



Quarter 3 Supplemental Information

Data Collection

- Completed the Residential Broadband Pricing Study, which sheds new light on how prices of residential broadband vary across different speed tiers and geographic locations through Illinois. The report can be found at <http://www.broadbandillinois.org/news/292>.
- Worked diligently to contact providers for updates to data for the eighth round of data submission to the National Broadband Map, and obtained data for twelve new broadband providers in Illinois.
- Improved the contents of its Community Anchor Institution database by increasing the number of school and library records and broadband subscription speed data for schools.
- Completed the round eight submission to the National Broadband Map, which includes data on 86% of known Illinois providers.
- Promoted the Illinois Wi-Fi mobile application through a webinar hosted by the Rural Digital Advocacy organization that provided funding toward the project.

Capacity Building

- Announced a Request for Proposals regarding researching the Illinois Century Network. Partnership for a Connected Illinois will provide up to \$100,000 for a thorough and comprehensive impact study completed on a detailed timeline. Successful bidders will also invest significant resources of their own into this project.
- Facilitated a meeting of the Illinois Broadband Deployment Council.
- Co-hosted a webinar with Broadband Communities Magazine Highlighting Successful Midwestern Broadband Fiber Projects.
- Engaged with a group from New York regarding possible 4G expansion and data center in Illinois.
- Held meetings with the following entities to collaborate on broadband deployment and education throughout the state:
 - Adams Communications
 - Arch Fiber Networks
 - AT&T
 - Broadband Communities
 - Cass Communications
 - Center for Neighborhood Technology
 - CHOICE Neighborhood
 - Citizens Utility Board
 - Clark County Health Department
 - Coles County Farm Bureau
 - Comcast
 - Computer Banc
 - Connected Living

- Convergence
- Crawford County
- Cumberland Internet
- Dot World Group
- East Central Illinois Development Corporation
- Farm Bureau
- Federal Communications Commission
- FirstNet
- Harrisonville Telephone Company
- Illinois Century Network
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Science and Technology Coalition
- Illinois State Board of Education
- iTV-3
- Lakeland College
- Learning Technology Center
- Local Initiatives Support Commission (LISC)
- Lumity
- Madison Communications
- Metro Communications
- Mid-Century Communications
- NCSA Blue Waters
- Northwestern Illinois University
- Office of Governor Quinn
- Pacetel
- Parkland College
- Pavlov Media
- Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
- Sandoval School
- Senator Enyart
- Shawnee Communications
- Smart Communities
- United States Department of Agriculture
- United Way
- University of Illinois
- University of Illinois Extension
- Volo
- Wabash Telephone Cooperative
- Western Illinois Regional Council
- Windstream
- WorkNet
- YouMedia
- Zoom.us

Technical Assistance

- Held meetings of regional eTeams in order to convene technology planning teams, with the following highlights:

- Northwest eTeam members met with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, who will now be a partner on infrastructure work grouping and identifying communities with dark fiber.
- The West Central eTeam met to discuss a local newsletter, including marketing materials and developing a logo. Additionally, hosted a larger meeting discussing application to the USDA Distance Learning and Telehealth grant, local government issues, and K-12 broadband access.
- Southeast Central eTeam helped resolve issues a provider was having building a tower in Richland County, surrounding land ownership and township roads.
- Southeast Central eTeam collaborated with the Illinois Cooperatives on plans for a Crawford and Jasper County project regarding technology planning, modernizing the e-government site, and training.
- Revamped the Broadband Illinois website, by adding a “Regions” tab to the front page, featuring local information on ten eTeams and each of Illinois’ 102 counties. A new, common sense navigational structure allows users to quickly find relevant information on local demographics, industry, events, broadband speeds and availability. In addition, users can easily find contact information for each eTeam leader by clicking on counties or regions.
- Attended North Central Regional Scenario Planning Event, which focused on an interactive mapping process to help determine where and how the Northwest Central region should grow in terms of broadband.
- Attended a meeting in which Council members from the City of Urbana, Champaign and the University of Illinois met to discuss the transition and transfer of network assets to a new nonprofit agency.