Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership **East Central**

Monthly Update

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Proposed Services Rates Model

ICN has announced the proposed services and rates as a result of the fiber network. ICN is also recommending a new methodology for allocating the state funding provided to off-set bandwidth costs for schools, libraries, higher education, and museums.

We have attempted to explain the proposed rates and funding allocation model and RTC staff are prepared to provide further clarification, should you have additional questions.

An explanation of the new methodology is posted on the ICN website at:

www.illinois.net/services

IBOP-EC Update

Conduit is pulled into the ground



Construction is in full swing! At the present time construction is in progress on six of our ten packages. The following is a summary of the fiber construction packages:

Kankakee to Champaign, I-57 (91 miles): J.F. Electric began construction in Currently there are 24 miles of conduit and 20 miles of fiber December.

installed. Directional boring and placement of conduit as well as the direct bury of fiber continues to progress. Construction is anticipated to be complete by September 2012.

Kankakee to 95th Street, I-57 (55 miles): Meade began construction in January. Currently there are 44 miles of conduit installed. Directional boring and plowing of conduit continues to progress. Construction is anticipated to be complete by September 2012.



miles of conduit installed. Construction is anticipated to be complete by October 2012.

Champaign to Effingham, I-57; Mattoon to Grandview, Rt. 16 (100 miles): John Burns Construction Company began construction in March. Currently there are 8 miles of conduit installed. Crews have begun to plow in conduit in the Effingham

area, moving north along the I-57 right of way. Construction is anticipated to be complete by October 2012.

Effingham to East St. Louis, I-70 (102 miles): Ledcor (LTS) began construction in March. Currently there are 17 miles of conduit installed. Construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2013.

Champaign to Springfield, I-72 (103 miles): J.F. Electric began Initial directional boring and conduit construction in April. placement is underway. Construction is anticipated to be complete Conduit is attached to a reamer by April 2013.



Northern Illinois Laterals (15 miles): Awarded to Ledcor (LTS). Preconstruction activity is in progress with construction expected to begin in May. Construction is anticipated to be complete by September 2012.

J.F. Electric construction truck

Grandview to Paris, Rt. 16; Paris to Lawrenceville, Rt. 1; Lawrenceville to Olney, Rt. 50 (93 miles): Awarded to J.F. Electric. Preconstruction activity is in progress with construction expected to begin in May. Construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2013.

Barry to Macomb, I-72, Rt. 24, and Rt. 67 (133 miles): Awarded to Ledcor (LTS). Preconstruction activity is in progress with construction expected to begin in May. Construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2013.

Springfield to Barry, I-72 (79 miles): Awarded to Ledcor (LTS). Preconstruction activity is in progress with construction expected to begin in May. Construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2013.