRADESHOW FEATURES TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITORS

Portland, Maine – The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) celebrates its 35th year of tech events at the **2022 Information Technology Summit & Tradeshow on Thursday, May 26th 2022, 7:30am to 4pm**, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine. An expected 400 IT professionals from Maine and New England will gather to share tech experiences and the latest in techniques, services and products.

Registration fee is $55 "Early Rate" by 5/13, $60 advanced purchase, and $65 on the event day. Special rates available for technology students and active / retired military. Fee includes continental breakfast, boxed lunch, keynote, workshops, exhibit hall access, and afternoon refreshments. To receive updates via Twitter, follow @MTUG_Maine and search for #MTUG2022. _**For complete details or to register – and for the updated event Covid policies – please visit the I.T. Summit Page online at:**_ _https://www.mtug.org/techsummit_

This year's Keynote Speaker is Bill Pierce, Chief Information Officer at The Jackson Laboratory, who will present **"Agility and Resilience in an age of Complexity"** harnessing his deep understanding of analytics, technologies, and organizations to help enlighten our path through increasingly complex and volatile times. Prior to his work with Jackson Labs, Mr. Pierce's led the Platform Solutions team at PAREXEL and served as CIO in other clinical research organizations. He brings a background in financial services as well, building proprietary investment analytics, simulations, and risk models. He holds a patent from development of a B2B auction engine backed by eBay.

The event will feature 12 workshops covering tracks such as Security, IT Infrastructure, "Disruption," and IT Workforce Development. Topics will include SDWAN, MS Defender and Endpoint security, custom IT Workforce education options in Maine, use of MITRE Tools in security, and many more. Workshops are be led or co-led by "end-user" IT professionals at Maine-based organizations; sectors represented include retail, education, biotechnology, manufacturing, and more. MTUG's workshops are hand-selected via a competitive RFP reviewed the nonprofit's board of directors.

The exhibit hall of 50 vendor booths will be open all day, with ample time to visit between sessions. Exhibitors include representatives from IT and telecom infrastructure, IT services, technology consulting, and tech education vendors from Maine and across the nation.

The expected 400+ attendees will include IT and telecom professionals and senior business and operations managers from Maine and Northern New England, representing all sectors and industries, including finance, education, government, retail, manufacturing, construction, healthcare, nonprofit organizations and more. With three food events around the sessions, there will be plenty of time to network, share ideas, and ask questions of presenters and vendors.

At the Summit Lunch, the 10th Annual MTUG Co-Sponsored Scholarships will be announced jointly with partnering business donors. Final list of donors will be announced on the Summit event page and Summit brochure.

MTUG's 2022 IT Summit Sponsors include thus far (sponsor / exhibitor registration still open): Casco Bay Hall Sponsor Avaya; Lunch Sponsor Consolidated Communications; Gold & Lighthouse Sponsors: Fortinet, Lincolnville Communications, and WEI; Silver Sponsors: A3 Communications, Arctic Wolf, ATX Advisory Services, Blueface, Cambridge Computer, Crown Castle, Dialpad, FirstLight, GoNetspeed (formerly Otelco), New England Communications, and Nexum; and Bronze Sponsors: AHEAD Inc., Headlight Audio/Visual, Maine Technology Institute, MPX, and Pierce Atwood.

MTUG Covid-19 Guidance: Policy details are on the event page at mtug.org/techsummit#Covid . Attendees must demonstrate up-to-date Covid-19 vaccination or recent negative Covid-19 rapid test. Attendees may be required to wear masks in Workshop/Tradeshow spaces if the CDC Covid "Community Level" is High the week of the event in either Cumberland County or the attendee's home county.

The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to bringing IT professionals and business innovators together to network, educate, and share technology experiences. MTUG holds monthly events -- online and in-person -- from late August to late May. Our Webinars, "Peers & Beers" and annual I.T. Summit cover a broad range of technology topics, including infrastructure / networking, I.T. security / cybersecurity, VoIP and telephony solutions, collaboration tools, devops, audio/visual equipment, contact center solutions, technical training / technical education programs and strategies, career and professional development topics, and much more. For additional details, visit MTUG's website at www.mtug.org.

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140 CHARACTER LISTING:

May 26. MTUG IT Summit & Tradeshow. 12 workshops, 50 booths, 400 tech pros. Holiday Inn, 88 Spring St, Portland, Maine. mtug.org/techsummit.

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EVENT ABSTRACT

The 2022 Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow -- Maine's largest business IT conference -- will be hosted by the Maine Technology Users Group on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. 400+ technology and management professionals will enjoy approximately 12 workshops, 50 vendor booths, and a keynote address from Bill Pierce, CIO of The Jackson Laboratory, presenting "Agility and Resilience in the age of Complexity." Admission is $55 "Early Rate" (by 5/13), $60 advance, $65 on event day. Special rates for students in tech programs and active / retired military. FMI, including Covid guidance, and to register, please visit www.mtug.org/techsummit

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MAINE TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP HOLDS STATE'S LARGEST BUSINESS TECH CONFERENCE MAY 26.

The nonprofit Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) invites IT professionals, managers, and technology enthusiasts from all industries and sectors to the 2022 Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, May 26th, 7:30am-4pm, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine.

The MTUG IT Summit is Maine's largest business technology conference with 12 educational sessions, 50 vendor booths, and ample time to explore a broad range of IT topics, products, and services.

Workshop tracks include Security, IT Infrastructure, "Disruption", and IT Workforce Development. Topics will include a discussion of the SDWAN, Using Microsoft Defender for Endpoint security, Security and Privacy in legacy IT systems, Lessons from the Okta Breach, AWS deployment, Discussion of MITRE Security Tools, the Disrupted Hybrid Workspace, Recruitment & Retention strategies, and more. Presenters come from an array of industries, including business services, supply chain, education, finance, marketing, and government services/law.

Keynote Bill Pierce, CIO of The Jackson Laboratory will present "Agility and Resilience in an Age of Complexity", harnessing his deep understanding of analytics, technologies, and organizations to help enlighten our path through increasingly complex and volatile times. After the Keynote, MTUG and the University of Maine Foundation will recognize the sponsors and the awardees of the MTUG CoSponsored Tech Scholarship Program. Since 2012, the program has raised/donated over $100,000 in scholarships to UMaine system tech students.

Admission is $55 "early rate" by 5/13, $60 Advance and $65 on the event day. Special rates available for students in technology programs, and active / retired military. Fee includes workshops, tradeshow floor access, continental breakfast, lunch, and door prizes. MTUG is a nonprofit organization focused on bringing educational events and resources to the IT community. Proof of vaccination and masking may be required per policy posted on event page. Space is limited; please pre-register at the event website: https://www.mtug.org/techsummit*.*

MTUG's top 2022 Summit Sponsors include: Avaya, Consolidated Communications, Fortinet, Lincolnville Communications, and WEI. Silver & Bronze sponsors include A3 Communications, Arctic Wolf, ATX Advisory Services, Blueface, Cambridge Computer, Crown Castle, Dialpad, FirstLight, GoNetspeed (formerly Otelco), New England Communications, Nexum Inc., AHEAD Inc., Headlight Audio/Visual, Maine Technology Institute, MPX, and Pierce Atwood.

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