



February 10, 2009

Toni Nathaniel Harp, Co-Chair, Appropriations Committee
John C. Geragosian, Co-Chair, Appropriations Committee
Dan Debicella, Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee
Craig A. Miner, Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee

Subject: Funding for Administrative Services to the Connecticut Broadband Internet
Coordinating Council

Dear Appropriations Committee Members,

I am writing to request funding for the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to provide administrative and support services for the Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council (CBICC). The CBICC was appointed as a result of PA 7-254 with the mandate to "(1) monitor trends and developments in the state's efforts to develop a state-wide world-class communications infrastructure; and (2) issue any reports it deems necessary to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to technology."

CASE has provided all of the administrative support to me and the entire council in recording minutes, coordinating council meetings, launching and maintaining a website for information dissemination, and all correspondence to Council members. The CBICC simply could not operate without this support.

Per my request, they have summarized their expended and expected costs to provide such administrative support to the CBICC for FY10 and FY11. I have attached their expense summary to this letter. I respectfully request that you authorize funding so that CASE can continue to support the CBICC in its work to keep Connecticut at the forefront of utilizing Broadband Internet as an economic and educational enabler.

Sincerely,

Louis Manzione, PhD
Chair, Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council

CC: Christopher G. Donovan, Speaker of the House
Donald E. Williams, Jr., President Pro Tempore



CONNECTICUT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

January 26, 2009

Louis Manzione
Chair, Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council
Dean, College of Engineering, Technology and Architecture
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT

Dear Mr. Manzione:

I am writing to request funding for the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering in order to continue providing administrative services to the Connecticut Broadband Internet Coordinating Council for FY10 and FY11.

This budget proposal includes funding for the Academy staff to prepare for and attend a minimum of 4 meetings annually; prepare meeting minutes, manage Web site content, maintain files and handle general correspondence of the Council.

The annual budget required for these services is as follows:

FY10	\$10,000
FY11	\$10,000

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Strauss
Executive Director

cc: Robert P. Vietzke, Vice Chairman
Executive Director, Internet 2