



Northeast Kingdom Economic Development Initiative Press Conference
Thursday 27 September 2012
DRAFT Schedule

Key Attendees: Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Bernie Sanders, Governor Peter Shumlin, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development Lawrence Miller, Secretary of Transportation Brian Searles, and Jay Peak President Bill Stenger.

9:45a- Key attendees arrive at Hotel Jay. Meet in Pepin Boardroom to discuss announcement.

10:00a (sharp start) to 10:15a- Introductions and initiative overview by **Bill Stenger**.

10:10a- Senator Leahy: The importance of the EB-5 program, its recently approved three-year extension, and the senators historical involvement with the program.

10:20a- Governor Shumlin: EB-5's role in job creation and the state's role as a Regional Center.

10:30a- Senator Sanders: Job diversity, the importance of the Newport Airport and the FAA's commitment to a runway extension.

10:40a- Secretary Miller: The importance of the Regional Center and its role in rural economic development.

10:45a- Question and Answer with media.

11:30a- Leave for Newport.

12:15-1p- Newport Gateway presentation (Attending: All Key Attendees.)

1p- Depart for Newport Airport.

1:15p-2:00p- Airport Presentation ((Attending: All Key Attendees minus Sen Leahy.)

2:00p- Depart for Burke Mountain.

3:00-5:00p- Burke Mountain Presentation.