



To: Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

From: Lori Sorenson, Illinois Department of Central Management Services

Subject: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Extension Request,
Illinois Department of Central Management Services (Award ID:
NT10BIX5570108) for Award Period from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2013

Date: June 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) requests a period of performance extension until September 30, 2013 to continue the successful implementation of our Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) award. This request includes this project's extension rationale and provides supporting documentation as attachments to the Award Action Request (AAR).

- 1) **Reason(s) for Extension Request:** CMS has experienced circumstances that have caused the need for an extension beyond the original project end date. The narrative below provides an explanation of how the project-specific circumstances resulted in the need for a period of performance extension; our proposed plan for addressing any outstanding issues; and the project benefits that will be delivered during the extension period.

CMS request an extension from July 31, 2013 to September 30, 2013 to complete a 10 mile fiber build to connect the fiber network to an Internet peering point and complete four laterals to CAIs delayed due to permitting issues.

Completion of the connection to the Internet peering point is essential to the fiber network as it connects the rural areas of the state to the Midwest Internet exchange in downtown Chicago. The four remaining laterals serve community colleges that provide workforce development and post secondary education to thousands of students. The bandwidth needs of the colleges are growing exponentially each year to accommodate distance learning and online educational resources. The expansion routes will extend much needed fiber to remote and underserved areas of the state and provide CAIs with fiber based broadband connections.

- 2) **Supporting Documentation:** CMS submits the following documentation to assist NTIA with the review of this extension request. The attached materials have been updated according to revised project plans for an extended award period and reflect the narrative provided above.

- **Revised SF-424C Budget and associated narrative** (documentation of how remaining Federal and match funds in each SF-424C category will be used)
- **Project Plan** (updated timeline/milestones needed to achieve benefits within the extension period) - attached

- **Revised Performance Projections** (table below)

Revised Performance Projections	
Performance Indicator	Revised Project Goals
New Network Miles Deployed	1035
New Network Miles Leased	459
Existing Network Miles Upgraded	6
Existing Network Miles Leased	282
CAIs Receiving New Access	0
CAIs Receiving Improved Access	325

- **For recipients requesting an extension beyond September 30, 2013, a breakdown of planned expended award funding** (table below)

Funding Period	Planned Federal Amount	Planned Match Amount
Actual Funding Spent to Date and Planned <u>Expended</u> Funding to Sept. 30, 2013	\$61,895,282	\$34,486,746
Planned Funding Needed Beyond Sept. 30, 2013	\$0	\$0

CMS understands that it must continue to comply with all statutory and programmatic requirements and that this is a no-cost period of performance extension request only (i.e., no additional BTOP funding will be provided under this extension request).

Sincerely,



Lori Sorenson
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 IL Dept of Central Management Services
 Bureau of Communications and Computer Services

Recipients are encouraged to work with their Federal Program Officer (FPO) prior to submitting the extension request. Upon submission of the extension request and supporting documentation as an AAR, the FPO will forward to the Grants Office. The Grants Office reviews the request and communicates the decision to the recipient.