

**Nebraska Information Technology Commission  
Technical Panel**

**Statewide Synchronous Video Network Work Group  
Charter**

<b>Purpose</b>	Make recommendations to the Technical Panel on how to implement a Statewide Synchronous Video Network.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Michael Beach
<b>Scope/ Boundaries</b>	This work group should define the technical and non-technical requirements for interconnecting all synchronous video networks and meeting the scheduling needs of different participants. Issues to be addressed should include business case, event scheduling and clearinghouse, traffic prioritization, security, quality assurance, cost-sharing, and existing contractual arrangements of regional networks.
<b>Goals and Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conduct informative and working sessions to determine the needs, issues, and participants regarding synchronous video interoperability within and outside the state;</li> <li>b. Encourage participants to improve educational opportunities in the state via continued evolving video distance education;</li> <li>c. Determine the support structures and augmentation needed to maximize the synchronous distance learning experience;</li> <li>d. Prepare an implementation plan for adherence to the new video/audio standards while making the most efficient use of the existing distance learning facilities;</li> <li>e. Identify or develop a “core sponsor” for video distance education in the state that will be the focal point to coordinate all of the activities associated with enhancement of services and interrelationships that will be critical for continued success;</li> <li>f. Evaluate options for providing ongoing support services.</li> </ol>
<b>Authority</b>	<p>This work group will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Formulate and present recommendations to the Technical Panel regarding the implementation of a Statewide Synchronous Video Network serving education, communities, and state government. Issues to be addressed include business case, scheduling, traffic prioritization, security, quality assurance, cost-sharing, and existing contractual arrangements of regional networks and such other issues deemed relevant by the Technical Panel.</li> </ol>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Membership may include representatives from the following entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (State Government) Division of Communications, National Guard;</li> <li>• (Education) Nebraska distance learning consortia, Higher Education institutions, ESU Network Operations Committee; Nebraska Department of Education</li> <li>• (Communities) Telehealth, Public Libraries;</li> <li>• (Technical Panel) Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission</li> <li>• NITC Councils and other members as determined by the sponsor</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	The sponsor of the work group will report to the Technical Panel as needed.
<b>Timeframe</b>	This work group will function until this charter is repealed.

Approved by the Technical Panel on November 8, 2002.