

**NITC Community Council**  
**Mission, Responsibilities, and Goals Review**  
**July 16, 2007**

**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 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."

**Community Council Mission**

The mission of the Council is to foster the collaborative and innovative use of technology through partnerships between public and private sectors, to improve teleliteracy, and to support community and economic development for Nebraska citizens.

*From the Community Council Charter*

**Possible Revision:** The mission of the Council is to foster the collaborative and innovative use of technology through partnerships between public and private sectors, to support the continued development of technology workforce skills, and to support community and economic development for Nebraska citizens.

## Community Council Responsibilities

- Assist the Commission in developing, reviewing and updating the statewide technology plan.
- Identify specific information technology needs in communities, including rural and community IT development, local government services and operations, and telehealth.
  - **Possible Revision:** Identify specific information technology needs in communities, including rural and community IT development, local government services and operations, and the continued development of technology workforce skills.
- Develop strategies to address the unique circumstances of rural areas with sparse population.
- Establish such subcommittees and task forces as necessary and appropriate to advise the Council on specific issues.
- Recommend policies, guidelines and standards that will promote economic opportunities and improve quality of life in communities through the use of information technology.
- Recommend policies and initiatives that will promote awareness, access, training, partnerships, and planning for the use of information technology in communities.
- Review and make recommendations to the Commission on requests for funds from the Community Technology Fund.

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## **Community Council Goals**

Nebraska will cultivate a political, regulatory and economic environment that is conducive to I.T. development and innovation by:

1. Ensuring access to public and private services for all citizens of the State of Nebraska (regardless of impediments such as location or socio-economic status) through the appropriate and efficient use of information technologies.
2. Promoting the development of an infrastructure (including sufficient bandwidth) that is secure, affordable, reliable, and responds to the specific needs of various sectors. Efforts should be made to ensure that systems established across the state are compatible.
3. Developing a workforce knowledgeable of and fluent in the use and application of information technology. Efforts should be made to promote the recruitment and retention of I.T. professionals within the state.
4. Facilitating I.T. development and innovation by raising awareness, encouraging collaboration and developing partnerships among and between public and private entities. In the private sector, facilitating interactions among firms and establishing synergistic clusters should be encouraged.

The Council agreed that the goals are equal in importance and should not be prioritized.

*From the minutes of the Thursday, June 10, 1999, Community Council meeting*