

Network Infrastructure & Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: 11/10/09
2:00AM – 3:30PM

Location: Conference Room , 5th
Floor, DOIT-East Hartford, CT

Meeting Facilitator: Randel Osborne

Present: Randel Osborne-East Haven Public Schools (Chair), Bryan Adams-Trinity College (Co-Chair), Karen Warren-Wesleyan University, Charlie Estey-CTTHS, Sylvia Boyd-Bridgeport Public Library, Tom Sweda-Bibliomation, Tim Hillbie-Community Technical Colleges

Not in Attendance: Russ Feinmark-CET, Ken Sayers-East Hartford Schools, John Vittner-DOIT/CEN, Eric Lindquist-DOIT, Jack Babbitt-UCONN/CEN

AGENDA ITEMS:

Consideration of minutes from 9-15-09 meeting – Accepted.

Empty Seats on this Committee

The following committee members resigned: Ralph Valenzisi-Norwalk Public Schools and Ganesan Ravishanker (Ravi)-Wesleyan University. A nomination was made and accepted at the last meeting for Karen Warren-Wesleyan University to replace Ravi Ravishanker on the committee. A nomination was made and accepted at this meeting for Greg Dandio, the Chief Technology Officer of ACES (Area Cooperative Education Services), a resource center that serves 25 school districts in south central CT, to replace Ralph Valenzisi. Randel Osborne will contact Greg Dandio to see if he will accept the seat on the committee.

Update from CET Meeting

Randel Osborne attended the CET meeting held on 10-22-09. The CET is looking to this committee for WAN and LAN Connectivity Standards for connecting to the CEN. The group had a lengthy discussion on this topic and is working on a course of action. They have a theory on how they are going to formulate an answer for the CET.

Budget & Network Refresh

Wendy Rego reported that the State budget which originally included funding of \$3,980,885 for FY10 for CEN has been cut by \$477,004 and the current budget for FY10 is \$3,503,881. CEN is working on a budget plan to see how much network refresh they will be able to allocate funds for in this fiscal year and plans to identify the areas and get funds committed ASAP. CEN has been in contact with vendors to see what equipment would best meet their needs.

ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunity Program) Application

On behalf of CEN, DoIT has submitted a "Shovel Ready Project" to obtain broadband stimulus funds (ARRA) that would expand the CEN leased fiberoptic footprint into the rural portions of the State where services such as these are less than adequate. The application included 4 projects totaling \$109,750,451 including CEN expansion, two projects for the State Department of Public Safety and one project for DoIT. Grant recipients expect to hear something in mid November or December. The application was submitted on 8-20-09.

Rate Discussion

CEN is currently charging \$50/Mbps plus \$350/mo/port as a flat rate to all paying participants. CEN is having discussions on establishing a tiered pricing structure based on usage going forward. The participants who are using the most bandwidth are requesting that this be considered.

Also, the reduced pricing for additional bandwidth consumed at night is being revisited. Judy Greiman of CCIC has surveyed the private universities to see what the interest is in having this service. A decision was made to move forward with another pilot of 3 interested schools starting in January 2010. The schools will be contacted to get new Agreements in place for this pilot ASAP.

Next Meeting Date – December 8, 2009 Tentative

Agenda Items –

- ARRA Update
- Update on CEN Refresh
- CEN Rate discussion
- Vacant Seats on Committee
- CET question-Who is not on the network?
- CET question-Connectivity Standards - WAN
- CET question-Connectivity Standards - LAN
- Survey as related to equipment refresh and/or connectivity standards initiative
- New business

Respectfully submitted Wendy Rego 11-12-09