

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Information Clearinghouse

Project Charter

Purpose To create a "first-stop", interactive Web location containing a vast array of information technology resources and links that are helpful to Nebraska communities, education, state government and citizens.

Sponsor Nebraska Information Technology Commission (Commission)

Statutory Objectives

§ 86-1502. Legislative findings and intent. (1) The Legislature finds that appropriations for information technology continue to increase. Advances in information technology have the potential to improve government efficiency, broaden educational opportunities, and enhance services to Nebraska communities and citizens. To assure the most cost-effective use of state appropriations: (c) A clearinghouse should be formed for technical support and best practices information.

§ 86-1506 Commission; duties. The commission shall: (2) Create a technology information clearinghouse to identify and share best practices and new developments, as well as identify existing problems and deficiencies.

§ 86-1504 Definitions. (3) "Technology information clearinghouse" means a service to provide convenient access for the commission and general public to information about best technology practices, referrals for technical assistance, and other information related to the provisions of sections 86-1501 to 86-1514.

§ 86-1514 Legislative Review. (2) In the review, the Appropriations and Transportation/ Telecommunications Committees shall determine the extent to which "A clearinghouse of information has been established, maintained, and utilized of Nebraska's information technology infrastructure and of activities taking place in the state involving information technology, and that the information flow between and among individuals and organizations has been facilitated as a result of the clearinghouse".

§ 86-1507 Commission; implementation goals. The commission shall implement the provisions of sections 86-1501 to 86-1514 in accordance with the policy objectives described in sections 86-1501, 86-1502, and 86-1506 and with the following goals: (1) Expanding access to lifelong educational and training opportunities so that Nebraska's citizens and work force can function in the emerging information society;

(2) Stimulating and supporting information-based economic development that improves economic opportunity; and (3) Expanding citizen access to government information.

Scope / Boundaries of the Information Clearinghouse

- Provide links to existing services and resources that meet statutory objectives;
- Create primary content relating to activities of the NITC, its councils, work groups and Technical Panel;
- Encourage third party development of information resources to address unmet needs;
- Develop strategies to encourage information flow between and among individuals and organizations and referrals for technical assistance.

Desired Outcomes and Goals

To develop an information clearinghouse that:

- proves useful and addresses the needs of all segments of Nebraska's population;
- appears interactive to the user and encourages active participation;
- continues to develop and improve based upon suggestions and contributions from users across the state;
- identifies and shares best practices and new developments in information technology;
- identifies existing problems and deficiencies related to information technology;
- facilitates information sharing between and among individuals and organizations in Nebraska;
- lists and explains the unique telecommunications infrastructure resources of Nebraska;
- accommodates referrals for information technology assistance;
- includes the public meeting information of the NITC and its advisory Councils and work groups.

Membership Current work group consists of the staff of the CIO-NITC office.

Reporting The staff of the CIO-NITC office shall report to the Commission and Councils as needed.

Timeframe This is an on-going project assignment with initial review by the Appropriations and Transportation/Telecommunications Committees prior to January 1, 2001 and each odd-numbered year afterwards.

Initial Resource Categories:

Citizens: Legislation · Glossary · Calendar · Distance Learning · Access · Training · Other Resources

Communities: Business · Health Care · Libraries · Local Government · Agriculture · Economic Development · Community IT Planning · Access · Training · Funding · Legislation

Education: Agencies · Grants & Funding · Best Practices · Distance Learning · Training · Professional Organizations · Conferences · Research · Additional Resources

State Government: Agency IT Plans · Forms · Projects · Training · Contacts · Standards, Policies, Guidelines, and Best Practices · Technical Resources · Funding and Purchasing · Legislation