

## The Who's Who of LB 1208

Contact Tom Rolfes, [tom.rolfes@nitc.ne.gov](mailto:tom.rolfes@nitc.ne.gov), 402.471.7969 if you have questions about:

- The role of the Chief Information Officer, University of Nebraska, Nebraska Educational Television, or the Nebraska Information Technology Commission
- Timeline for LB 1208 implementation
- Network Nebraska and future service offerings
- Cost Structure and billing of wide area networking, inter-regional transport, Internet access
- Network Design/Support
- Statewide eRate application
- Specifications of, or bidding the statewide clearinghouse/scheduling system
- Specifications of, or bidding switches/routers
- Specifications of, or bidding video codecs

**Resources:**    [www.nitc.state.ne.us](http://www.nitc.state.ne.us)    [www.networknebraska.net](http://www.networknebraska.net)

Contact Mike Kozak, [mike.kozak@nde.ne.gov](mailto:mike.kozak@nde.ne.gov), 402.471.0533 if you have questions about:

- Rule 89
- Guidelines for reimbursement of LB 1208 equipment/software
- Incentive payments for accumulated distance learning units
- eRate Technology Plans, Free/Reduced lunch, CIPA compliance

**Resources:**    [www.nde.state.ne.us/TECHCEN/](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/TECHCEN/)

Contact Gordon Roethemeyer, [groethem@esu10.org](mailto:groethem@esu10.org), 308.237.5927 if you have questions about:

- The Distance Education Council
- Purchase of the statewide clearinghouse/scheduling system
- Configuration and customization of the statewide clearinghouse/scheduling system
- Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education courses;
- Collecting and providing school schedules for participating educational entities;
- Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education courses;
- Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be purchased by educational entities;
- Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of distance education services;
- Administration of learning management systems
- Instructional design for synchronous and asynchronous distance learning

**Resources:**    [www.nebdec.org](http://www.nebdec.org)

Contact John Stritt, [jstritt@esu10.org](mailto:jstritt@esu10.org), 308.865.5664 x281 if you have questions about:

- The List of "Other" distance learning equipment
- ESU Cooperative Purchase program for 'other' distance learning equipment

**Resources:**    <http://204.234.242.99/COOP/Login>

## **Update on the Distance Education Network Upgrade (5/18/07)**

### **Background:**

- **LB 1208 passed in 2006 session**
- **Provides all public and nonpublic K-12 and higher education entities an opportunity to connect to Network Nebraska by 2012**
- **3 Major regional upgrade areas: NE in 2007, Central/West in 2008, SE in 2009**
- **Result will be 100% public high school districts with fiber; with 40-100Mbps full IP connection**
- **Other education entities may be allowed other thresholds of bandwidth (e.g. 10Mbps)**
- **State master purchase contracts are available for WAN services, Internet access, Cisco Equipment (41.5% discount off of list), videoconferencing equipment, event clearinghouse and scheduling software**
- **Monthly recurring Site costs include WAN charge, Network Nebraska Admin Fee, Inter-regional Transport Fee; with Internet access paid by each ESU on behalf of member schools**
  
- **Phase 1 Upgrade (ESUs 1, 2, 7, 8, 17 from Fremont to Cody/Kilgore)**
  - **100% participation among 97 sites**
  - **4 fiberless high schools being connected for the first time**
  - **Cutover will occur July 1-August 1 by Qwest/Windstream**
  - **Routers/switches being ordered now**
  - **Codecs being ordered now**
  - **Support structure/Helpdesk/Escalation pathway being developed now**
  - **IPv4 addresses being redistributed to prepare for IPv6 now**
  - **Courses being listed and registered on the Renovo Software event/scheduling system now**
  - **Equipment reimbursement system (\$20,000/school and ESU) being developed by NDE now**
  - **Distance Education Incentive system being developed by NDE now**
  - **Technology coordinators, counselors, DL teachers will all go through their own training before August 5**
  - **Testing of all network and distance learning connections by August 10**
  - **First day of school August 13**
  - **Media event on August 20**
  
- **Phase 2 Upgrade (ESUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16 from Hastings west to Wyoming)**
  - **ESUs working with School districts to update USF Technology Plans now**
  - **Refining Letter of Agency to allow CIO to bid networking on districts' behalf**
  - **Development of RFP for WAN service will begin by August 30**
  - **Letters of Agency will be due September 1, 2007**
  
- **Phase 3 Upgrade (ESUs 3, 4, 5, 6, 18, 19 from Falls City to York, including Lincoln and Omaha)**
  - **Watching and waiting**