NITC Community Council
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NIDCAC

Defined: Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council.
Composed of state and local public officials.
Statutory charge: Identify opportunities to eliminate duplication and promote the exchange of information between state agencies, state and local governments, and between local governments.

Resolution:

By joint resolution of NIDCAC and the Community Council, NIDCAC undertook and completed a study on January 4, 2000. The report and recommendations of the Local Government Technology Project is available through the IDSD/NIDCAC web site: http://www.ids.state.ne.us. The purpose of the study was to develop issues and recommendations relating to local community application and technology requirements.

The study committee identified three components of a community:

1. Organization: a community is organized, either formally by charter, or informally by values
2. Physical location: a community has a physical locality, be it a neighborhood, place, or district
3. Common Interests: a community shares common values and common interests. These common values are not bounded by physical location.

The Committee's touchstone is organization. Particularly, active local public and private community organization designed to promote the communities' economic interests. Geographic organization is designed to interconnect the community, be it public buildings or citizens. Common interests could be organized without regard to physical location to take advantage of shared knowledge and effort. An example in Nebraska is the Criminal Justice Information Systems committee under the sponsorship of the Crime Commission. Composed of criminal justice agencies, this group promotes cooperation, communications, and information exchange among its membership. Other communities might include: Public Health and Safety, Transportation, Education, Natural Resources, Human Resources, Economic Development, or Governance and Operations.

Scope of Effort:

The Local Technology Committee addressed three topics:

1. Connectivity and infrastructure
2. Local government application requirements

    3. Citizen access to local government services

From these topics, the Committee developed a set of fifteen specific action items that were presented to the NITC.

NIDCAC and the NITC Community Council should be keenly interested in leveraging public and private investment in order to create interconnected communities.

NIDCAC is scheduled to meet on April 21st to develop its recommendations for projects for the upcoming year. It is anticipated that NIDCAC and the Community Council can again combine their efforts to promote connected communities. High on the list of NIDCAC's priority list is Action Item 11. This item relates directly to the relationship of NIDCAC to the Community Council. The goal is to "Ensure the continued cooperation between NIDCAC and the NITC."

The remaining action items have been grouped into the following categories:

1. Organization – Policies, procedures and funding
2. Resource Sharing - Statewide authentication, data and application development, and telecommunication services
3. Standards and Guidelines – Design and test models that can be replicated across the state
4. Support services – Establish local technology centers, educational services, training and support
5. Training – Establish core curriculum, leadership, and delivery mechanisms, and
6. Development of core data – Identify core data sets that can be developed and reused.

At the April 21st meeting, NIDCAC will develop their priorities, and will develop a plan to address those priorities. We intend to seek the support, guidance, and participation of the members of the Community Council.