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ILLINOIS

Host Site Approach

Illinois chose to place their 9 Members individually in regions across the state; each Member's host site was a state university branch (NIU, SIU, WIU, etc).

Funding & Contracting Approach

The convening and funding partner leading the charge in Illinois was the Illinois Broadband Lab (a quasi-government entity) and the University of Illinois Extension system.

Training & Management Approach

While university chapters supervised Members' day-to-day activities in their communities, training was predominantly provided by the Illinois Broadband Lab team.

IDAHO

Host Site Approach

Idaho chose to place 10 Members across the state, each serving with a branch of the University of Idaho Extension System. All Members served either rural or tribal communities.

Funding & Contracting Approach

The University of Idaho Extension System fully funded all 10 Members.

Training & Management Approach

All training was conducted centrally, administered by the Digital Economy branch of the Extension System.

MASSACHUSETTS

Host Site Approach

Massachusetts chose to place 15 Members at a mix of host sites statewide - some hosts were nonprofits, while others were municipalities.

Funding & Contracting Approach

All Members were funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative (MBI), which functions as the state broadband office. MBI also raised private funding from Comcast to support the statewide corps effort, adding an additional 5 Members.

Training & Management Approach

Given the large number of Members, most training was community-specific and conducted by each host site. However, MBI did provide some central training, while also marketing Members' efforts statewide in the press/media.