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Chicago Broadband Challenge

“One Voice” Stakeholder Opportunity Webinar

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- Aggregate Stakeholders for the **Chicago Broadband Challenge**
- Work with Providers, Businesses, Innovations Zones
- Promote Deployment in Neighborhoods, Park
- Leverage Chicago Assets – Dark Fiber and infrastructure, ride a ways, Sanitation Tunnels
- Encourage Broadband Use for Chicago



On September 24, 2012 Mayor Emanuel announced an ambitious broadband initiative with a three key missions:

1. Build gigabit last-mile fiber infrastructure in 15 “innovation zones” located in commercial and industrial corridors throughout the city, feeding Chicago’s growing startup community.
2. Bring cheap broadband access to underserved neighborhoods in the city and develop training programs to teach residents in those areas the “digital skills” necessary to put that access to use.
3. Launch a network of free Wi-Fi hotspots throughout city parks, plazas and other public spaces.



BUILDING A NEW CHICAGO ★ ★ ★ ★ BROADBAND

A website and online campaign has been launched at www.cityofchicago.org/broadband.



All project information can be found here, including the downloadable RFI and contact information.

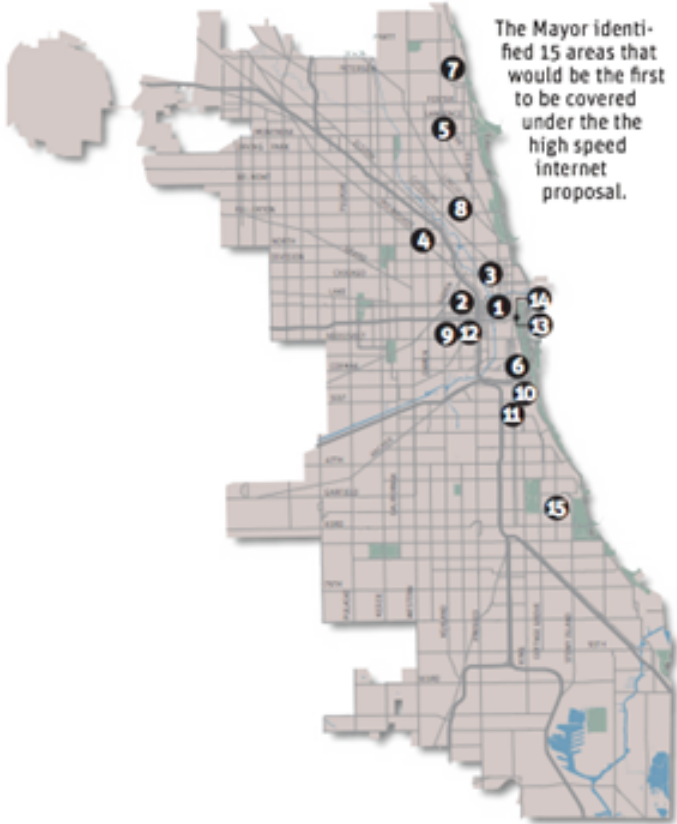
The city has issued a request for information asking any interested company, local university or other organization to submit ideas for implementing all or parts of the broadband rollout.

Two key questions are posed to the public:

1. How the City can best make use of its existing broadband infrastructure and potential uses for future expansion of high-speed broadband access citywide?
2. How and where the City should make these critical infrastructure improvements?



HIGH SPEED ZONES



The Mayor identified 15 areas that would be the first to be covered under the high speed internet proposal.

- 1. Loop area
- 2. West Loop area
- 3. River North
- 4. Bucktown/Wicker Park
- 5. Ravenswood Industrial Corridor
- 6. McCormick Place/Cermak
- 7. Loyola University
- 8. DePaul University
- 9. Illinois Medical District
- 10. Michael Reese Hospital Site
- 11. JIT
- 12. University of Illinois - Chicago
- 13. Columbia College
- 14. Chicago/Roosevelt University
- 15. University of Chicago/ University of Chicago Medical Center

SOURCE: City of Chicago

Sub-Times



Questions?

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