



2014 Quarter 1 | Supplemental Information

Data Collection

- Continued working with broadband providers to ensure the most up-to-date information on their coverage areas and speed tiers was submitted to the National Broadband Map.
- Prepared data and maps for the ninth round of submission to the NTIA for use on the National Broadband Map.
- Provided the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with a listing of technology companies in Illinois.
- Provided information to DCEO regarding broadband capacity in Illinois, with an additional focus on Chicago.
- Partnered with Connect SI to collect data to populate the Broadband Illinois Wi-Fi App. Connect SI will be deploying youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA to collect this data through a contest effort.
- Provided data to an economic development group to use in support of their Eliminate the Digital Divide grant.
- Provided a school district with data to support their pursuit of grant opportunities.
- Assisted World Business Chicago with a Smart Communities data request.
- Attended Chicago Open Government Meetup on census data.

Impact/Capacity Building

- Assisted the Learning Technology Hub and Lincoln Trail College in evaluating options for connectivity amongst area schools.
- Collaborated with two communities in the Western part of the state regarding connecting to a new provider, MetroNet.
- Helped an economic development group determine what fiber was available in their county.
- Met with the mayor and city manager of Elgin regarding the Elgin Municipal Network.
- Worked with a community in the North Central region to develop plans for community Wi-Fi
- Worked with a Northern Illinois community on the feasibility of implementing a wireless mesh network.
- Assisted in finding fiber options for an entity in Coles County.
- Met with the Chief Technology Officer for the University of Chicago regarding their vision moving forward with Gigabit plans.
- Met with Gigabit Squared regarding network of schools connectivity, Woodlawn stakeholder meetings, and the City of Chicago Request for Qualifications.
- Attended Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's announcement at the World Business Center and wrote a follow-up article, as he has issued a request for qualifications from potential vendors in a plan to bring affordable gigabit-speed service to seven designated "innovation zones" around the city.
- Coordinated with other interested parties in regards to the City of Chicago Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Request for Qualifications.
- Facilitated a call of the Broadband Deployment Council regarding Rights of Way issues.
- Assisted the Broadband Deployment Council Administrative committee on getting a full roster and conducted outreach to members.
- Attended "Digital Learning Day" where FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler spoke on private partnerships to fund eRate 2.0.
- Shared news items about ConnectEd and eRate via the Broadband Illinois website.

- Continued exploring the relationship between broadband and telemedicine through meetings with Illinois leaders in both fields.
- Met with numerous agencies to continue collaborating and exploring broadband issues and solutions, including:
 - Belleville College
 - Blue 1647
 - Cellular One
 - Center for Digital Inclusion
 - Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network
 - Central Management Services
 - Charter Business Solutions
 - Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology
 - Chicago Public Schools
 - City of Chicago
 - Coalition of African American Leaders
 - Comcast
 - Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln
 - East Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation
 - Flora Schools
 - Former Senator Larry Bomke
 - Frontier Communications
 - Fujitsu
 - Gigabit Squared
 - Global Telemed
 - Governor's Office of Health Innovation
 - Governor's Office of Management and Budget
 - iFiber
 - Illinois Department of Agriculture
 - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,
 - Illinois Emergency Management Agency
 - Illinois Rural Health Network
 - Illinois Shared Learning Environment
 - Illinois State Library
 - Illinois Telecommunications Association
 - Insite Solutions
 - Intelligent Computing Solutions
 - Jo Carroll Energy
 - Kiwani School District
 - Lumity
 - Madison Telephone Company
 - Marathon Petroleum
 - Metro Communications
 - Metropolitan Community Health Centers
 - Microsoft
 - Midland CEO Programs
 - Polycom
 - Sangamon County 911 Coordinator
 - Senator Mark Kirk
 - SHLB Coalition
 - SIU School of Medicine
 - Smart Chicago Collaborative
 - Smart Communities
 - Speaker of the House Mike Madigan's Office
 - State Representative Brad Halbrook
 - State Representative Christian Mitchell
 - Sunrise Coal
 - TechNexus
 - Telehealth Resource Centers
 - Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
 - United Way
 - United States Department of Agriculture
 - World Business Chicago
 - York Township

Technical Assistance

- Produced the 2013 Annual Report for Broadband Illinois, highlighting the state of Broadband in Illinois, the Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge, eTeam successes, our research, the Broadband Innovation Fund, and the Broadband Telemedicine Summit. (See Attachment)
- Served on a panel discussing "What Works to Bridge the Digital Divide" at the Do Something Better Nonprofit Technology Summit. The summit was hosted by Connect DC, the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer, EveryoneOn, and the Washington DC Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services.
- The Northeastern Region of PCI co-hosted the inaugural Chicagoland Broadband Communities Meetup with the Center for Digital Inclusion (CDI). Twenty-eight broadband enthusiasts including

carriers, librarians, app developers, telecom lawyers, digital literacy trainers, and system integrators gathered to learn more about the resources of CDI and PCI, to pitch projects, find partners, and to identify topics for future meetups.

- Held an eTeam meeting in conjunction with the Western Illinois Technology Summit, during which regional leaders reflected on successes and planned for the future. Successes included additional fiber in the region, cost assistance for low-income new broadband subscribers, and better access supporting many sectors in the region.
- Held a meeting of the Northwest Regional eTeam.
- Worked with individuals via phone and through the website on finding better broadband based upon our "Find Broadband" tool on the website.
- Met with the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and other groups regarding telehealth pilots in Illinois.
- Collaborated with the Farm Bureau to develop an informal curriculum for them to use while training in basic computer use.
- Met with City of Chicago officials regarding their new Right of Way ordinance.
- Met with the Superintendent of Decatur Schools to discuss technology needs in order to implement PARCC testing.
- Attended a DCEO Regional Community Workshop with a focus on DCEO's grant, loan, and job training programs. The workshop provided an opportunity to learn more about the tools in the State's economic development toolbox.
- Networked with several hospitals and health centers on broadband and telemedicine needs.
- Participated in Illinois State Library Council's Connect2Compete meeting.
- Worked closely with Frontier Communications on their gigabit community project in southern Illinois
- Worked with the Escape Locally project to expand regional presence beyond Southern Illinois
- Worked with a provider on their Expression of Interest to the FCC Broadband Pilot.
- Worked on finding a broadband solution for local school districts in Southern Illinois.
- Worked with a community college to look into grant opportunities to assist them in retaining their technology training.
- Assisted Frontline Business Solutions in initiating meetings with broadband carriers.
- Publicized EDD grant and worked with several potential applicants and DCEO on understanding forms, requirements, etc.
- Became involved in the AT&T Aspire program, which helps students at risk of dropping out of school to utilize technology to avoid that outcome, in partnership with schools and libraries.
- Promoted smartphone and tablet classes by Cellular One.