Attachment A

RESPONSE FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

In order for your response to be reviewed and considered, the "Solution" must contain, at minimum, the following:

- [x] Completed Cover Sheet (all questions answered)
- [x] "Solution" Articulation

Delivery Requirements:

Please submit:

- [x] 2 Printed copies or on CD to:

Massachusetts Broadband Institute
C/o Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
75 North Drive
Westborough, MA 01581

AND

- [x] 1 Electronic version
  - emailed to broadband@masstech.org

By:
December 19, 2008

REMINDER:
Any information or materials submitted to MTC in response to this Call for Solutions will be made publicly available through the MTC website (www.masstech.org).

Solution Cover Sheet

Name of Respondent Organization

Five Colleges Net LLC

Mailing Address	City/Town	State	Zip Code
97 Spring Street	Amherst	Mass	01002

Telephone	Fax	Respondent Web Address
413 256 8316	413 256 0249	www.fivecolleges.edu

Name of Primary Contact (Individual)

Lorna Peterson

Primary Contact Title	Contact e-mail address	Direct Telephone #
Executive Director/Five Colleges, Inc. Manager, Five College Net, LLC	lmpeterson@fivecolleges.edu	413 256 8316

Which of the following best describes the respondent: (You must select at least one)

- ☐ Broadband Service Provider
- ☐ Government Organization
- ☐ Equipment Manufacturer
- ☒ Non-profit Organization
- ☐ Equipment Vendor
- ☒ Owner of Physical Assets
  (please specify Asset: Potential Long Term Dark Fiber Lease)
- ☐ Network or Systems Integrator
- ☐ Interested Individual
- ☐ Investor/Venture Capital
- ☐ Consultant
- ☐ Advocacy Group
- ☐ Other
  (please specify Other: _____)

Brief Description of Organization
(please outline previous experience with broadband deployment and/or provision of broadband services)

Five College Net (FCN), LLC, owned by Five Colleges, Incorporated, has installed 53 miles of fiber optic cable between each of its member campuses with an extension to One Federal Street in Springfield Massachusetts. FCN provides an area backbone to Springfield with the potential to become part of a broader regional western Massachusetts backbone. Five College Net, LLC is prepared to discuss long term dark fiber leases with interested solution providers. The seven towns and municipalities within the FCN footprint have been offered four strands of fiber; three of the towns - Amherst, Chicopee and South Hadley - are now connected to the Network.

List of anticipated partner organizations

Any potential solutions provider that may need access to dark fiber in the footprint of the Five Colleges fiber cable system as shown on the attached drawing.