

Illinois Broadband Innovation Fund

The Small Business Administration allocated funds to PCI for the development and implementation of a plan, in collaboration with Illinois DCEO, to increase computer adoption and usage across Illinois.



Of these funds, PCI is investing up to **\$500,000** .

113 proposals were received!

Illinois Broadband Innovation Fund by the numbers

“The breadth of topics and geographic diversity of applicants demonstrates the strong interest in efforts to use Better Broadband for Better Lives.”

- 113 proposals received by September 18 deadline.
- \$7,359,864.39 requested from the Broadband Innovation Fund.
- \$26,634,380.83 in total project costs.



14 Programs Selected for Funding

- Ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000 awards
- PCI Investment: \$500,000
- Total Projects Cost: \$2,092,053.66



Carlinville School District

Students in Carlinville School District will preserve and digitally produce the stories of local veterans. Personal interviews will capture the experience of veterans and students will use digital technologies to preserve stories, in cooperation with the U.S. Library of Congress' Veterans History Project and the Illinois State Library.



Veterans/Education; Central eTeam Region

City of Monmouth

The City of Monmouth will design, develop and deploy a “virtual museum” web application that will allow local students to create and “curate” online exhibits and provide opportunities for county residents to utilize broadband to explore and interact with the living history of their region.



Arts/Education; West Central eTeam Region

Dot World Group

Dot World Group will provide opportunities for small, community-oriented businesses to expand the successful Southern Illinois-based “Escape Locally” economic development program to a statewide audience.



Economic Development; Southern eTeam Region

Eastern Illinois University Business Solutions

The solutions center will create the Prairie Spark E-Hub – a digital resource center filled with essential information and tools for entrepreneurs, students and youth mentors to “grow our own” businesses and jobs. The E-hub will be accessible 24/7, expanding the number of youth and entrepreneurs served.



**Economic Development/Healthcare; Southeastern
eTeam Region**

Family Christian Health Center

Family Christian Health Center will improve care coordination for the medically underserved residing in south suburban Cook County by creating and maintaining a broadband-enabled web portal that connects patients and the community at large to an online database of community resources.



Healthcare; Chicagoland eTeam Region

Fishin' Buddies

Fishin' Buddies will leverage high speed internet access to enhance the use of outdoor public facilities. Three key components include: a web application that will catalog all of the native and invasive plant and animal species found in the local Cook County Forest Preserve, a mobile research center, and training for small business owners.



**Education/Ag/Low Income; Chicagoland eTeam
Region**

Integrated Therapy Services

The vision at Integrated Therapy Services is to utilize broadband to connect families with special needs in rural, agricultural southeastern Illinois with a variety of resources that are available statewide and nationally in order to improve the development, daily functioning, quality of life, and community involvement of children and families with special needs.



Healthcare/Telemedicine; East Central eTeam Region

Lake Land College

This project proposes to expand upon the Connecting Generations project piloted at the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham. A collaborative partnership involving the library, Effingham County Senior Center, University of Illinois Extension office, East Central Illinois Development Corporation (ECIDC), and four area high schools.



Seniors/Library; East Central eTeam Region

Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council

MCHC's pilot project will enable psychiatrists at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System (UI Health System) and other psychiatrists to provide 24/7 tele-psychiatry services to rural hospitals throughout the state.



Healthcare; Chicagoland eTeam Region and Rural Hospitals

Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship

The Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship's CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class prepares high-school students in rural Illinois to become self-reliant, enterprising individuals with the skills to start businesses and contribute to the economic development of their communities. Students will focus on creative uses of technologies and broadband access.



**Entrepreneurship/Education; Southeastern eTeam
Region**

MTC Communications, Inc.

MTC has proposed to connect the Western Illinois University agricultural facilities with high speed fiber as part of its Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge grant proposal. In addition to the WIU Agricultural facilities, MTC is also proposing to connect the recently funded WIU Wind Turbine Project to the same fiber.



Energy/Agriculture; West Central eTeam Region

Six Mile Library

The Six Mile Regional Library District's Mobile Computer Training Opportunities project extends the benefits and value of broadband by taking training to neighborhoods. Envision hosting classes in local schools, park district and township locations throughout our service area. Class participants will learn about specific online resources relating to eGovernment, healthcare, and job-seeking.



**eGovernment/Education/Economic Development;
Southwest Central eTeam Region**

The House Development Corporation-21st Century Youth Project

The House Development Corporation---21st Century Youth Project will launch a web---based platform to enabling underserved students to access cutting---edge technical resources and relevant training youth. The program is designed in conjunction with college standards, enabling students to accrue college credits.



Education/Low Income; Chicagoland eTeam Region

Tri-County

The commission is currently facilitating a transformative economic development planning process that encompasses Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Mason Counties. Vision for using broadband in this project is to establish a regional broadband adoption effort that will include the development of a broadband connectivity strategy for the region.



Economic Development; North Central eTeam Region

EVALUATION PROCESS

- Received 113 applications by September 18
- Six member independent review committee
- Review process September 19 - October 1
- Announcements October 2, 2012



EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Open and transparent process
- Evaluators used the criteria listed in the “Evaluation and Selection Process” of RFP
- Four equally weighted categories
 1. Economic Development on a Broadband Platform
 2. Innovation
 3. Experience and Track Record
 4. Cost/Benefit

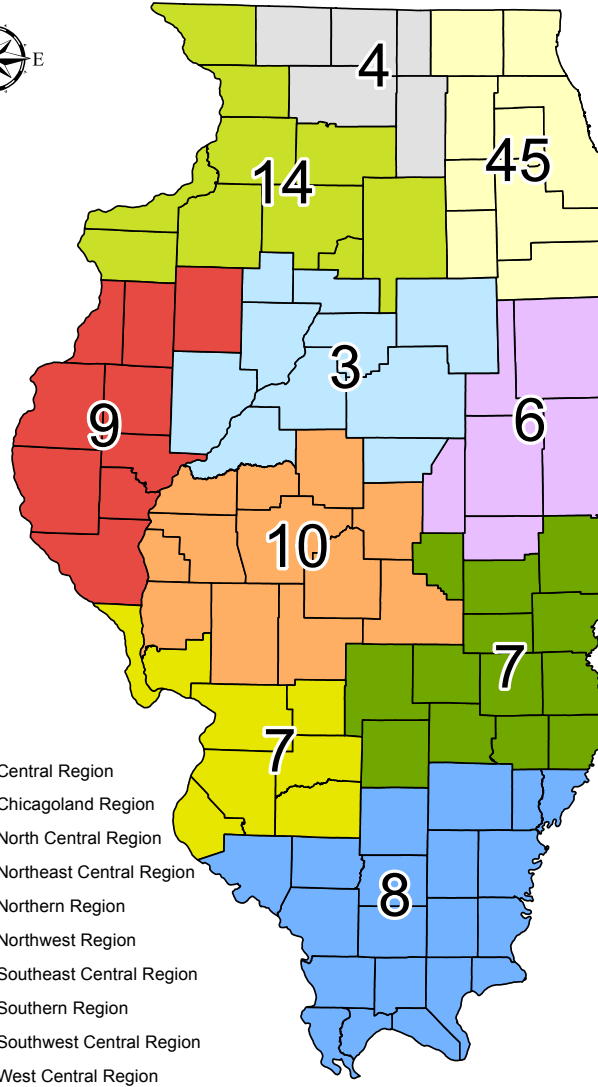


PROCEDURES FOR CONTESTING AWARD

Organizations seeking to contest an award must submit their contest in writing by e-mail, to the Partnership for a Connected Illinois at contests@broadbandillinois.org **by Friday, October 12, at 5 p.m. CT.** Organizations should state their issue of concern with the RFP process or its result.



PCI will reply in writing to contests by Monday, October 22, at 5 p.m. CT, and will respond only to the issues identified in the contest.



- Central Region
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Questions?

Go to

<http://broadbandillinois.org/innovation>

for all materials and information.

Broadband Illinois wants to sincerely thank all participants for your passion, enthusiasm and ideas.

