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Nunavut Broadband Meets in Yellowknife

Yellowknife, NWT - Nunavut broadband Community Service Providers (CSPs) are hosting a Demonstration Day on March 8th, showing the latest broadband technologies developed to meet Nunavut community needs. The CSPs are meeting in Yellowknife all week to develop their community roll-out plans for providing the new services in the coming year on Nunavut's QINIQ broadband network.

The **Demonstration Day** will be held on March 8th from 3:30 to 6:00 at the Denendeh Manor at 4504-49th Avenue in Yellowknife. New technologies featured include Multi-point videoconferencing, Digital Voice services, Hotspots for visitors to Nunavut, low-cost workstation, and an on-the-land camp connection unit. Official presentations are at 4:00 pm.

Nunasi Corporation has joined in the efforts to ensure Nunavut communities are well served. Fred Hunt, President/CEO of Nunasi says "We are supporting the work of the NBDC, as the organization that has delivered affordable access to broadband in every single Nunavut community. This next round of broadband services were developed by NBDC to answer the needs of Nunasi's shareholders, and we plan on continuing our support of NBDC's efforts in the future". Nunasi provided a \$50,000 donation to NBDC, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring all Nunavut residents benefit from broadband.

The **QINIQ network** was built by a local Yellowknife company, **SSI Micro**, who has worked closely with the **Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation (NBDC)** to develop some of the new applications on display on Thursday in Yellowknife. SSI Micro won an RFP in 2003 to build and operate the QINIQ network under contract to NBDC. SSI also built and operates the NWT network under the network name "**Airware**".

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