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8:30 – 9:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome and Introductions
Jerome Lewis – Institute for Public Administration (IPA), University of Delaware (UD)
George Wright – Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG)

9:15 – 10:00  Estimating Your Community’s Needs for Infrastructure in the Future
Edward Ratledge – Director, UD Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research

10:00 – 10:30  Understanding Municipal Bond Ratings: An Independent Reflection of How Your Local Government Operates
Lester Guthorn – Managing Director, Public Advisory Consultants

10:30 – 10:45  Break

10:45 – 11:15  USDA Rural Development: Committed to the Future of Rural Communities
Denise MacLeish – Business and Community Program Director, USDA Rural Development
Letitia Nichols – Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development

11:15 – 12:00  Legal Update: Legislative and Administrative Conflicts of Interest
Max Walton, Esq. – Partner, Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch

1:00 – 1:45  How the Federal Budget Crisis Will Impact Local Governments: The View from the National League of Cities
Neil Bomberg – Program Director, Center on Federal Relations, National League of Cities

1:45 – 2:45  Broadband in Delaware: A Critical Economic Development Tool
- Mapping & Assessing Today’s Broadband Service
- Planning for the Future – Identifying Challenges and Opportunities
Andrew Homsey, Theodore Patterson, and Todd O’Boyle – IPA, UD

2:45 – 3:15  Wrap-up, Feedback & Evaluation
Doug Tuttle – IPA, UD, George Wright – DLLG, and Jerome Lewis – IPA, UD