

## City of Brownsville – transforming the city through greater collaboration.

Overview
<b>City of Brownsville</b> Brownsville, Texas, USA www.cob.us
<b>Industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government</li> </ul>
<b>Hardware</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBM BladeCenter servers</li> </ul>
<b>Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBM Wireless Solution – Community Network</li> <li>IBM Government – Digital Communities</li> </ul>
<b>IBM Business Partner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stratum Broadband</li> </ul>



**The city recognized the best way to make community services more widely accessible to more people was to implement a broadband wireless network.**

### Challenge

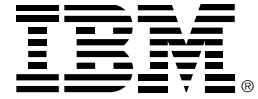
The City of Brownsville is the sixth-fastest-growing manufacturing region in the US. While it continued to encourage growth, it wanted to be able to increase safety, security, and accessibility to city services to all its citizens—particularly its ability to respond rapidly to crises, emergencies and city needs. At the same time, the city was determined to maintain a high level of life, for its citizens as well as its commuters. It recognized that information availability was key to achieving these goals.

### Solution

IBM and IBM Business Partner, Stratum Broadband, worked closely with the city’s IT staff and city politicians to completely transform its IT infrastructure and launch a wide-reaching wireless mobility project. Now, up to 500 city employees can work from anywhere while connected to the city’s computing system, ensuring a new level of collaboration with first responders, improved access for citizens to city applications, and an increase in the productivity of city service providers.

### Benefits

- First responders are now able to respond rapidly to events anytime, anywhere
- Estimated 30 percent increase in productivity of city service providers



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