



NTIA Quarterly Report Supplemental Answers – 2012 Quarter 4

Data Collection Question 2: *Describe any additional project milestones that have been accomplished over this reporting period.*

- On behalf of the State of Illinois, submitted the sixth round of data on broadband carriers and speed offerings to the National Telecommunications Information Association. A total of 138 carriers were included in this submission.
- In preparation for the round seven data submission cycle, continued to contact providers to sign non-disclosure agreements, encourage participation, and gather updates to data.
- Updated the ranking of school districts and community colleges based upon the sixth round of data.
- Continued extensive updates to the Community Anchor Institution (CAI) database.
- Engaged with officials from the Rural Policy Action Partnership regarding the Rural Digital Advocacy Grant to develop a mobile Wi-Fi application, and our progress with that project.
- Conducted a video interview with one of our GIS Analysts to inform the public about our data collection and mapping efforts. This video can be found on our YouTube Channel (broadbandil).

Capacity Building Question 2: *Describe your progress meeting each major activity/milestone approved in the Project Plan for this project; any challenges or obstacles encountered and mitigation strategies you have employed; planned major activities for the next quarter; and any additional project milestone or information.*

- Released "Broadband Adoption in Illinois" research report, which revealed significant differences in broadband access and adoption of home users among our ten eTeam regions. The report is attached as an artifact.
- Hosted the Illinois Broadband Research Conference, with panels on benchmarking broadband and seeding demand, showcasing the work that has been done on broadband usage in our state. Additionally, held a discussion on data-driven impact, talking about what broadband research can do for economic growth in the state. Video coverage of this event can be found on our YouTube channel.
- Provided monthly reports to the Office of the Governor and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. These reports combine information from all of the federally and state funded broadband projects and track number of fiber miles laid, number of CAI connected, number of new broadband subscribers, total dollar investment in broadband, as well as the number of jobs created as a result of this funding. The December 2012 report is attached as an artifact.
- Convened meetings with several agencies to advance mutual interest in using better broadband to create better lives, including the American Telemedicine Association, Carthage Veterinary Services, Center for Neighborhood Technologies, Chicago Community Trust, Citizens Utility Board, City of Chicago, Connect2Compete,

Connected Living, Convergence Technologies, Federal Communications Commission, Gigabit Squared, Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Illinois Century Network, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, Illinois State Library, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Lumity, Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, Mobile Citizen, Novation, Office of Health and Information Technology, Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Representative Dan Biss, Rural Utilities Service, Senator Durbin's office, Shawnee Communications, Small Business Administration, Smart Communities, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, University of Chicago, Western Illinois University School of Agriculture, and WGN-TV.

- Added a page to BroadbandIllinois.org with information on the Illinois Broadband Deployment Council, its members, upcoming meetings, and archives of past meetings.
- Attended a Broadband Summit coordinated by the Delta Regional Authority, and served as a presenter and panelist. Summit discussions include Gigabit cities in the eight Delta states, successful statewide broadband initiatives, economic growth and opportunity through broadband in the Delta region and more.
- Continued multi-state collaboration by attending the "Research Roundtable on the Economic and Community Impact of Broadband" workshop hosted by NC Broadband.
- Began planning a summit to bring together telemedicine experts and broadband enthusiasts to advance developments in that field. This summit will be held in the May 2013.

Technical Assistance Question 2: *Describe your progress meeting each major activity/milestone approved in the Project Plan for this project; any challenges or obstacles encountered and mitigation strategies you have employed; planned major activities for the next quarter; and any additional project milestone or information.*

- Partnered with the East Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation to hold the 3rd Annual Regional Broadband Summit in the Southeast Central eTeam Region. Nearly 100 community leaders, government representatives, broadband providers and broadband stakeholders gathered to network and learn of current broadband services, planned expansion projects in the region, and broadband education and adoption efforts in the region.
- Held eTeam meetings in the North Central, Northwest, West Central, Southeast Central, and Southern regions, bringing together more than 200 broadband enthusiasts to set goals for the coming year related to broadband awareness, government, and K-12 school access.
- Met with the Urbana Champaign Big Broadband policy board, which will likely play a key part in the Northeast Central eTeam region.
- Presented about broadband adoption and education to two Regional Offices of Education in the Western portion of the state, also informing them of the Federal Communication Commission's Broadband Lifeline Pilot news, which will have a direct impact on their communities.
- Convened meetings with interested stakeholders to discuss collaboration for pending FirstNet opportunities.
- Collaborated with Connected Living to develop a plan for offering digital literacy training in the Western and Southern regions of the state.

- Worked with forty-four individuals who requested broadband through our website, connecting them with service providers in their area.
- Overhauled the map section of the BroadbandIllinois.org website.
- Highlighted Connecting Generations, an innovative digital literacy program, through a video spotlight on our website, and a print article in our newsletter. The interview can be found on our YouTube channel.
- Continued to participate in the national Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband Coalition, planning the next conference to increase access for CAI nationwide.
- Publicized digital literacy training events at BroadbandIllinois.org.
- Continued to evaluate eTeam activities and accomplishments as related to each region, to further define levels of involvement and set future goals.