

Matrix Design Group Selected To Provide Engineering Services For WiredWest Communications Cooperative

East Hanover, NJ. August 10, 2012 - **Matrix Design Group**, a leading fiber optic engineering and design firm, today announced that the WiredWest Communications Cooperative Corporation (WiredWest), a municipal communications cooperative consisting of over forty towns in Western Massachusetts, has selected **Matrix** to provide engineering services for their Fiber to the Home (FTTH) network. The project is estimated to bring high-speed Internet and telecommunications services to 32,000 local residents and businesses, requiring approximately 2,700 miles of network cable to be installed. The network will eventually connect to the state's existing middle-mile fiber-optic infrastructure to create a future-proof, robust communications infrastructure for residents and businesses within WiredWest's participating territory.

Matrix Design Group has been awarded the contract to deliver high level engineering and design services for layout of the fiber optic network. **Matrix** will also provide network equipment and software selection, cable and field hardware selection, in addition to estimated construction and operating costs for the entire project. The high level design and budget analysis is expected to be completed in early October 2012.

Through this partnership, **Matrix Design Group** and WiredWest will develop plans for a fiber optic infrastructure that will connect homes and businesses with an ultra-fast, broadband network that can process large amounts of data. It will replace the decades old telephone infrastructure that left western Massachusetts the inability to access a network capable of handling today's bandwidth heavy applications. With this new fiber optic foundation, these communities will be positioned to sustain the exponential increase of broadband services that require an infrastructure capable of handling tomorrow's growing demand.

About Matrix Design Group:

Matrix Design Group specializes in fiber optic network deployments and complete broadband solutions. **Matrix** will plan, design, build, manage and support broadband projects of any size, with unparalleled excellence and continuity of service while also providing business case development, grant application assistance, Rights-of-Way permitting, local and long haul engineering, project management and fiber construction. The **Matrix** team is poised to manage and deliver your project with the utmost level of service and reliability through the use of the latest equipment, technology, and dedicated personnel.

About WiredWest:

WiredWest is a municipal cooperative of Western Massachusetts towns working on designing, building and operating a last-mile, community-owned, fiber-optic network that will offer comprehensive, affordable and reliable internet, phone and video services to member town residents, businesses and institutions who want service.

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