



20<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Urban Broadband Fund Supplier Consultation

The Chancellor's Autumn Statement in December 2012 confirmed a further 12 cities will be allocated funding from the Urban Broadband Fund in addition to the ten cities that were announced in last year's Budget. DCMS anticipates that all of these cities will commence procurement during summer 2013. To be successful DCMS recognises the importance of communication with suppliers in each area who will provide the necessary capability to deploy infrastructure and sell services over it to the many businesses and residential customers who will benefit. We are therefore undertaking a process of consultation with potential suppliers.

This consultation provides information on commercial delivery models that could be adopted by city projects and sets the context of the funding and procurement options that may exist against them. This consultation process is being used to understand how the likely views and level of involvement of suppliers may be impacted by such factors as infrastructure access conditions, scope of commercial arrangements, approaches to procurement and funding.

DCMS invites you to provide your views by completing the Consultation's questionnaire, providing evidence and background detail wherever possible. DCMS places significant importance on your feedback, and we hope that you will be able to give it your full attention. Please can I ask you to return the completed questionnaire no later than **15 March 2013**.

DCMS will also be arranging a supplier day to meet you face to face to discuss the delivery plan further and address your queries. In the meantime if you have any questions please do email DCMS via: <mailto:urbanbroadbandfund@culture.gsi.gov.uk>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Creamer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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*Deputy Director, Broadband Delivery UK*