

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: December 4th, 2012

TITLE: Gig.U - NCNGN Status Update

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office – IT Division Economic & Community Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: None	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Vogel - 919-918-7305 Annette Stone – 919-918-7319

PURPOSE

To provide the Board of Aldermen with a status update on the regional Gig.U - NCNGN initiative.

INFORMATION

Gig.U is a national effort of leading research universities and communities that have joined together to work with current and potential network service providers, as well as others, to accelerate the offering of next generation ultra-high speed communications network services in communities. The members of the regional Gig.U effort are Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Cary, Winston-Salem, UNC, Duke and NC State. The regional group is also collaborating with the Triangle J Council of Governments, MCNC, a non-profit corporation that operates the North Carolina Research and Education Network (NCREN), and various regional Chambers of Commerce. The regional Gig.U initiative has been named the North Carolina Next Generation Networks (NCNGN). An update on the current status of the Gig.U – NCNGN initiative will be presented to the board of Aldermen.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To be determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Status Update.