



### Healthcare Connect Fund

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has implemented a new program, Healthcare Connect Fund, to fund broadband for health care providers (HCP).



Eligible HCPs can receive a 65% discount to cover broadband services, equipment and possible infrastructure costs with the HCP making a 35% contribution. An objective of the program is to expand HCP access to broadband services and encourage development of state and regional networks linking together health care providers. The Healthcare Connect Fund will begin accepting applications late summer 2013 for services that begin January 2014.

The Healthcare Connect Fund will replace the Internet Access Program by June 30, 2014. Information can be found at the FCC Universal Service Administrative Company site at [www.usac.org/rhc](http://www.usac.org/rhc). ICN will monitor the applications and respond with bids where appropriate.

The ICN Master Service Agreement can be found by clicking here.

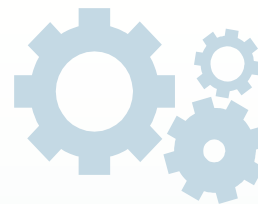
Please email your completed form to your RTC office or the Springfield Office at: [cms.bccs.icn@illinois.gov](mailto:cms.bccs.icn@illinois.gov).

#### 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

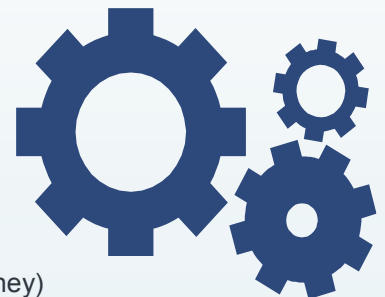
### Fiber Project Accomplishments

- 95% of new construction fiber is complete
- 94% of leased fiber is complete
- 11% of CAIs are connected
- 22% of the new network is operational
- 91 Full Time Equivalent jobs were directly funded by the project during the first quarter of 2013



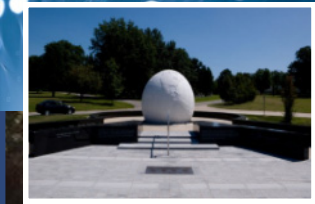
### Sites Connected to new Fiber in May

- Effingham County Building
- Effingham Regional Office of Education
- Lake Land College Kluthe Center (Effingham)
- Neoga Jr./Sr. High School
- Lake Land College (Mattoon)
- Eastern Illinois University (Charleston)
- Illinois Eastern Community College District Office (Olney)
- Parkview Jr. High School (Lawrenceville)



# Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership East Central

## Illinois Veterans & Community Classroom Project



### Technology in the Classroom for a Richer Intergenerational Learning Experience



The ICN is built to carry the next generation's data applications, support information exchange between the largest research institutions and universities, and deliver educational content to every part of the state. The ICN is the vehicle for a myriad of remarkable projects and information, including the Illinois Veterans Classroom Project.

Begun as a project to help the World War II Veterans' Memorial Board preserve first-hand Veterans' military and home front stories, the project includes Illinois veterans of all wars. The Project's goals are closely aligned with those of the ICN and the National Broadband Goals for Education: online learning; digital literacy; modernizing the educational broadband infrastructure; and expanding digital educational content.



Since 2008, more than 2000 students, representing 25 middle and high schools statewide, have participated in this intergenerational project and collected personal stories that will leave an impact for the rest of their lives. Nearly 400 student edited veterans' documentaries have been compiled from 500 full video footage stories. More than 360 of the 400 edited documentaries have been submitted to and accepted by the Library of Congress. The current collection of home front and war stories are merely a beginning of what the project hopes to become a national trend.

The students are not only learning good old-fashioned interpersonal and interview skills, they are appreciating the sacrifices others have made to preserve our freedom while developing practical and marketable digital literacy skills. The ICN anticipates that similar partnerships will proliferate as the network build out continues and the Illini Cloud infrastructure allows arrangements with telecommunications providers and further opportunities for education. **Websites:** IL WWII Veterans Classroom Project [www.iltc.k12.il.us](http://www.iltc.k12.il.us) Illinois Veterans Classroom Project [ilvets.iltc.k12.il.us/ilvets](http://ilvets.iltc.k12.il.us/ilvets)

*A reminder to future generations of the sacrifices made to keep the United States and the world free and secure. The sacrifices made by the Greatest Generation must never be forgotten.*



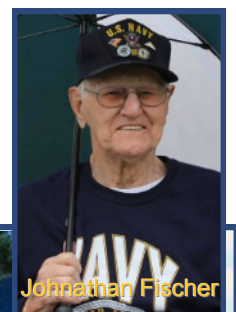
World War II Veterans D-Day Memorial Program



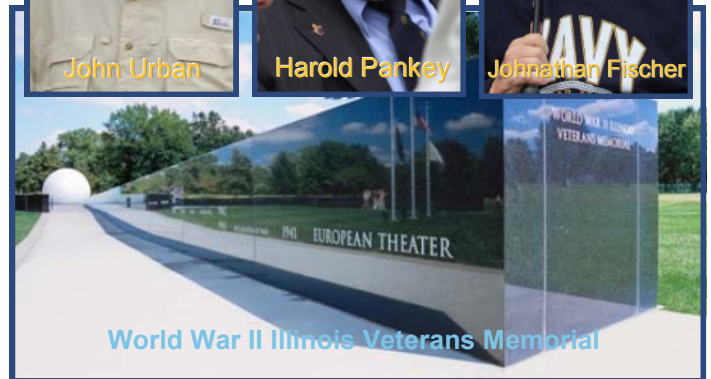
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