



Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council

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The Hon. M. Jodi Rell
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State Capitol
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In accordance with Public Act No. 07-254, the Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council (CBICC) offers these principles for consideration by the State in determining which projects should be submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for possible funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

As a legislatively-mandated coordinating council, the broad spectrum of representatives on the CBICC includes not only governmental entities with public policy goals, but also commercial enterprises that will compete for the limited stimulus resources. (See attached list of council membership.)

Thus, in order to create a set of principles unifying the diverse interests of the CBICC members, the Council has agreed to the attached high-level principles that we believe the State should use to prioritize its submission and funding allocations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis Manzione".

Louis Manzione, *Chairman*
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It is agreed that:

1. Invest in Broadband Mapping

The State's first priority should be to invest in a broadband mapping effort to measure and map the availability of broadband across the state in order to support Connecticut's economic development and competitiveness activities. The effort should result in documentation that is available to the public and policy makers acquired according to the best practices of disclosure and confidentiality that have already been achieved in other states.

2. Promote Broadband Construction to Unserved Areas

The State should promote the construction of broadband service to unserved areas where broadband via wireline or wireless technologies is not already available. Appropriate stimulation of private sector investment in these unserved areas should be the preferred process to provide broadband in unserved areas, but other projects could also be considered if the private sector cannot meet the needs of the unserved Connecticut citizens.

3. Promote Broadband Demand-Side Initiatives

Coordination of investments in enhancing demand-side initiatives involving both public and private entities on a state-wide basis, including educational and government networks in communities that would benefit from greater broadband usage.

4. Obtain Funding of CBICC

The CBICC members believe that the State should seek ARRA funding for two years for the operations of the CBICC as this will serve to properly address and support the state's overall broadband coordination.