

Community Council

Action Plan Development

What are we looking for in an action plan?

- The action plan should relate to Community Council priorities and should address some of the barriers identified.
- The action plan should be achievable (both in number of objectives and scope of individual objectives). The Community Technology Fund may provide some resources to address action plan objectives.
- The action plan should include at least one objective relevant to each of the sectors represented on the Community Council.
- In developing the action plan, the Community Council should consider opportunities for collaboration in order to leverage resources.

Proposed Action Plan

Nebraska will cultivate an economic, political, and regulatory environment conducive to IT development by:

- Ensuring access to public and private services for all citizens of the State of Nebraska (regardless of impediment--i.e., location and socio-economic status) through the appropriate and efficient use of information technology.

Action Plan Objectives:

1. Support access to information services for underserved populations through public access sites in libraries, schools, and other publicly accessible locations.
 2. Conduct a telehealth feasibility study.
- Promoting the development of an infrastructure (including sufficient bandwidth) that is secure, affordable, reliable, and responsive to the specific needs of various sectors. Efforts should be

made to ensure that systems across the state are compatible.

Action Plan Objective:

3. Co-sponsor the Telecommunications Infrastructure Needs Assessment

(TINA) Study.

- Developing a workforce knowledgeable of and fluent in the use and applications of information technology. Efforts should be made to promote the recruitment and retention of IT professionals within the state.

Action Plan Objective:

4. Develop an information technology lifelong learning plan in partnership with the Education Council.

- Facilitating IT development and innovation by raising awareness, sharing information, encouraging collaboration, and developing partnerships among public and between public and private entities.

Action Plan Objectives:

5. Determine regulatory barriers to IT development in the state and develop strategies to address these barriers in partnership with the Government Council.

6. Encourage and stimulate community-based IT efforts through local information technology committees.

7. Support IT efforts which respond to the rural crisis (i.e., telework, direct ag marketing through the Internet, and/or other initiatives).

8. Co-sponsor, in cooperation with the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC), a study of local government IT coordination needs.