



Regional Meetings Take A New Focus

Historically, ICN hosts annual regional meetings in several locations throughout the state to share news about the network and provide constituents an opportunity to ask questions of ICN management and Regional Technology Center staff. The focus of this year's meetings is the broadband fiber project. There are three more meetings scheduled for early November and we welcome your participation. It's never too late to register! Visit our website at www.illinois.net for a list of meeting locations, dates and registration information.



Jeremy Robieson guest speaker at Oakton Community College

Regional Meeting Highlights



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IBOP-EC Project Update

The fiber project is moving along well. We have completed 78% of the conduit and 32% of the fiber. Eight anchor institutions are connected and our Collinsville to Springfield route is operational. The ICN staff are traveling across the state installing equipment at POP sites and anchor institutions sites in preparation to "light up Illinois." When the fiber is lit the backbone will be more than 10 times its current capacity and our new state allocation and service and pricing models will go into effect. On July 1, 2013 a new era in broadband begins in the State of Illinois!

There will be a variety of ways in which to connect to the ICN and enjoy the benefits of the faster broadband speeds. Many constituents will continue to connect to the ICN by using a last mile provider. ICN staff are continually working with existing and emerging service providers to identify constituent sites needing faster, more affordable last mile connections. Some anchor institutions are or will be connected through a community/regional fiber network. These sites are well positioned to immediately enjoy faster broadband speeds on July 1. ICN has intentionally included multiple interconnection points along the fiber path to enable constituents to build a fiber connection directly to the ICN fiber. We believe that the ingenuity of the communities, anchor institutions and service providers will result in many creative solutions for extending faster broadband speeds to ICN constituents.

Our new network is just around the corner and our customers can look forward to more robust services in the future! Who else offers Google and Akamai caching, discounts on hardware and circuits, loaner routers, additional bandwidth upon request for special events and a local support staff who will take calls 24 x 7? If you haven't experienced our services that set us apart, give us a try! We will not disappoint!



New State Funding Allocation Model

Our new model is based upon a dollar credit model that will be adjusted annually based on state funding

Constituent Group	Estimated Credit for FY14	Minimum	Maximum
Education	\$1.96/FTE Student	\$3,564	\$12,000
Libraries	\$0.09/Population Served	\$2,016	\$9,660
Museums	\$2,520/Campus	\$2,520	\$2,520