



**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 October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

**Date:** August 28, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) requests a period of performance extension until December 31, 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 requests an extension from October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 to complete a 10 mile fiber build to connect the fiber network to an Internet peering point and complete one lateral to a community college CAI. The 10 mile fiber build has been delayed due to permits. The lateral has been delayed pending the Illinois Department of Transportation's acquisition of right of ways for a highway expansion project.

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 remaining lateral serves a community college that provides workforce development and post secondary education to thousands of students. The bandwidth needs of the college are growing exponentially each year to accommodate distance learning and online educational resources.

- 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**

<b>Performance Indicator</b>	<b>Revised Project Goals</b>
New Network Miles Deployed	<b>1052</b>
New Network Miles Leased	<b>459</b>
Existing Network Miles Upgraded	<b>6</b>
Existing Network Miles Leased	<b>282</b>
CAIs Receiving New Access	<b>0</b>
CAIs Receiving Improved Access	<b>372</b>

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

<b>Funding Period</b>	<b>Planned Federal Amount</b>	<b>Planned Match Amount</b>
Actual Funding Spent to Date and Planned <u>Expended</u> Funding to Sept. 30, 2013	<b>\$61,561,390</b>	<b>\$34,300,638</b>
Planned Funding Needed Beyond Sept. 30, 2013	<b>\$333,892</b>	<b>\$186,108</b>

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,



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IL Dept of Central Management Services  
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**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.**