



IBOP-EC Update



The IBOP-EC project is at month sixteen of thirty-six just over 1/3 complete. To date much of the effort has been on the many planning and design activities needed prior to entering the construction phase. Now these planning and design activities are coming to a close, and we are shifting focus to the construction phase.

- Construction activities have started on the Kankakee to Champaign span. Estimated to take 9 months.
- Meade to start construction on Kankakee to 95th Street. Estimated to take 6 months.
- CMS is collecting vendor quotes for 2 more spans – Champaign to Bloomington and Champaign to Effingham.
- CMS will be collecting vendor quotes for the remaining spans throughout December and January.

While construction activities will continue during the winter months, they may move at a slower pace due to weather conditions. Once Spring arrives, construction will be in full swing. Meanwhile, CMS staff are working on securing contracts and lighting the leased fiber routes.

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CMS has awarded Meade the contract for the fiber build between Kankakee and 95th Street in Chicago. Pre-construction meetings are beginning and necessary components being completed to clear the way for construction to begin.

Meade will install conduit along the path, including boring under the Kankakee River. Once conduit is in place, fiber will be installed using a method called “air-blown” which is literally a process of using air to blow fiber through the conduit.

