



### ICN Budget News and Impact to Allocations



Earlier this year CMS announced the proposed new service rates and state funding allocation model both of which would go into effect on July 1, 2013, the official go live date of our new fiber backbone. The projected allocation credits we shared were based on the ICN budget appropriation at the time which was \$13 million. The Fiscal Year 2013 budget passed by the General Assembly reduced ICN funding by over 50% to \$6 million. If the Fiscal Year 2014 funding level is also \$6 million there will be a reduction in the state funding allocation credits provided to primary constituents of K12, higher education, libraries and museums.

The allocation model is designed to easily adjust if the state funding level changes from year-to-year. As the state funding level changes, CMS will adjust the per student credit for education constituents, per population credit for libraries and per organization credit for museums. The model also sets a minimum and maximum credit to adjust for the extreme variance in student enrollments and populations served. The following table shows the impact of the reduced state appropriation.

Constituent	FY12 Funding Level - \$13M		FY13 Funding Level - \$6M	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
K12	50 Mbps	2,000 Mbps	22 Mbps	100 Mbps
Higher Education	50 Mbps	2,000 Mbps	22 Mbps	100 Mbps
Libraries	35 Mbps	1,000 Mbps	12 Mbps	70 Mbps
Museums	35 Mbps	35 Mbps	15 Mbps	15 Mbps

The state funding cut does not affect the proposed rates as those are based on the operating cost to support the new fiber infrastructure. Both the proposed rates and state funding allocation model were approved by the Policy Committee at the July 16, 2012 meeting. CMS will not decrease the baselines for Fiscal Year 2013; however, allocations for Fiscal Year 2014 will depend on future state funding.

CMS staff will work with the Policy Committee to develop a strategy to educate the General Assembly on the criticality of state broadband funding for schools, libraries and museums. We need your stories highlighting the importance of broadband for your organization and the need for continued support to make broadband more accessible and affordable. Please send your stories to your [designated RTC](#).

The Illinois Century Network and Regional Technology Centers (RTC) provide consultation services and technical support to nine geographic regions in the state. Please feel free to contact your RTC office with any question or requests.

Illinois Century Network Regional Technology Centers	
Region I	800.366.8768
Region II	847.294.4700
Region III	630.907.2950
Region IV	815.936.4644
Region V	815.632.4080
Region VI	309.671.7683
Region VII	217.353.2693
Region VIII	618.651.9633
Region IX	618.453.3833



### Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership Project Team

Pictured to the left are some members of the Springfield IBOP team. This project is carried out by a dedicated team of staff and multiple project partners throughout the state (not all pictured).

The project will construct more than 1,000 miles of new fiber and upgrade over 1,000 miles of existing fiber as part of the Illinois Century Network, the state's existing education network.

# Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership East Central

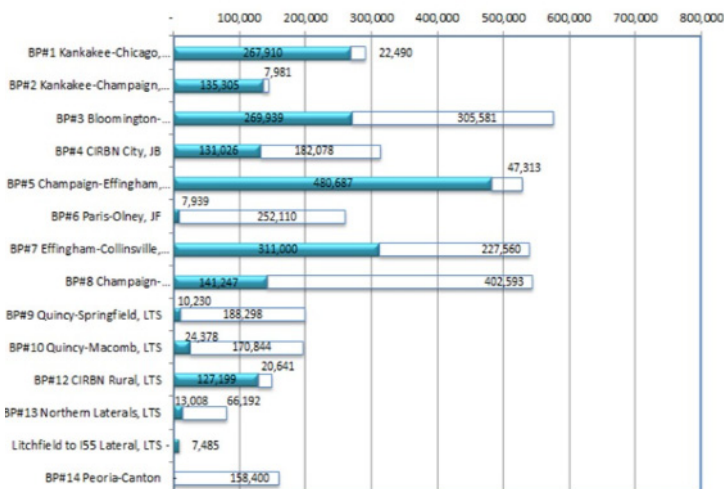
## The IBOP-EC Project, Lighting Up Illinois While Supporting Jobs in Illinois!

When the Illinois Century Network embarked upon the Broadband Opportunity Partnership – East Central (IBOP- EC) Project more than two years ago, we knew there would be an opportunity for job creation, but we didn't know to what extent. With an additional one year left, we can now report that those numbers are real. As of June 2012, 260 full-time-equivalent (FTE) jobs have been funded as a direct result of this project!

This project requires a wide range of expertise from Illinois professionals, ranging from construction workers to engineers, surveyors, and back office staff. These professionals perform many tasks crucial to the success of a project of this size, including: construction, equipment operators, utility locators, engineering, permit acquisition, materials procurement, project management, fiber splicing and testing to name a few. Following is a list of the prime contractors providing engineering and construction services, including sub-contractors:

Primary Contractors	Services	Sub-contractors
 <b>Globetrotters</b>	<b>Globetrotters Engineering Corporation</b> Chicago, Illinois Website: <a href="http://www.gec-group.com">www.gec-group.com</a> Environmental assessment, design engineering and construction management services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G4S Technology, LLC</li> </ul>
 <b>J.F. ELECTRIC INCORPORATED</b>	<b>JF Electric Incorporated</b> Edwardsville, Illinois Website: <a href="http://www.jfelectric.com">www.jfelectric.com</a> Supplies and construction services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone Masters</li> <li>Utility Design Services, LLC</li> <li>Donco Electrical Construction, LLC</li> </ul>
 <b>john burns</b> construction company	<b>John Burns Construction Company</b> Orland Park, Illinois Website: <a href="http://www.jbcc.com">www.jbcc.com</a> Supplies constructions services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sonoma Underground Services, Inc.</li> <li>Custom Underground, Inc.</li> </ul>
 <b>MEADE</b> SAFETY · QUALITY · PERFORMANCE · SINCE 1908	<b>Meade Electric Company, Incorporated</b> Chicago, Illinois Website: <a href="http://www.meade100.com">www.meade100.com</a> Supplies and construction services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gaffney's Protective Maintenance, Inc.</li> <li>Dynasty Group, Inc.</li> <li>Precise Tree Care, Inc.</li> <li>Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc.</li> </ul>
 <b>LEDCOR GROUP</b>	<b>The Lecor Group, Technical Services Division</b> San Diego, California Website: <a href="http://www.ledcor.com/en">www.ledcor.com/en</a> Supplies and construction services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Services, Inc.</li> <li>Jansen Cable Construction, Inc.</li> <li>JK Snyder Co. Inc.</li> <li>Construction-Cad Solutions, Inc.</li> </ul>

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