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How We Selected 2007 Summit Speakers

We chose presenters with your needs in mind.

When should I arrive at the Summit? It's a question I am asked each day. I recommend being there at 8 am on Monday, September 10.

Come armed with your network drawings to take full advantage of our free pre-conference workshop, *MDU Design and Technology Questions* — or simply listen as our panelists vet the plans of participants. (Come 20 minutes early to network and fortify yourself with coffee and light fare.) Yes, that is correct, I did say *free* — this workshop session is complimentary to you as a conference attendee. Unlike many industry events that levy stiff fees for pre-conference activities, this session puts at your disposal for no extra charge the top minds in the industry. The panel of experts will be on hand to answer your questions on must-have broadband standards, and to evaluate your low-voltage plans. The workshop is nearly three hours and is especially aimed at property owners and managers, ILECs, CLECs, PCOs, and OEMs. The workshop team was assembled by **Henry Pye**, the chairman of our Multifamily Program, and includes such industry leaders as **Richard Holtz**, CEO of InfiniSys — who originated the workshop idea (check out the InfiniSys design portfolio at electronicarchitect.com). Also on hand to vet plans will be **Bob Schneider**, Director of Ancillary Services at KCI Technologies, one of the field's top engineering and consulting firms (view KCI's projects at kcitechnologies.com). Another industry veteran on the panel is **Steve Sadler**, Director of Ancillary Services, Post Apartment Homes, L.P., a \$3 billion developer and operator of upscale multifamily apartment communities; visit postproperties.com. **Mike Kolb** of Cautela Solutions is a panelist as well.

The opening Monday workshop will be followed at 11am by another pre-conference session, *Existing Properties and Wiring: What Is Really Out There?* What better way to get prepared for our Summit than an in-depth review of the state of current voice, video and data infrastructure in today's communities?

We've chosen our speakers with great

care, and with several criteria in mind. One requirement is special industry insight into areas of crucial interest to attendees. Another must is that speakers be top-notch communicators with a passion to share their experiences, knowledge, and vision. Here are just a few of the more than 60 speakers you will have the opportunity to hear at the Summit:

Phillip Clark is president and founder of PAXIO, Inc., which offers the "most bandwidth available to residential consumers in the United States and the world." Clark partnered with Pulte Homes to launch the Corning Connected Community program in Northern California — a program that helps developers gain additional value from their fiber networks.

Developer **James Carbine** — a 2006 Cornerstone Award winner — brings to the Summit both his builder/developer expertise and his background in financial planning and accounting; he also serves as the primary link to the local Tennessee government planning and zoning commissions.

Broadband pioneer **Andrew Michael Cahill**, Ph.D., president of Design Nine, Inc., is a broadband architect with experience in network design, architecture, ergonomics, and computer science — and with international recognition for his work helping communities develop broadband infrastructures. He was director of the world-renowned Blacksburg Electronic Village at Virginia, once the "most wired community in the world." Design Nine provides complete community and regional broadband planning and broadband project management. The firm also works with developers and planned residential community broadband projects.

This is just a glimpse of our spectacular program. Note the 12-page Summit section in this issue, and visit our website, bbpmag.com.

Sign up now — while there is still time.