

## Jeff Letourneau

Jeff Letourneau serves as the Executive Director of Networkmaine at the University of Maine System where he is responsible for MaineREN, Maine's Research and Education Network, which delivers advanced network services via a facility based optical network to its participants. Jeff serves on the Board of Directors for the North East Research and Education Network (NEREN), the ConnectME Authority Advisory Board, and was formerly a member of the State Legislature's Broadband Strategy Council.

Jeff has been involved with and led many network initiatives in Maine. These initiatives have included Maine's first ever Internet connection in the late 1980s, first CableTV based broadband network as part of the Bethel Datafication Project in the early 1990s, the first in the nation all inclusive K-12 school and public library network (MSLN) in the mid-1990s and, most recently, Jeff was the catalyst behind and co-author of the \$25M *Three Ring Binder* Federal BTOP grant that will create three "rings" of fiber optic infrastructure throughout Western, Northern and Downeast Maine.