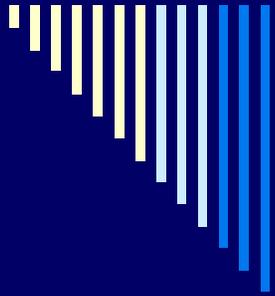


# Nebraska Information Technology Commission and the Education Council

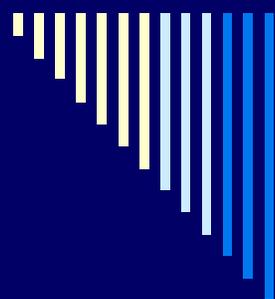
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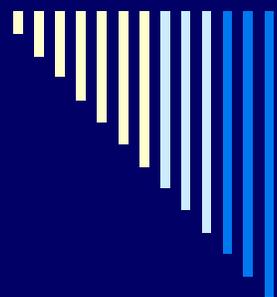
# NITC

- Nine-member commission charged with developing a statewide vision and strategic plan to guide investments in information technology.
- Began under Executive Order in 1997 and recognized in statute in 1998.



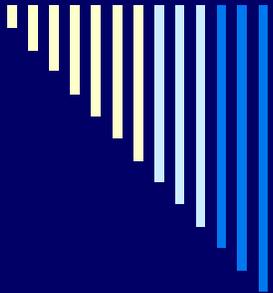
# NITC Commissioners

- ❑ Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, Chair
- ❑ Linda Aerni, Community Internet Systems
- ❑ Pat Flanagan, Mutual of Omaha
- ❑ Lance Hedquist, City of South Sioux City
- ❑ Daniel Hoelsing, Laurel-Concord, Coleridge, Wynot & Newcastle Public Schools
- ❑ Mike Huggenberger, Great Plains Communications
- ❑ Doug Kristensen, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- ❑ Janie Park, Chadron State College
- ❑ Trev Peterson, Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson, & Endacott, LLP
- ❑ Senator Annette Dubas, Legislative Ex-officio Member



## CIO/NITC Staff

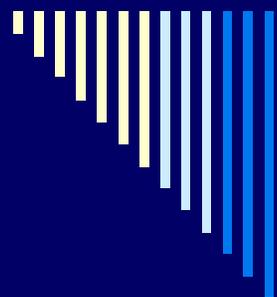
- Brenda Decker, State CIO
- Steve Henderson, Planning/Proj Mgt
- Anne Byers, Community I.T. Mgr
- Rick Becker, Government I.T. Mgr
- Tom Rolfes, Education I.T. Mgr
- Lori Lopez Urdiales, Admin Asst



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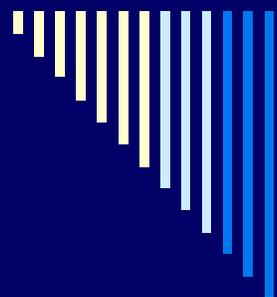
# NITC Mission Statement

- The mission of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission is to make the State of Nebraska's information technology infrastructure more accessible and responsive to the needs of its citizens, regardless of location, while making investments in government, education, health care and other services more efficient and cost effective.
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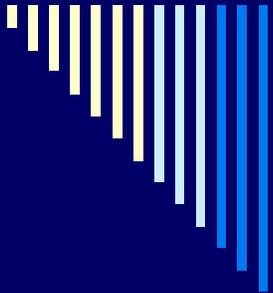
# NITC Vision Statement

- "Promote the use of information technology in education, health care, economic development, and all levels of government services to improve the quality of life of all Nebraskans."

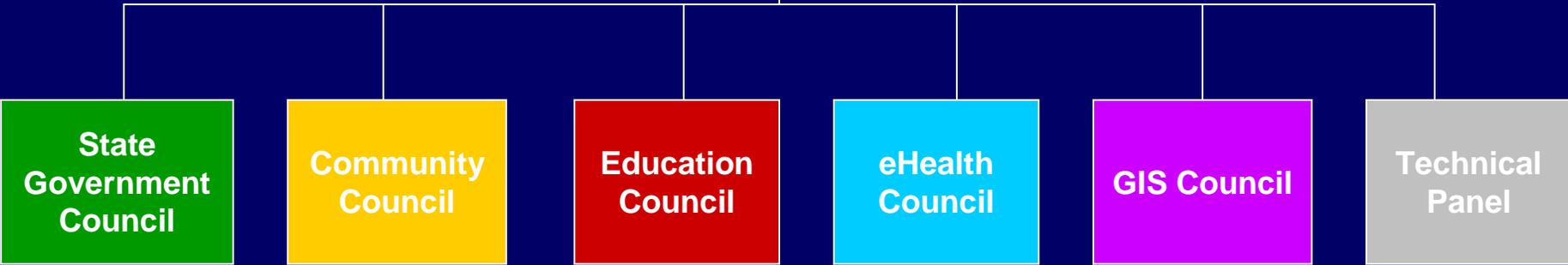


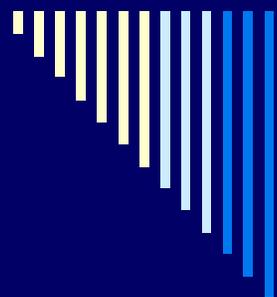
# NITC

- Assisted by 6 advisory groups
  - State Government Council (1997)
  - Education Council (1998)
  - Community Council (1998)
  - Technical Panel (1998)
  - eHealth Council (2007)
  - Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Council (2008)



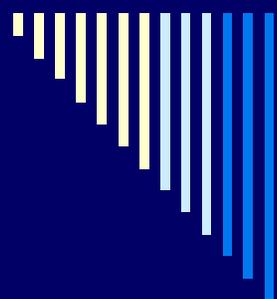
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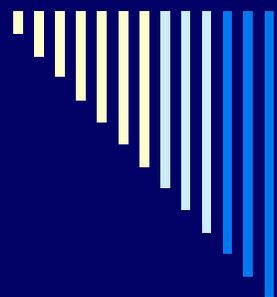
# Statewide Technology Plan

- First plan developed in 2000.
- Plan is updated annually.
- In 2004, Strategic Initiatives were identified.



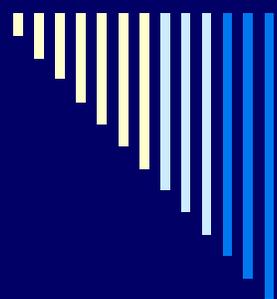
## 8 Strategic Initiatives

- Network Nebraska
- Community IT Planning and Development
- eHealth
- Public Safety Communications System



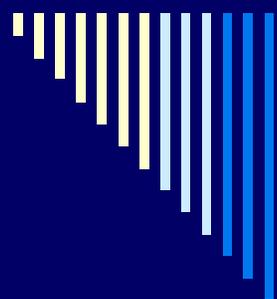
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- Digital Education
- State Government Efficiency
- E-Government
- Security and Business Resumption



# Planning Process

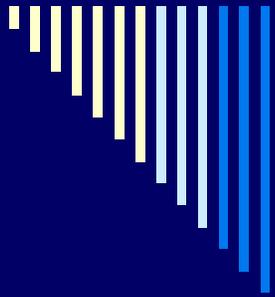
- ❑ NITC (with input from councils and staff) reviews and approves strategic initiatives.
- ❑ The councils are charged with developing action plans.
- ❑ Education Council plan of work will be incorporated into the plan as the *Network Nebraska* and *Digital Education* action plans.
- ❑ NITC approves the statewide technology plan.



# Role of Advisory Groups

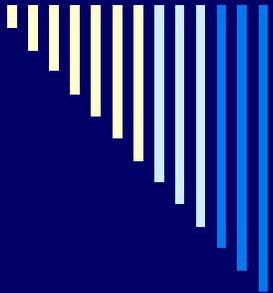
Councils carry out their mission by:

- Developing a plan of work which is incorporated into the statewide technology plan.
- Assisting in the implementation of action items.
- Making recommendations to the NITC.



# Implementing Action Plans

- ❑ Council members and staff are often involved.
- ❑ Collaboration with other entities is often required.
- ❑ Policy recommendations approved by the NITC are handled officially through Lt. Governor Sheehy.



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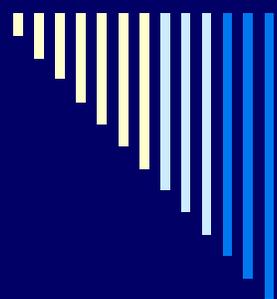
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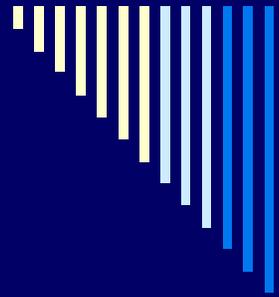


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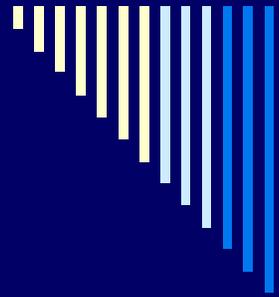
# Education Council

- The mission of the Council is to advise the Commission concerning education information technology needs, goals, and policy. The Council will identify, coordinate, and prioritize matters pertaining to information technology for a more strategic and cost-effective approach to developing the State's education information technology infrastructure.



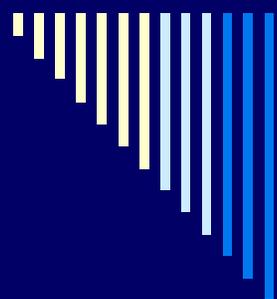
# Education Council Responsibilities

- ❑ 5.2.1 Identify and prioritize education needs that could be met in a more cost-effective manner through the use of information technology;
- ❑ 5.2.2 Report needs, priorities, and recommended projects to the Commission in the manner determined by the Commission;
- ❑ 5.2.3 Assist the Commission in developing, reviewing and updating the statewide technology plan;
- ❑ 5.2.4 Recommend policies and guidelines for acceptable and cost-effective use of information technology in education;



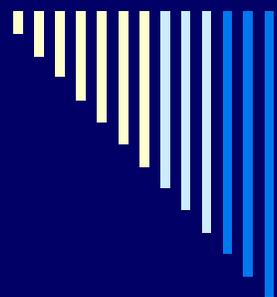
# Education Council Responsibilities

- 5.2.5 Establish such subcommittees, task forces, or working groups as necessary and appropriate to advise the council on matters including coordination of technology initiatives, information technology operations, information management, data administration, and technology planning and training;
- 5.2.6 Encourage research on the effects of technology on learning and learner cognition;



# Education Council Responsibilities

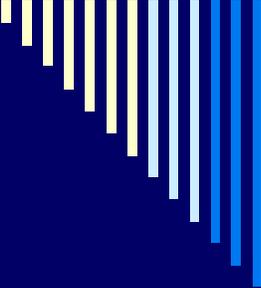
- 5.2.7 Promote equitable use and access to technology throughout the education community;
- 5.2.8 Communicate information developed under Section 5.2 of this charter to education constituents through methods such as the technology information clearinghouse; and
- 5.2.9 Such other responsibilities as directed by the Commission.



# Original Council Priorities (6-29-1999)

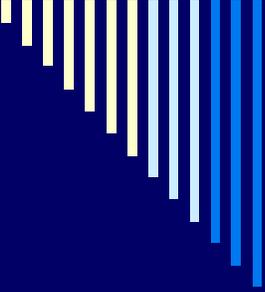
The sector priorities of the Education Council are to provide recommendations that support:

- ❑ Providing an infrastructure that will permit all citizens of Nebraska to have access to the same educational experiences, regardless of location;
- ❑ Identifying and facilitating diverse training opportunities;
- ❑ Ensuring life cycle funding;
- ❑ Addressing the needs of the learner;
- ❑ Coordinating statewide education I.T. efforts and resources, including collaboration with public and private entities;
- ❑ Pursuing leading edge technology applications.



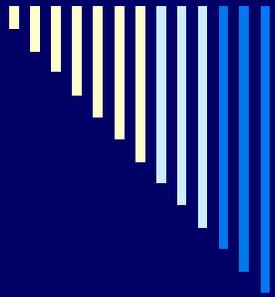
# Statutory Intermingling?

- 86-515 (5) The **commission** may employ or designate an executive director to provide administrative and operational support for the **commission**. The **Department of Administrative Services** and Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission shall assist with administrative and operational support for the **NITC** as necessary to carry out its duties.
- 86-516 (11) The **Commission** shall: Assist the **Chief Information Officer** in developing and maintaining **Network Nebraska** pursuant to section 86-5,100.
- 86-520 (6) The **CIO** shall: Assist the budget division of the **Department of Administrative Services** and Legislative Fiscal Analyst in evaluating technology-related budget requests.
- 86-521 (1) The **(NITC) technical panel** shall be comprised of ...one representative from the office of **Chief Information Officer**



# Statutory Intermingling?

- ❑ 86-522 The (Community Technology) fund shall be administered by the office of Chief Information Officer.
- ❑ 86-523 The (Government Technology Collaboration) fund shall be administered by the office of Chief Information Officer.
- ❑ 86-528 (4) Pursuant to section 86-520, the Chief Information Officer shall report the status of enterprise projects to the commission, Governor, and Legislature. In addition, the Chief Information Officer shall provide the Legislature a semiannual progress report for enterprise projects funded through the fund
- ❑ 86-5,100 The Chief Information Officer, in partnership with the University of Nebraska, shall develop and maintain a statewide, multipurpose, high capacity, scalable telecommunications network to be called Network Nebraska.



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