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***Tech @ Middlebury* Entrepreneur's Networking Event Planned for March 15th**

**Vermont investors, technology experts and economic development organizations
to continue “Tech @ Vermont Meet-up” series in Middlebury**

Middlebury, VT (March 6, 2012) – Thinking about starting a technology firm? Got a growing business? Looking for interns? Or, do you just want to connect with other entrepreneurs and investors? If so, then please meet up at the ***Tech @ Middlebury*** event on Thursday, March 15th, at “**51 Main**” from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

In partnership with the Addison County Economic Development Corporation and Middlebury College, several private and non-profit investment and economic development organizations from around Vermont are visiting Middlebury to engage, share, and learn from local entrepreneurs, business owners, and investors.

Tech @ Middlebury is a “no speeches” networking event, modeled after the highly effective networking events started in Burlington and continued in Newport, White River Junction, Brattleboro, and Stowe. “Start ups no longer need to be in a city or “hub”. The Tech @ Vermont Series has grown to fill the need a networking in Vermont’s smaller communities,” said Andrew Stickney, Vice President of the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies (VCET). “With its entrepreneurial climate, robust talent base, world class College, and key supporting infrastructure, Middlebury is a perfect location for this event.”

Organizers for this event include the Addison County Economic Development Corporation, Fresh Tracks Capital, LP, Middlebury College, the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies, North Country Angels, the Vermont Small Business Development Center, Vermont Agency of Commerce and the Vermont Technology Council, among others. Future Tech @ Vermont Meet-up events are being planned for Rutland and Bennington among others.



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“*Tech @ Middlebury* is an exciting event to have in an area that is currently focusing on and successfully producing start ups,” said Robin Scheu, Executive Director, Addison County Economic Development Corporation. “Gathering everyone at an event like *Tech @ Middlebury* allows for networking to happen at an accelerated pace, and introduces entrepreneurs to all the resources that are available to make them successful.”

For more information, visit the event on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/techatvt>

Or, please contact Andrew Stickney at Andrew@vermonttechnologies.com or Robin Scheu at rpscheu@addisoncountyedc.org

About the Event Organizers

The **Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC)** is a resource for navigating opportunities and challenges for both new and existing businesses in Addison County. Visit <http://addisoncountyedc.org/>

FreshTracks Capital, LP manages \$25 million in venture capital that is invested with a core focus on Vermont. FreshTracks pursues investing opportunities in high-growth, private companies. Visit www.freshtrackscap.com

Middlebury College & The Center for Social Entrepreneurship offers students a chance to bring about positive social change, through entrepreneurial endeavors. Visit <http://www.middlebury.edu>

The **Vermont Small Business Development Center (VTSBDC)** is an organization dedicated to strengthening existing businesses and fostering startups through free business counseling and low cost training programs. Visit <http://www.vtsbdc.org/>

The **Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development** provides support for businesses and job creation. Visit www.dca.state.vt.us

The **Vermont Technology Council** advances science and technology-based economic development among Vermont's Universities and Colleges, business sectors, workforce and state government. Visit www.vttechcouncil.org



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North Country Angels brings together over 40 successful and experienced entrepreneurs who are active in making early-stage and seed investments in firms located in the northeastern U.S. Visit www.northcountryangels.com

The **Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies (VCET)** is a non-profit technology firm incubation program and early stage venture capital provider serving all of Vermont. Visit www.VermontTechnologies.com

Directions To Event

51 Main at the bridge

51 Main Street

Middlebury, VT

<http://www.go51main.com/>

Google Map: <http://g.co/maps/7eg7e>