

STATE: ILLINOIS

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Nature of report (preliminary, final, advisory, executive/legislative): Preliminary-to the Lt. Governor and Broadband Deployment Council

Key recommendations:

- Expanded inventory of both benefits and costs of infrastructure and applications
- State leadership in digital government and governance
- Develop standards (available but not mandatory) for core infrastructure
- Streamline process at state and local levels regarding permits, fees and ordinances
- Modernize current statute and regulations
- Provide incentives, review tax relief potential for both providers and users

Key Programs Initiated:

- Utilized 3 volunteer working groups to create the subcommittees comprised of Consumer Demand, Infrastructure and Public Policy.
- Listed recommendations for revised legislation on railroad crossings, pole attachments, permitting and the creation of a select joint committee to negotiate such changes

Recommended Appropriations:

Full funding of SB766, Broadband mapping and use, \$4 million transfer from existing funds, plus spending authority for the department managing the fund. Ongoing funding for grants to be determined as the initial sum is depleted.

Web link to agency or task force:

<http://illinoisbroadbanddeployment.pbwiki.com/>

Statement of Values: Illinois should establish, as a key high priority objective, the goal of ensuring that the state has excellent digital communications capabilities for all areas and communities. Illinois should institute policies and practices that would allow it to be recognized as a world leader in digital communications services and infrastructure deployment.

Where we've been: No history in this report.

Where we are today: Multiple examples of current outstanding applications now being used in the state broken down by industry or sector.

Where we want to be: America's leading broadband state.

How are we going to get there?

- Education and training at the local and state level

- Create a joint working group in the general assembly to look at legislative changes necessary
- Prioritize the recommendations
- Encourage public-private partnerships

Broadband functionality (tiers of service) – Each of the applications included a description of the connection type and speed used to accomplish the activity, ie; 512kps DSL quality or better for the telepharmacy application.