I. Action:	Develop a Web-accessible database of public access sites in Nebraska.
II. Sponsoring Entity:	Community Council of the NITC and the Nebraska Library Commission
III. Goals and Objectives:	To develop a Web-accessible database of public access sites in Nebraska. To determine how many communities in Nebraska have public access terminals available, where this access is provided, and if access is provided at times convenient for users (daytime, evening, and weekend hours).
IV. Justification / Rationale:	As more and more information and services--including those of local, state, and federal governments--are being made available on the Internet, there is growing concern that the "information have nots" will be disadvantaged. The recently released report, *Falling through the Net: Defining the Digital Divide*, found that, regardless of income level, those living in rural areas were less likely to own a computer or have access to the Internet at home. Blacks and Hispanics were also less likely to have access to the Internet at home than Whites. The report found that those without Internet access at home, work, or school, were using public access sites to bridge the digital divide. A Web-accessible database will make it easier for Nebraskans to find public access sites. The data collected will also allow policy makers and government officials to make better-informed decisions on the issue of public access. Additionally, the information will be valuable as supporting documentation for a number of grant programs which focus on bridging the digital divide.
V. Work Plan:	Month 1 Meet with Nebraska Online about building a Web-accessible database Month 1 Examine existing data from Nebraska Library Commission Month 1 Develop a survey instrument Months 1-2 Develop the database Month 1 Compile calling list Month 2 Conduct phone interviews

	Month 3 Analyze data Month 3 Prepare and publish report Months 4-5 Make recommendations based on findings Months 5-12 Follow up on recommendations if appropriate
VI. Required Resources:	An intern, use of a computer, data from the Nebraska Library Commission, and a phone, services from Nebraska Online
VII. Estimated Cost (if appropriate):	$2460 has been appropriated from the Community Technology Fund.