



UC2B Policy Committee

From Teri Legner, Economic Development Manager, City of Champaign

Date: May 27, 2011

Subject: Request for Letters of Interest from Qualified Firms to Provide Business Model Options and Development of Business Plan for UC2B – A Fiber Optic Network

On Monday May 23, 2011, staff from the City of Champaign, after review from representatives of Urbana and the University of Illinois, prepared and distributed the attached letter requesting the above noted services from the following individuals/firms:

Andrew Cohill, Design Nine, Inc., designnine.com

Doug Dawson, CCG Consulting, c-c-g.com

Scot Eberle, Fiberutilities Group, fiberutilities.com

Diane Kruse, NEO fiber, neofiber.net

Wally Czerniak, Herb Kuryliw, and John Lewis, Northern Illinois University

David Foote, 2C Works LLC

Jim Baller, Baller Herbst Law Group, baller.com

Joanne Hovis, Columbia Telecommunications Consultants, CTCNet.us

This list of recipients was compiled by Mike Smeltzer (UI), Fred Halenar (C), Fred Stavins (C), and Mike Monson (U).

The request is being made pursuant to discussion and direction from the last Policy Committee meeting (report from Richard Schnuer attached, Sec. III, 2.) and from interest expressed by the Cities and UI. The responses are due back on Tuesday, May 31. Representatives from each of these agencies will evaluate the responses and select the top 3-5 firms for interviews the following week so that a final candidate may be selected and a contract negotiated for consideration by the Policy Committee meeting on June 15 or July 6 at the latest.

Policy Committee representation: Staff is seeking input from the Policy Committee as to whether or not

it has interest in selecting a member to participate in the selection process for this firm and if so, who that individual may be.