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Civitium Retained by the City of Chicago to Advise on Community Wireless Broadband Initiative

ALPHARETTA, GA - January 3, 2007 - Civitium, LLC , the market-leading consulting firm for municipal broadband and Digital Community initiatives, has been retained to provide advisory services for the City of Chicago's community wireless broadband project. Chicago, the nation's third largest city, announced its intent in 2006 to form a public-private partnership to deploy a citywide wireless broadband network.

"Chicago has a goal to apply technology to grow its economy, increase the quality of life for its citizens and eliminate disparities in levels of education and income," stated Hardik Bhatt, Chief Information Officer for the City of Chicago. "Civitium's experience guiding the largest and most complex cities in this area will be of great value to further our goals," he added.

The City has retained Civitium to provide advisory services on strategy, policy, technology, proposal evaluation and negotiation with the selected proposer to the City's RFP.

"Civitium applauds the City of Chicago's leadership in applying technology for community benefit," announced Greg Richardson, Managing Partner with Civitium. "We look forward to bringing our experience from working with other world-class cities to assist Chicago with their process." He added.

About Civitium, LLC - Civitium is the market-leading consulting firm for municipal broadband and Digital Community initiatives. The firm provides advisory services on strategy, policy, business planning, RFP development, stakeholder assessment and technology issues for numerous U.S. and international cities, including Philadelphia, San Francisco, Houston and Vancouver.

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