



Key Dates

October 12, 2011
IBOP EC Presentation at
Central Illinois ARRA
Awardees Meeting

December 2011
Collinsville to Chicago
Segment Operational



Due to the aggressive schedule of the IBOP-EC project, this year's regional meetings will not take place.

Please continue to check the ICN website regularly and watch for the IBOP-EC monthly updates.

Please contact your local RTC office if you should have additional questions.

Share the exciting news of the fiber project with your constituents!

Collinsville to Springfield is Operational



As of September 17, the Collinsville to Springfield path is operational. The planning and coordination came together this month to light this 90 mile fiber path. During the past several months, CMS worked with various vendors to extend existing fiber along I55 to CMS' network POP sites. Meanwhile, CMS staff was installing the optical equipment. CMS is also collecting bids to build a lateral path to connect Litchfield High School. This build should be complete by the end of the calendar year.

New Construction



CMS has selected J.F. Electric from Edwardsville, IL to install the fiber and conduit for the first construction package which includes a 90 mile path from Kankakee to Champaign. Construction is expected to begin in October and be complete within six months. CMS and Globetrotters Engineering Corporation are finalizing design specifications and permits for the next few construction packages which will include a 65 mile path from Kankakee running North to 95th Street in Chicago and a 110 mile path running North-west from Champaign to Bloomington.

UC2B Breaks Ground



The Urbana Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) project kicked off construction with a September 7 groundbreaking ceremony at Douglas Park in Champaign. UC2B is one of the five Illinois projects to receive a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) infrastructure grant. The UC2B project is building a middle mile fiber ring throughout the two communities, as well as, fiber to the homes in unserved and/or underserved, low income neighborhoods. CMS will interconnect our network with UC2B on the edges of Champaign Urbana and use their infrastructure to access our network POP site and customers within the Champaign Urbana community.

