

# Virginia Media Alert:

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## Tele-Press Conference November 11, 2011: New Study Examines Broadband Access in Virginia

The Thomas Jefferson Institute will release a new study the scope and quality of broadband access in Virginia in a tele-press conference on Friday, November 11, at 11:00 am.

[An EMBARGOED copy of the study may be found by clicking here.](#)

The study examines the current state of broadband access in Virginia, looks at the potential pathways for economic development in areas with little or limited broadband, and suggests strategies that could be taken by policymakers to encourage or incentivize the expansion of advanced broadband access to unserved or underserved areas.

The study, *Connecting Virginia: The Economic Benefits to Expanding Advanced Broadband Internet Access*, was authored by Daniel Meges. Mr. Meges is an economist and business development manager with Chmura Economics & Analytics, following eight years as an economist for the US government specializing in economic development, international assistance, and trade policy. He holds a BS from Cornell University, a MA from the University of Chicago and an MBA from Loyola University Chicago.

Mr. Meges will participate in the tele-press conference and will be joined by Dr. Christine Chmura who will discuss her work over the past several years on economic development projects in rural Virginia and how the study's recommendations could impact the employment future in those parts of the Commonwealth.

**Reporters may call into the tele-press conference by dialing 1-888-606-0019; Passcode 07545#.**

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