



NTIA and Grant Update – 5/17/11

There will be an update call with NTIA on Wednesday morning 5/18.

FTTP Technology & RFP – As reported verbally last meeting, NTIA approved the technology change. The University posted the award on its procurement site yesterday. We still await the State Procurement Board’s approval.

Budget Revisions – Both the University’s Grants and Contract staff and our NTIA Program Officer are still reviewing the revised budget. I have not received any feedback from either as of today.

Revised Environmental Assessment – I responded to NTIA’s list of questions about the route changes. I am sure we will discuss that tomorrow morning and I will provide a verbal report. Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) is moving forward with getting the various “environmental” approvals required.

Construction Update – We have killed some trees in the process, but as of this morning, the hundreds of pages of Champaign and University area drawings were down to 7 small and 21 very-small issues. The Urbana drawings are still under review. I believe that Paul will attend the Policy Board meeting tomorrow and can provide an update.

IDOT Permits & IRU – Most of the permits have been released. There is still some friction on the Interstate 74 permit. Craig or Bill may be able to provide an update.

Quarterly Performance Progress Report – Our Program Officer wanted additional information, which has been provided. I will learn tomorrow if this is finished, and will share it if it is.

Mike