



## CITY OF BOSTON SOLICITATION OF NEW CATV TELEVISION LICENSE

(Applications Due Back to City by Close of Business  
on May 16, 2016)

**Introduction:** Pursuant to Massachusetts Department of Tele-communications and Cable ("Department") regulations at 207 CMR §§ 3.02 and 3.03 and applicable State and Federal cable television ("CATV") licensing and/or franchising laws and regulations, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, as CATV Issuing Authority for the City of Boston ("City"), hereby solicits applications for additional licensed providers of CATV services within the City.

**Application Due Date/Time:** Thirty days from today (by May 16, 2016 at 5 p.m. EST).

**Form of Application/Resources:** Applicants should prepare a complete Massachusetts State Form 100 CATV license application available at <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dtc-lp/competition-division/cable-tv-division/applications-forms/>. Applicants may also include supplemental materials in addition to required Form 100 information. Relevant resources regarding the City, including copies of agreements governing the City's existing video providers Comcast and RCN can be found at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/cable/About/cablefranchises.asp>.

### **Manner of Application:**

#### a) To the Issuing Authority:

Applicants should furnish two (2) copies of the completed Form 100 and supplemental materials in hard copy or via email by no later than five (5:00) p.m. on the Application Deadline at the following address: Mike Lynch, Broadband & Cable Office, City of Boston Dept. of Innovation & Technology, 43 Hawkins Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. Email: [Broadband@boston.gov](mailto:Broadband@boston.gov)

Parties providing materials by email should follow up email submissions by transmitting two (2) hard copies to the above address by overnight mail.

The Applicant must also include with the hard copies the statutory \$100 application fee made payable to the City of Boston.

#### b) To the Department:

Applicants should furnish one copy of the Form 100 and supplemental materials to the Department by the above methods at the following address:

Sara Clark, Secretary, Massachusetts Dept. of Telecom-munications & Cable, 1000 Washington Street, Suite 820, Boston, MA 02118-6500.

**Additional Factors:** The City reserves rights to give favorable consideration to applications that include one or more of the following: (1) terms that are "substantially the same" as those provided by Comcast (see Comcast License Section 2.4(b)); (2) payment of competitive franchise fee (e.g., five (5%) of gross revenue) or other financial contributions; (3) provision to the City of institutional network capabilities; (4) use of advanced or innovative technologies for delivery of CATV and other services; (5) fiber expansions beyond those offered by existing providers; (6) competitive pricing relative to existing providers; (6) specific provision to provide service in public housing and low-income housing developments; (7) support for public access and digital literacy programs and organizations; (8) free or discounted services to the City or its residents, or non-profit community institutions; (9) affordability options for low income or other vulnerable consumers, and (10) other public interest elements.

**Questions:** Please contact: [Mike.Lynch@Boston.gov](mailto:Mike.Lynch@Boston.gov)