

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

APRIL 15, 2013 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Greg Wass called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM and thanked everyone for attending.

Members present (Chicago):

Greg Wass, Cook County	Sean Vinck, Office of the Governor
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Members Present (Springfield):

Bonnie Styles, Illinois State Museum	Alan Phillips, Board of Higher Education
Anne Craig, Illinois State Library	Jeff Newell, Illinois Community College Board
Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services	

Members on audio bridge:

Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle	Mike Dickson, Consultant
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Staff and guests:

William Maggos, Office of the Governor	Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library
Linda Knibb, Consultant	Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services	Carla Poani, AT & T
Deborah Kelley, Central Management Services	

Announcements and Comments

Greg stated he is increasingly proud of the fact that we have a very well managed state-owned asset. It is important to keep in mind the public purpose of the Illinois Century Network. We want to make sure the Policy Committee stays intact to maintain that purpose. Everyone here represents the major users and with your help, we will keep the proper perspective. There has been speculation about whether the ARRA program was running afoul of the private market and it is clear the grants were available to any qualified applicants. The State of Illinois worked hard to submit a competitive application and obtain the funding. We are looking forward to public and private partnerships. This investment is viewed as a kick start to get more connections and additional investment across the state. It is positive for the economy as a whole.

Minutes

Greg introduced the first item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the January 22, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Dickson to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Styles. The motion carried.

IBOP Update

Lori provided an update on the IBOP fiber project which is targeted to finish on July 31st. All of the conduit has been installed and 915 of 1,000 miles of fiber has been installed.

Boring under the Illinois River is complete. Lori explained a bit of the complexities involved in the river bore. The river is 500 feet across; however, the Army Corps of Engineers required the conduit and fiber to be installed 60 feet below the bed of the river so the actual distance of the river bore was 1,500 feet. To get the angle, they had to start in the flood plain and go under the levee. The other side of the river is all rock-faced cliffs so they punched through a 10" steel pipe and then put in a 4" iron conduit. Conduit is usually 1.25". By using the larger conduit, space will be available for other utilities needing to cross the river in the future.

Fiber leases have been secured for 681 of 700 miles. The two remaining agreements are with the Chicago Transit Authority. Staff are still working on the last of the details – both should be on the May Board agenda.

As of March 31st, project expenditures totaled \$66 of the \$96 million. CMS has received \$30 of \$64 million in federal funds and \$18 of \$26 million in capital funds plus another \$6 million in state funding.

There are 19 anchor institutions that are connected and capable of receiving service. This includes several of the community colleges in the Chicago area.

CMS has received approval for a project expansion request as staff is projecting the original scope to be completed under budget. A route change request is pending with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the Chicago re-route from 95th Street to downtown. CMS originally planned to use CTA fiber along the red line which will not be available due to major construction. Staff identified a new; however, will likely need more time to complete the changes. CMS plans to submit a request to NTIA for an extension through September 30th. Staff anticipate receiving approval for the extension as many other projects around the national have been granted extension for similar reasons.

The fiber lease contract template and customer forms for wholesale customers are complete. The first wholesale agreement has already been executed. CMS is in negotiations with several other wholesale customers.

The ICN issued the Request for Information for the sales and marketing partner. Eight responses were received and staff are conducting question and answer sessions with each respondent. The responses have confirmed the framework is appropriate and accurate. The Request for Proposal will be issued this summer. There were no responses for the Request for Public Comment.

ICN Funding

Lori reported that a call was held with CMS fiscal staff and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget regarding funding. At the start of FY13, ICN expected \$6 million based on appropriations in two different funds. To date, CMS has only received \$4 million. The remaining \$2 million has not been released due to a lack of money in the fund. The administration has submitted a supplemental appropriation request which could provide an additional \$9.3 million for ICN. The FY14 budget includes a \$5 million appropriation for the ICN within the Budget Implementation Bill.

New Policies and Rates

Robin Woodsome presented a list of new services that have evolved over the years based on customer needs. ICN staff has been working with the Advanced Engineering Taskforce to establish parameters and rates for the new services. These new services include: bandwidth for community/shared networks,

backup bandwidth, expedited requests, special router configurations, monitoring and NOC support for management release customers, and extending certain ICN services across other vendor networks.

Greg suggested the Committee and staff consider incorporating whole sale providers in the Advanced Engineering Taskforce since they are a new customer category. Lori and Robin committed to discussing the suggestion with the Advanced Engineering Taskforce at the next meeting.

E-rate

Tom Oseland reported that the 2011 application for \$3.3 million has moved to the final review. The final dollar amount that will be requested for reimbursement is approximately \$2.5 million. The 2012 application was approved. The final reimbursement amount will not be available until the end of FY13.

The ICN is now officially a service provider. The RTC staff responded to hundreds of schools and libraries during the recent bidding window. According to the E-rate website, there are 116 applications listing ICN as their internet service provider. These applications total \$938,000 in E-rate funding based on a total purchase of \$1.4 million in ICN services.

The Federal Communications Commission has announced an E-rate program - Healthcare Connect Fund. The new program targets hospitals, health clinics, and doctor's office facilities and provides funding for broadband services as well as connections to offsite datacenters and administrative offices. The program provides a flat reimbursement rate of 65%.

Advanced Engineering Taskforce Membership

Michael Dickson abstained from voting on this item since he is a nominee.

The Advanced Engineering Taskforce includes members from the various constituent groups that help guide the future direction of the ICN. In addition to planning, this group has helped staff with network policies and technical configurations. Members are appointed to terms of 1 to 3 years.

Staff recommended a three year term for the following:

- Andrew Bullen, Illinois State Library;
- Tracy Smith, University of Illinois;
- Dennis Gallo, O'Fallon CCSD 90
- Ken Davis, Sangamon County 911
- Michael Dickson, Retired
- Jim Peterson, Bloomington School District 87

Staff recommended a two year term for the following:

- Brian Tobin, DeKalb CUSD 428
- John Bandy, Memorial Health Systems

Ann Craig made a motion to approve the confirmation and renewal of AET members as requested. Bonnie Styles seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mike Dickson abstaining.

Open meetings Act

As required by the Open Meetings Act, staff presented the following rule governing how public comments are to occur at future Committee meetings.

A representative of the general public may request the opportunity to make a presentation, provided that his/her request is made to the Committee Secretary no later than three business days prior to the Committee meeting for which the request to make a presentation is made, except as an emergency might require. Appearance, if approved by the Chairperson, will be subject to reasonable time limits and relevant to subjects on the meeting's agenda. The party whose request for appearance is approved will be notified in advance of the appointed time and place. The time and appearances which have been approved will be scheduled as the Committee agenda permits or as the Chairperson deems appropriate.

This item will be brought forward for action at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Bonnie Styles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 PM. Anne Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.