

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

September 22, 2008 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Submitted for:	Action
Summary:	Distribution of the September 22, 2008 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.
Action Requested:	Adoption of the September 22, 2008 minutes.
Recommended Motion:	The ICN Policy Committee adopts the September 22, 2008 minutes with any edits as noted.

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Bonnie Styles called the meeting to order.

Members present:

Greg Wass, Office of the Governor
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library
Bonnie Styles, IL State Museums;
Todd Jorns, IL Community College Board;
Amy Edwards, IL Board of Higher Education

Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;
Scott Norton, IL State Board of Education;
Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle

Springfield staff and guests:

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services;
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services;
Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services
Carla Paoni, AT & T

Stacey Mattera, Central Management Services;
Sarah Zerfas, Central Management Services;
Melissa Camille, Central Management Services
Frank Whitney, AT & T

Chicago staff and guests:

Alan Krauss, NIU Regional Dev. Institute
Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services

Doug Power, NIU Regional Dev. Institute

Announcements and Remarks

Bonnie Styles welcomed everyone for coming and said she was filling in for Greg Wass who was participating via phone. Lori Sorenson mentioned that the Ethics Act requires all appointees to a State Board or Commission to submit time sheets documenting time spent on official State business. The time keeping forms were distributed. Lori mentioned that the ICN will be featured in a future issue of State Tech Magazine. Lori also reminded everyone of the upcoming AET meetings.

Minutes

Bonnie introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2008 meeting. Bonnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Chet Olson motioned that the minutes be approved. Scott Norton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rural Broadband Initiative Update

Doug Power from the Northern Illinois University (NIU), Regional Development Institute presented an update on the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Initiative. The goal of this pilot project is to provide access to high speed, affordable broadband in Montgomery and Macoupin counties. The Lieutenant Governor's Office led the effort to secure \$1M in funding to invest in a public/private partnership and engaged the assistance of the Northern Illinois University, Regional Development Institute to lead the project planning and coordination. NIU in collaboration with officials from Montgomery and Macoupin counties issued a Request For Proposals asking vendors to propose solutions to offer broadband throughout the two counties at speeds of 3 megabits, 10 megabits, and 50 megabits. Five companies responded and after evaluating the written proposals and oral presentations, a vendor was selected. Once the award notice is posted on the State procurement bulletin, NIU will begin working with the winning vendor, counties and Central Management Services to develop a detailed project plan.

ICN Funding

Lori reported that in response to the \$5M reduction in ICN funding (\$18M to \$13M), CMS is analyzing the current costs to manage the ICN and specifically the cost to provide the subsidized bandwidth to educational constituents. This information will be shared with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to show the direct impact of the budget reduction.

In the meantime, CMS has identified specific initiatives and costs that will be delayed or cancelled as well as identified unplanned revenue sources to address a portion of the \$5M budget reduction. CMS is waiting for the results of the cost analysis to determine the impact on the subsidized bandwidth. It's important to note that many of the cost reductions are one-time savings and do not reduce the overall operating budget. If the FY10 budget is reduced to \$13M, additional measures will need to be taken to reduce the operating budget accordingly.

Cisco Equipment Discounts

As requested at the last meeting, Carla Paoni from AT&T addressed the Cisco equipment discount disparity for municipal government and health care. Carla reported that the contract between CMS and AT&T has been amended to extend the state agency and educational discount to municipal governments. Carla explained that the pricing model is based on pricing AT&T receives from the manufacturer and that in discussions with Cisco, the goal was to provide the extra discount to agencies and constituents heavily dependent on tax revenues.

E-rate Update

Tom Oseland reported that all approved funding for the 2004 E-Rate application has been received. The total amount for the funding year was \$2,497,427.35. The majority of this funding was received in Fiscal Year '08 with \$226,738 received in early FY '09.

As reported previously, funding approval was granted for the 2007 E-Rate application. Once ICN E-Rate eligible expenditures for FY '08 have been finalized, reimbursement requests will be calculated and E-Rate forms will be processed to claim funding reimbursements for the 2007 Funding Year.

The E-Rate 2008 Funding Year application remains in initial review. Many of the services included in the 2008 E-Rate application are purchased from the State Network Services master contract. This contract expires in September 2009 which is in the middle of the E-rate Funding Year. As a result, Tom anticipates that the application will be held in review until the end of the funding year and the status of the master contract is known.

Network Update

Kirk Mulvany reported that Network Operations staff is in the process of outlining a plan to further standardize video services and support provided to both State and non-State Agency ICN constituents. A new video bridge was recently installed to serve as a backup to the primary video bridge for educational constituents.

Work on the State Fiber Project (Dark Fiber) continues. The DWDM equipment bids have been received. The bid evaluation process is underway. Fiber discovery and acquisition efforts continue.

The total amount of ICN Internet egress bandwidth has increased by approximately 400 Mb. ICN bandwidth available through peering arrangements is currently at 1Gb to Equinix and 2Gb to Internet2. Additionally, there are current orders in process to increase both Internet egress bandwidth and peering bandwidth.

Annual Regional Meeting Schedule

Lori Sorenson provided the board with a schedule of the Regional Meetings taking place in the month of October.

Additional Items

Mike Dickson brought up the issue of network security and the need to establish information sharing among the colleges and universities. Mike suggested leveraging CMS/ICN to create a discussion and information sharing forum as the ICN is the network connecting state agencies, educational entities, libraries, museums and municipal governments. CMS agreed to reach out to its security team and look into possibilities.

Bonnie requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chet Olson made a motion to adjourn. Mike Dickson seconded the motion. Motion carried.