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

Portland, Maine – The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) celebrates Maine's vibrant tech community at the **2023 Information Technology Summit & Tradeshow on Thursday, May 4th 2023, 7:30am to 4pm**, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine. An expected 500 technology professionals from Maine and New England will share IT experiences and the latest in skills, services, and products.

Registration fee is $55 "Early Rate" by 4/26, $70 advanced purchase, and $100 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 #MTUG2023. ***For complete details or to register, please visit the I.T. Summit Page online at: https://www.mtug.org/techsummit***

The MTUG Summit will feature 15 workshops covering tracks across cybersecurity, data and hardware tools, enterprise software, and more. Topics will touch on tech end-of-life management, artificial intelligence, Microsoft Power Platform, SharePoint, common Active Directory risks, Payment Card security standards (PCI SSC 4.0), modeling security threats, cyber security compliance models, sustainable extranets and customer portals, data-drive enterprise design, and much more. Many workshops feature IT professionals from Maine-based organizations, including local tech service providers, financial services, manufacturing, education, and biotech. MTUG's workshops are hand-selected by the nonprofit's board of directors through a competitive call for proposals.

The exhibit hall of over 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 500 registrants 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.

This year's Keynote Speaker is Pips Veazey, Director, University of Maine Portland Gateway presenting **"Teeming with Teams: Collaborative Work in an age of Complexity"** where she will bring her vast experience enhancing the effectiveness of large research teams to the question of crafting technological and human systems for the challenges organizations face. Prior to accepting the director's position, Pips served as the Principal Investigator for the statewide, NSF-funded Alaska Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), and also led and co-created the University of Alaska Fairbanks Visualization Space, a high-resolution visual environment designed to enhance shared understanding among circumpolar researchers, community members, and organizations. Her research includes examining the physical structures of ice over time in both polar regions, as well as enhancing leadership of large disciplinary teams. She serves as a founding board member of the International Network for the Science of Team Science, and as a board member for both the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States, and the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine.

At the Summit Lunch, the 11ᵗʰ Annual MTUG Co-Sponsored Technology Scholarships will be announced jointly with partnering business donors. Since 2012, the program has raised/donated over $120,000 in scholarships to UMaine system tech students. The final list of donors will be announced on the Summit event page and Summit brochure.

MTUG's 2023 IT Summit Sponsors include thus far (sponsor / exhibitor registration still open): Lunch Sponsor Consolidated Communications; Partner/Gold Sponsors: Rubrik and WEI; Silver/Supporter Sponsors: A3 Communications, Arctic Wolf, AVAYA, New England Communications, and New Era Technology; and Bronze/Contributor Sponsors: Adlumin, BEU – a Xerox Company, Connectivity Point, Corning Inc., Crown Castle, Dura-Line, Headlight Audio Visual, Systems Engineering, and WGTech.

The Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated for over 35 years 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, cybersecurity, VoIP/contact center solutions, collaboration tools, devops, audio/visual equipment, technology management, career/technical education strategies, and much more. For additional details, visit MTUG's website at www.mtug.org.

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140 CHARACTER LISTING:
May 4. MTUG IT Summit & Tradeshow. 15 workshops, 50 booths, 500 tech pros. Holiday Inn, 88 Spring St, Portland, Maine. mtug.org/techsummit.

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EVENT ABSTRACT
The 2023 Annual Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow -- Maine's largest business IT conference -- hosted by the Maine Technology Users Group will be Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. 500+ technology professionals will enjoy approximately 15 workshops, 50 vendor booths, and a keynote address from Pips Veazey, Director, University of Maine Portland Gateway, presenting "Teeming with Teams: Collaborative Work in an age of Complexity." Admission is $55 "Early Rate" (by 4/26), $70 advance, $100 on event day. Special rates for students in tech programs and active / retired military. FMI, 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 4.

The nonprofit Maine Technology Users Group (MTUG) invites IT professionals, managers, and technology enthusiasts from all industries and sectors to the 2023 Information Technology Summit and Tradeshow on Thursday, May 4th, 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 15 educational sessions, 50 vendor booths, and ample time for the expected 500 attendees to explore a broad range of IT topics, products, and services.

Workshop tracks will cover cybersecurity, data and hardware tools, enterprise software, and more. Topics will include tech end-of-life management, artificial intelligence, Microsoft Power Platform, SharePoint, common Active Directory risks, Payment Card security standards (PCI SSC 4.0), modeling security threats, cyber security compliance models, sustainable extranets and customer portals, data-drive enterprise design, and more. Many workshops feature IT professionals from Maine-based organizations including local tech service providers, financial services, manufacturing, education, and biotech.

Keynote Pips Veazey, Director, University of Maine Portland Gateway, will present "Teeming with Teams: Collaborative Work in an age of Complexity" bringing her vast experience enhancing the effectiveness of large research teams to the question of crafting technological and human systems for the challenges organizations face. 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 $120,000 in scholarships to UMaine system tech students.

Admission is $55 "early rate" by 4/26, $70 Advance and $100 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. Space is limited; please pre-register at the event website: https://www.mtug.org/techsummit

MTUG's top 2023 Summit Sponsors include: Consolidated Communications, Rubrik, and WEI. Silver sponsors include A3 Communications, Arctic Wolf, AVAYA, New England Communications, and New Era Technology. Bronze sponsors include Adlumin, BEU-a Xerox Company, Connectivity Point, Corning Inc, Crown Castle, Dura-Line, Headlight AV, Systems Engineering, and WGTech.

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