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SPRINGFIELD- Congressman Richard Neal, Congressman John Olver, Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno and Massachusetts Broadband Institute Director Judith Dumont will make a major announcement regarding the \$71.6 million *MassBroadband 123* fiber-optic network project and broadband infrastructure investments in the City of Springfield.

WHAT: The announcement of a major milestone agreement to advance the *MassBroadband 123* project and provide broadband infrastructure investments in Springfield.

WHEN: Monday, March 21, 2011
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Enterprise Center, Building 101- Telecom Classroom
One Federal Street, Springfield, MA

Staff will be on hand to direct press from main gate.

About *MassBroadband 123*

The MBI's project, *MassBroadband 123*, is a critical component of Governor Patrick's initiative to extend broadband access across the Commonwealth. *MassBroadband 123* will be a robust, fiber-optic high-speed Internet backbone network covering 1,338 miles and connecting over 120 communities in western and north central Massachusetts. The network will provide the necessary broadband infrastructure to foster economic growth, improve health care and education and strengthen public safety.

For more information on the MBI please visit www.massbroadband.org.

