ConnectVermont



Vermont's Tourism & Traveler Information Platform Robert T. White Vermont AOT

ConnectVermont History

- ConnectVermont began in 2000 as a project called the Cross Marketing Database (CMDB) through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD).
- CMDB was originally envisioned as a consolidated database of Vermont business information that would enable Vermont businesses to network on a business-tobusiness basis and to provide information to consumers about their products and services.

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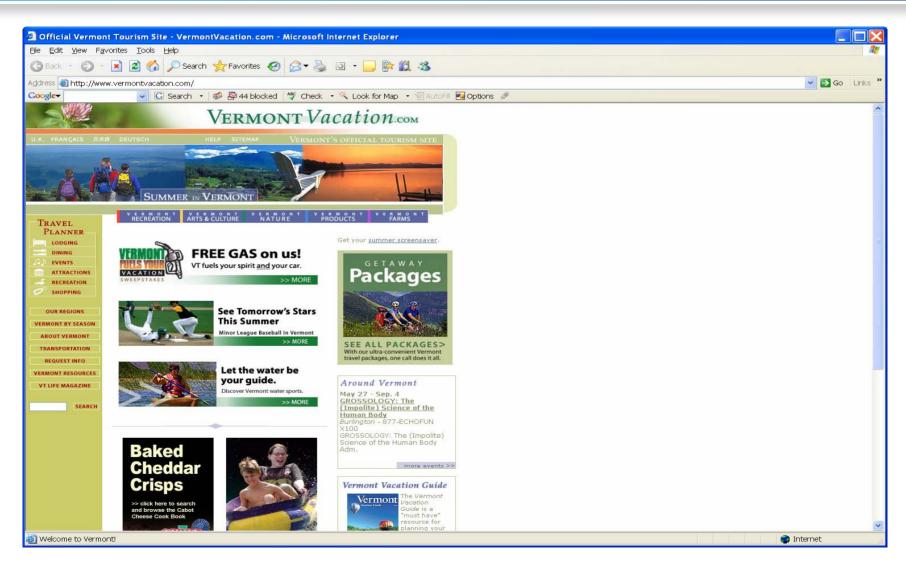
- In its original form, ConnectVermont consisted of two web sites:
- <u>www.ThinkVermont.com</u>, the Vermont Department of Economic Development's business site.
- www.1-800-Vermont.com (now known as www.VermontVacation.com), the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing's official tourism web site.

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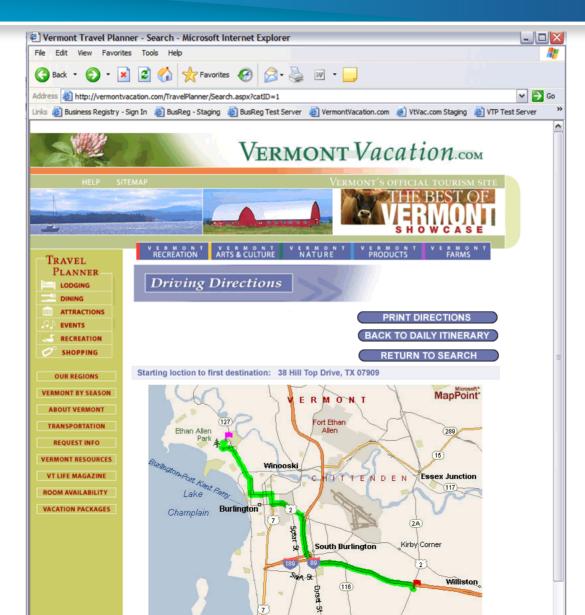
- To support travelers in Vermont and Vermont businesses, fields were added to the database for tourism related services such as lodging, dining, attractions, and events.
- The new application was called the Vermont Travel Planner (VTP).
- The VTP would and does enable travelers to do pre-trip planning.
- VermontVacation.com became the "lure" piece to attract potential visitors to the site and engage them in Vermont as a destination.
- The VTP closes the sale by converting visitors to the web site to visitors to Vermont.



VermontVacation.com



Vermont Travel Planner





 Vermont currently has 2 Low Power FM Stations that continuously play traveler information including information from CARS (events, road, & weather conditions) along with local and state tourism information.



ConnectVermont Today

- ConnectVermont is a collaborative effort by multiple Vermont State Agencies led by ACCD, AOT, and Buildings and General Services (BGS) to jointly integrate the delivery of core traveler services to the public. Other ConnectVermont partners:
- Agency of Human Services
- Agency of Agriculture
- Agency of Natural Resources
- Department of Information & Innovation
- Department of Public Safety
- The Vermont Arts Council
- The Vermont Commission on Women
- The Vermont Film Commission



Promotional Outreach

Vermont. As Real as It Looks.

Leave the crowds behind and travel the road less taken. Come see where the great taste of Gabot begins, in idellic Vermont. Discover small family dairy farms, the heart of Cabot. Visit woodworking and craft studios. Enjoy charming restaurants and down-home country inns. Or, head to the mountains to experience incredible resorts, spas and year-round, outdoor recreational opportunities. Discover off-the-beaten path Vermont. Pure heaven, and then some.

www.VermontVacation.com

Couscous with Tomatoes, Sautéed Spinach & Two Cheeses

1 (8 ounce) can Italian-style diced tomatoes 6 ounces Cabot 50% Light

 In large skillet, combine onions, garlic and oil; stir over medium heat until onions are heated and fragrant. Add spinach and water; stir until

spinach is wilted and tender but still bright green, about 2 minutes.

 On large platter, layer councous, spinach and tomatoes. Spitalde with Cabot 50% Light Cheddar Cheese and Parmesan and garnish with basil.
Par more great recipes, visit www.sabotcheese.com/recipes.

Makes 6 servings

Prepare couscous according to package directions.
Heat tomatoes in small saucepan or microwave.

3 1/2 cups packaged couscous (any flavor)

1/4 cup red onion, sliced into rings

10 cups fresh spinach (10 ounces)

1 tablespoon minced garlic 1/2 teatpoon olive oil



*World's Best Cheddar, World Championship Cheese Conzest, 22nd Biennial, Green Bay, Wisconsin

1 tablespoon water

Cheddar (about 1 1/2 cups)

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Name of Street, or other

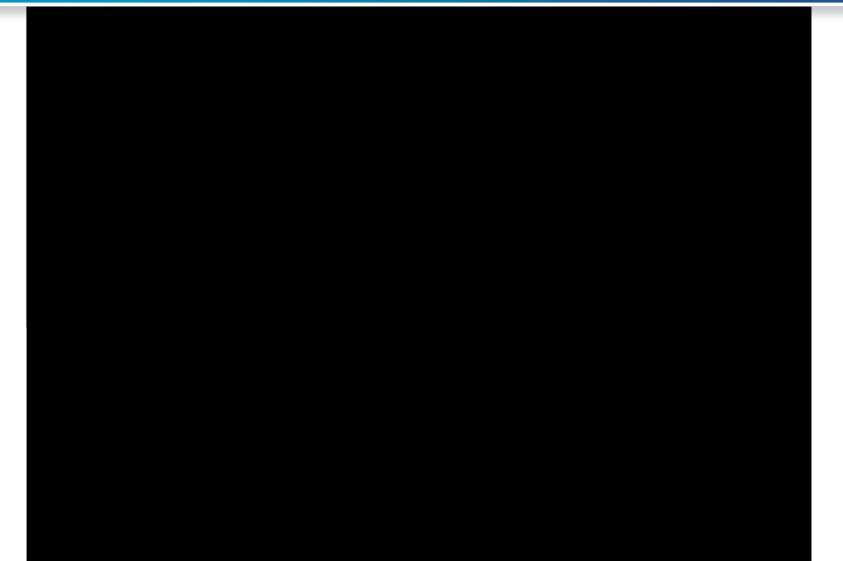
3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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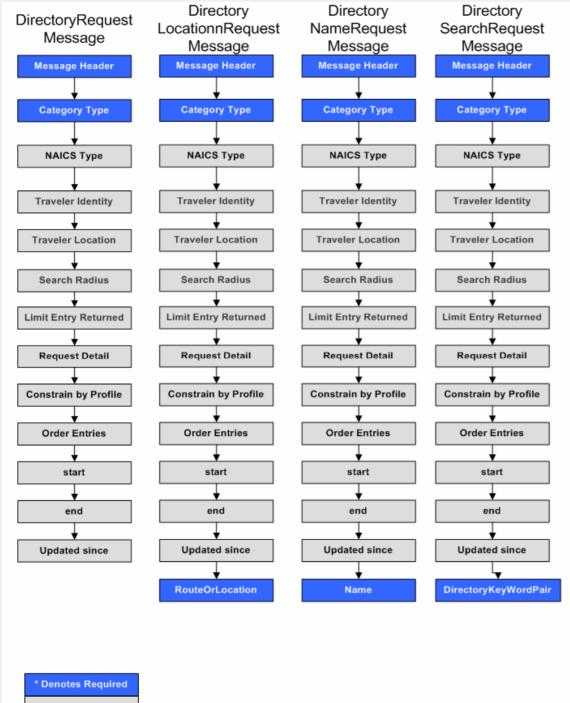


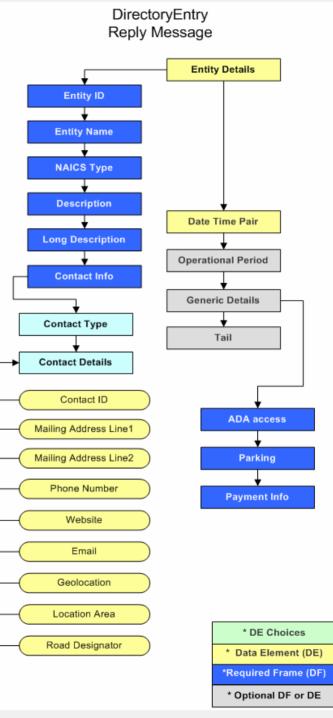




ATIS Standards

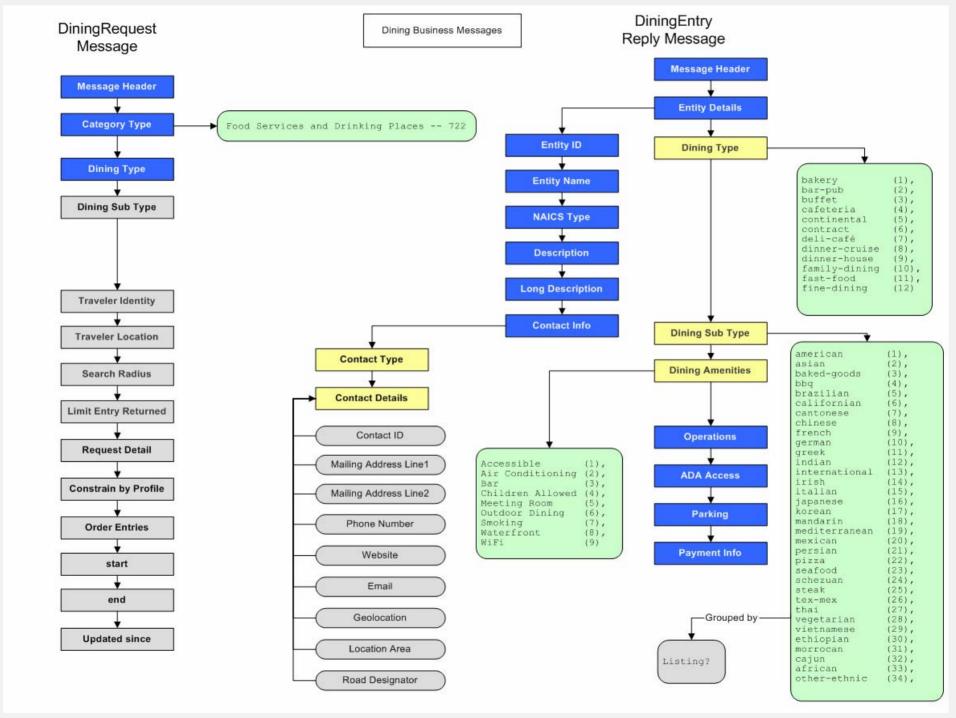
- In 2002 as part of a collaborative effort with Maine and New Hampshire ("TRIO") the 3 states undertook a project to develop ATIS Standards for Traveler Information "Yellow Pages."
- The ATIS standards would enable the 3 states to share Traveler Information seamlessly across their respective Traveler Information websites.





* Denotes Optional





DINING/RESTAURANT SERVICES

FINAL Version 5 ATIS DATA DEFINITION: Place to eat.

Dining/Restaurant NAICS Codes

ATIS Code	Dining NAICS Codes
(1),	Food Services and Drinking Places

	Dining/Restaurant by Service Type
ATIS Code	Service TYPES
(1),	Bakery
(2),	Brew Pub/Bar and Grill
(3),	Cafeteria
(4),	Coffee Shop
(5),	Deli Café
(6),	Dinner Cruise
(7),	Dinner House
(8),	Family Dining
(9),	Fast Food
(10),	Fine Dining
(11),	Truck Stop



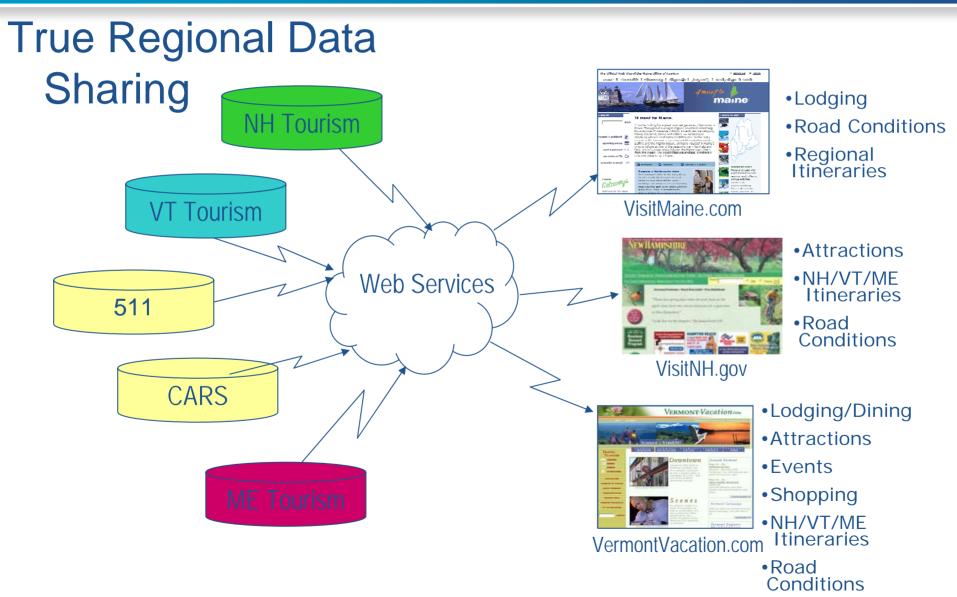
- TRIO's 511 service is unique in that a caller in any of the 3 states can request road and weather information from another state.
- Vermont goes one step further to provide traveler information via a "live operator" feature.



1-800-VERMONT/511 Call Center









1. National Adoption of ATIS Standards

2. TRIO Traveler Information Services

3. DNE Traveler Information Services

4. I-95 Corridor Coalition Traveler Service

5. National Traveler Information



• Thank you for your time and attention!