

**Proposed Contract between State of Maine Legislative Council and MPBN
in Fee for MCC**

MPBN has initiated a pilot season of the *Maine Capitol Connection (MCC)* Channel, broadcasting the State Legislature from Augusta to homes across the state of Maine. The costs for the pilot season (2013) and the current season (2014) of the *Maine Capitol Connection* Channel were underwritten wholly by MPBN, and not paid for in the annual appropriation. MPBN anticipated that the State or Legislature would provide direct additional funding through a fee for service for continued operation of the *Maine Capitol Connection* Channel in subsequent years. There are likely other services that will be considered as discussions continue. MPBN must reach an agreement with the State or Legislature for future funding no later than September 2014, if the *Maine Capitol Connection* is to continue operation. We at MPBN value the service we are providing the State, but we cannot shoulder the financial obligation in the future. The cost for one season covering a legislative session, at current levels, is \$450,000, which includes personnel, direct expenses, technical support and infrastructure.

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**Maine Public Broadcasting Network's
Maine Capitol Connection FY15 BUDGET**

(MPBN
- April
1,
2014)

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<i>Personnel</i>	170,000
<i>Affiliated Expenses</i>	15,000
<i>Capital Equipment - Lease (on-going) expense</i>	198,000
<i>Marketing</i>	10,000
<i>Overhead (15%)</i>	58,950
SUBTOTAL	\$451,950

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