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TO: Educators Interested in Telecommunications Training Grants

This message is to alert you to the availability of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Telecommunications Training Grant funds appropriated through the Legislature to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission.

Originally made available in 1993 through the NEB*SAT Coordinating Council, these funds are for the development and implementation of training programs that will benefit teachers and students at both the K-12 and postsecondary levels. Over 100 mini-grants totaling nearly \$ 800,000 have been appropriated since 1994 to increase the knowledge and expertise of Nebraska educators in the areas of distance learning and technology.

This year, two tiers of grants will be awarded. There will be only two (2) Tier II grants awarded at the \$25,000 level, with the remaining grant funds going toward Tier I grants awarded at the \$10,000 level. It is anticipated that approximately \$130,000 will be made available for these telecommunications training grants, providing all educational institutions an opportunity to complete unique projects that will enhance local initiatives in the area of educational telecommunications. Public K-12 and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. Private, independent and parochial schools may partner with a public entity.

You can access the RFP and the grant forms for the 2002-2003 mini-grants at the Nebraska Information Technology Commission website:

<http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/NETCgrants/Cycle2002.htm> (case sensitive).

Grant **proposals** should be submitted as e-mail attachments with a signed **Cover Page** and signed **Statement of Assurances** page mailed separately. The signed Cover Page will serve as the grant agreement, should the proposal be funded. See the Request for Proposals for the complete submission guidelines.

If you are unable to access the Web or need assistance obtaining an RFP, you can contact Tracie Klosterman <tklosterman2@unl.edu> at 402-472-9333 ext. 226. **The deadline for submission is April 2, 2002.**

Proposals should be forwarded as electronic attachments to: tklosterman2@unl.edu.

Cover page and **Statement of Assurances** page should be mailed to:

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Sincerely,

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