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SERTEX BROADBAND SOLUTIONS AWARDED NEW CONTRACT TO EXPAND CHICOPEE ELECTRIC LIGHT'S CROSSROADS FIBER NETWORK

*New agreement awarded through open bid advances a partnership launched in 2019 and accelerates
fiber broadband expansion across Chicopee*

Plainfield, CT – November 20, 2025 – [Sertex Broadband Solutions](http://www.sertexbroadband.com), a leading provider of fiber optic infrastructure services throughout the Northeast, has been awarded a new contract by [Chicopee Electric Light](http://www.chicopeelighting.com) (CEL) to continue building its [Crossroads Fiber](http://www.chicopeelighting.com/crossroads) broadband network. This marks the sixth consecutive contract awarded by the municipal utility to Sertex since 2019 through CEL's open, competitive bidding process.

The new agreement extends the long-standing partnership between Sertex and CEL that began in 2019, when Sertex was first selected to construct the municipal fiber network. Under the new contract, Sertex will provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) construction and residential and business service installations, with a focus on connecting remaining customers and expanding service to multi-dwelling units (MDUs). The new one-year contract includes options for up to two additional one-year extensions.

Emergency restoration services are not part of this new contract; however, Sertex continues to provide rapid outage response under a separate existing agreement with CEL.

Since beginning work in May 2019, Sertex crews have constructed over 100 service areas, or fiberhoods, in response to customer demand. Well over 5,000 customers have been connected to high-speed fiber internet to date. Extensive main-line construction completed in 2025 will enable the activation of additional areas and accelerate new service connections.

"We are proud to continue our work with Chicopee Electric Light to expand the Crossroads Fiber network," said Michael Solitro, Sertex Founder and CEO. "Our focus in the year ahead is on completing connections for all remaining customers, adding new subscribers, and ensuring that Chicopee residents and businesses have access to reliable, high-speed fiber broadband."

About Sertex Broadband Solutions

Sertex is a leading provider of fiber optic infrastructure services throughout the Northeast. Specializing in Middle Mile and Last Mile network construction, Sertex partners with municipalities, utilities, and state agencies to deliver high-speed broadband solutions that bridge the digital divide. With decades of experience and a commitment to workforce development, Sertex is dedicated to connecting communities through the power of fiber optic technology.