

The Honorable, The Common Council
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The "Facilities Use and License Agreement" between the City of Milwaukee and Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC to build a wireless network in the City was effective on September 18, 2006. This Agreement allowed Midwest Fiber Networks 120 days to complete a demonstration area on the near west side of the City, or until January 16, 2007. This date was not met. However, a substantial amount of working equipment has been installed to date, and procedures to continue building at an accelerated pace have been put in place.

In the accompanying Amendment to the original Agreement, Midwest Fiber Networks is allowed an additional 120 days from the effective date of the Amendment to complete the demonstration area. This puts the demonstration area completion date at July 7, 2007. Given the challenges to building a wireless network on a broad scale using public and private facilities, we feel that this is a reasonable compromise.

The Agreement and the Amendment do not incur any direct costs to the City budget. I therefore recommend that you approve the Amendment allowing Midwest Fiber Networks until July 7, 2007 to complete the demonstration area. Other terms of the contract are not affected.

Sincerely,

Randolf A. Gschwind
Chief Information Officer

C: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sharon Robinson, Director of Administration
Jeffrey Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works
Jeffrey Polenske, City Engineer
Martin Collins, Commissioner of Neighborhood Services
Martha Brown, Deputy Commissioner of City Development
Kevin Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney