

## MassTech CCI Extension Request

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

**From:** Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation

**Subject:** Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Extension Request,  
MassBroadband 123 (Award ID: NTI0BIX5570070)  
for Award Period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013

**Date:** June 20, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (MassTech) requests a period of performance extension until January 31, 2014 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:** The Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation 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.

Mass Tech requests an extension from 6/30/13 to 1/31/14 to complete its BTOP project; in particular, to complete the installation of the final 90 miles of fiber and to connect 946 CAIs that MassTech will be unable to connect by the end of June 2013. Although MassTech will have completed 99% of make ready, 95% of fiber, and 24% of CAI connections by the end of June, it requests an extension to provide the time needed to complete the project.

An exceptional number of unforeseeable weather events have resulted in a cumulative impact of more than six months delay in completion of make-ready and the availability of constructible network segments. MassTech has documented these events, which included exceptional snowfall in 2010 and crews being diverted from MassTech to address emergencies associated with extreme weather events along the east coast in 2011 and 2012. MassTech also suffered delays due to environmental reviews that stalled construction, the effects of which rippled through the project timetable. While MassTech increased the number of installation work crews to compensate for some of the lost time, it will be unable to complete the project by the end of June.

MassTech will use the time granted in the extension to achieve the goals outlined and sustained in the grant, completing construction of the network and providing services to all 1241 CAIs in the project.

MassTech therefore respectfully requests a project extension until January 31, 2014.

- 2) **Supporting Documentation:** The Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation 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 project plan milestones attached as Exhibit B
- **Revised Performance Projections** - Updated to reflect recent adjustments provided in 1Q13 PPR.

**Revised Performance Projections**

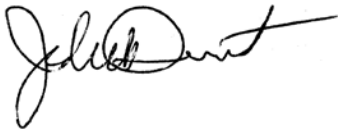
<b>Performance Indicator</b>	<b>Revised Project Goals</b>
New Network Miles Deployed	<b>954.2</b>
New Network Miles Leased	<b>229.2</b>
Existing Network Miles Upgraded	<b>60.9</b>
Existing Network Miles Leased	<b>n/a</b>
CAIs Receiving New Access	<b>1106</b>
CAIs Receiving Improved Access	<b>135</b>

- **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>\$45,445,444</b>	<b>\$26,200,000</b>
Planned Funding Needed Beyond Sept. 30, 2013	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation 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,



Judith Dumont  
Director, Mass Broadband Institute