## ADDENDUM #1 September 26, 2008

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #05-09 LEASE OF BROADBAND CIRCUIT

## **Response to Inquiries**

Q1. Section 1.3 states that the intent of this RFP is to lease a broadband circuit that is geographically diverse from your existing fiber. What degree of diversity are you looking for? Do you just want diversity between major POPS (Portland CO / Bangor CO) or are you looking for last mile diversity and diverse entrances into the buildings?

The University is looking to lease a broadband circuit that is geographically diverse from as much of its existing fiber route including last mile diversity if possible/available. It is understood that as a route reaches its point of termination maintaining geographic diversity becomes more difficult. The University is not requiring diverse entrances into the buildings.

Q2. Is the University asking for an unprotected circuit? Or would preference be given to ring protection?

Bidders should describe what level of circuit protection they are proposing as asked for in section 6.0. If a bidder can provide either a protected or an unprotected circuit, they should provide pricing information for both.

Q3. The RFP asks for service to 63 Texas Avenue. Is this the same location as 65 Texas Avenue?

63 Texas Avenue is currently known as Lewiston Hall and was formerly MPBN's office building. 65 Texas Avenue is MPBN's Winchester Technical Center. They are not the same building, but the University does have conduit space available between the two buildings.

Q4. What is the requested delivery date for the service?

Bidder should provide the earliest date by which they can have the proposed circuit installed. While the University does not have a specific date by which this circuit needs to be installed, preference will be given to bidder's who can have a circuit installed in a timely fashion.

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