

I. Action:	Co-Sponsor the Telecommunications Infrastructure Needs Assessment (TINA) Study
II. Sponsoring Entity:	<p>NITC</p> <p>Community and State Government Councils of the NITC</p> <p>Division of Communications</p>
III. Goals and Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepare a comprehensive inventory and assessment of the current telecommunications infrastructure. ● Identify the implication that a proper network design would have on economic development. ● Provide dialogue with communities of interest. ● Inform Nebraska public officials about strategies. ● Identify new telecommunications and information technologies and plans for the future public and private development. ● Identify current and future information application requirements for communities of interest. ● Engage communities of interest in preparing telecommunications strategies recommendations with a business case, budget & timeline. ● Identify policy issues for consideration by appropriate policy making entities. ● Recommend an on-going process to implement, review and revise to meet needs.
IV. Justification / Rationale:	<p>The State of Nebraska is the state's largest telecommunications consumer. Through planning and coordination, the State of Nebraska can prepare for e-government and increased services, aggregate resources and improve collaboration, and identify gaps in management in training while identifying a sound and useful infrastructure for Nebraska's future. The plan will also examine the impact of the State's telecommunications investment on Nebraska's communities.</p>
V. Work Plan:	<p>Mid October, 1999 Inventory completed</p> <p>Early December, 1999 Needs assessment completed</p> <p>January, 2000 Draft plan completed</p> <p>January-March, 2000 Operational aspects of the plan developed</p> <p>March, 2000 Final plan completed</p>

VI. Required Resources:	The TINA study will be performed by Federal Engineering.
VII. Estimated Cost (if appropriate):	Contributions from the NITC include \$10,000 from the NITC/CIO, \$20,000 from the Community Council, and \$20,000 from the State Government Council