

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-027R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN REGARDING THE BIG BROADBAND CONSORTIUM (UC2B)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (hereinafter "the City", an Illinois municipal corporation, has a population of 25,000 and is a home rule unit pursuant to Article VII, §6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and 65 ILCS 5/1-1-9; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, §10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., allows the City to enter into agreements, with other governmental entities, which provide for mutual cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the City, the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and the City of Champaign, an Illinois municipal corporation, all are committed to the principles of intergovernmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, , the parties' intention is to seek grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") for the development and construction of a broadband project to serve "underserved" areas within the Urbana-Champaign community as generally described in the "Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband Proposal" dated July 21, 2009 ("UC2B Proposal"), and consistent with the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Project Categories as set forth in the "Notice of Funds Availability - Fact Sheet - July, 2009" and the Notice of Funds Availability issued by the Department of Commerce for the for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop and operate a coordinated broadband system, it is necessary to establish a system consortium; and

WHEREAS, the mission of such a consortium is to:

1. Build multiple backbone rings identified in the Proposal;
2. Build a Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) infrastructure in the thirty-five (35) "underserved" census block groups identified in the Proposal;
3. Provide fiber and develop options for providing e Internet services to the FTTP customers;
4. Build the lateral fiber connections to schools, fire stations, senior living facilities, community technology centers and other private fiber locations;
5. Activate fiber services to the UC2B partners and investors;
6. Complete the construction of the physical elements of the project by November of 2012;
7. Operate the system developed pursuant to intergovernmental agreement for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to commit itself to the cooperative creation of such a consortium.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the City of Urbana, the Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for the Creation of the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband System Consortium (attached hereto and fully incorporated herein). Said Agreement shall be in effect immediately upon execution by all parties.

PASSED by the City Council this 3rd day of August, 2009.

Phyllis D. Clark

 Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 4th day of August, 2009.

Laurel Lunt Prussing

 Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor