

## Network Nebraska—Education Advisory Group Charter

<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group for Network Nebraska—Education is to assist the State of Nebraska Chief Information Officer in crafting the vision and strategic direction for Network Nebraska—Education based on the NITC Education Council marketing survey and Ad Hoc Education Advisory Group participant input.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Brenda Decker, State CIO
<b>Scope/Boundaries</b>	This work group’s input and recommendations should be representative of Network Nebraska members’ needs and pertain to the administration, budget, infrastructure, technical support, costs, membership categories, and present and future services of Network Nebraska.
<b>Desired Goals and Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conduct informative and working sessions to recommend the best technical and operational oversight of Network Nebraska;</li> <li>b. Research other statewide networks in order to emulate their success and import best practices;</li> <li>c. Explore emerging technologies to enhance the network’s ability to deliver services;</li> <li>d. Provide advice on technical issues to the Collaborative Aggregation Partnership as they aggregate bandwidth and develop a shared network;</li> <li>e. Convene meetings with stakeholders to discuss network performance, growth projections, emerging technologies, vendor service, and reliability;</li> <li>f. Identify and recommend applications and services that would increase the value and benefits of the network;</li> <li>g. Make recommendations on available service levels, membership categories, and membership costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Authority</b>	This work group will be chartered by the NITC Education Council. Representatives serve on behalf of their subsectors and provide input to the State CIO and Collaborative Aggregation Partnership in order to better serve the telecommunications needs of Network Nebraska members.
<b>Membership</b>	Each Network Nebraska--Education Subsector should have two representatives (one urban representative and one rural representative) and be evenly balanced (8 and 8 between K-12 and Higher Education). Representatives’ institutions (employers) must also be members of Network Nebraska.

<b>Leadership</b>	The advisory group shall elect or select its own co-chairs (one from K-12 and one from higher education) to preside at meetings, appoint subcommittees, and work with staff to develop meeting agendas and determine topics of interest.
<b>Reporting</b>	Advisory group minutes must be shared in a timely manner with the NITC Education Council and the CAP.
<b>Timeframe</b>	The advisory group should meet a minimum of six times per year. At the end of the first year (July 2009-June 2010), the Chief Information Officer - State of Nebraska and the NITC Education Council should re-evaluate the effectiveness of the advisory group and make recommendations as appropriate. This charter remains in effect until repealed by the Education Council of the NITC.