NITC Technical Panel
Statewide Synchronous Video Work Group

Update and Round One Recommendations
August 13, 2003
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Preliminary Round One Recommendations:

1. Recommend a State-level Internet Protocol (IP) network that maintains a satisfactory, user-defined Quality of Service for interactive distance learning, telemedicine, videoconferencing and data.
2. Recommend two contracts at the local level; one for procurement and maintenance of connective terminal hardware and another one for transport.
3. If the authority does not already exist, recommend to the NITC that it work with the Public Service Commission to draft clarification language that allows providers to offer different service rates for public and private entities.
4. If the authority does not already exist, recommend to the NITC that it work with the Legislature to authorize a discounted rate for public entities for data services within flexibly provisioned bandwidth.
5. Recommend to the NITC that it work with the Legislature and the Public Service Commission to provide a one-time capital investment, compliant with NITC technical standards, for the replacement or upgrade of equipment at existing sites when current contracts expire or are re-negotiated.

Next Steps:

- Distribute first five recommendations to the SSVWG and ask for feedback and modifications by August 6, 2003 (Tom Rolfes).
- Present draft Round One recommendations to the NITC Technical Panel on August 13, 2003 (Mike Beach).
- Research current authority for recommendations #3 and #4 (Gene Hand).
- Begin cost estimations for recommendation #5 (John Horvath, Jeff McCartney)
- Complete survey on each distance learning network by September 30 (SSVWG members)
- Provide briefing to the Public Service Commission on the Statewide Synchronous Video Work Group by August 26, 2003 (Mike Beach, Gene Hand, Brenda Decker).
- Begin discussions with the telecommunication providers about an IP-centric network and flexibly provisioned bandwidth before the end of August 2003 (Steve Schafer, Mike Beach, Brenda Decker, Rick Golden, Gene Hand).
- Present final Round One recommendations to the NITC Technical Panel on September 10, 2003 (Mike Beach)
- Ask for approval of the Round One recommendations by the NITC on September 30, 2003 (Walter Weir).

The next meeting date and location of this work group has not been determined but it will be in September prior to the 30th. Previous Meetings: March 26, May 28, July 30, 2003.