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To: BCN Advisory Council
Subject: [BCNAC] BCN Advisory Committee Meeting Today; Brief Notes From Dec Mtg.

Folks:

1) Today's meeting.

We will be meeting in Room 310 at the Pyle Center from 3pm – 4:30pm. (Agenda attached.) Here's the information to join by audio conf. call.

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2) Brief Notes From the December 20, 2011, BCN AC Meeting.

A) Overview of BCN contract extension, timeframe for developing planning process for next network.
-- DOA/DET staff provided an update on the contract extension, which was signed on November 1. The extension is for five years (to November 2016). Most bandwidths above 20Mbps saw cost reductions of 50% or more. Lower bandwidths saw lower cost reductions. DOA has had only brief conversations on planning processes for the next network.

B) TEACH Implementation Process for Increasing Bandwidth
-- Just after the BCN contract extension was signed, TEACH provided information to its customers on the process to request bandwidth increases. By the December 20 Advisory Committee meeting hundreds of applications had been received, reviewed, and processed, and several hundred more are still being reviewed. TEACH hopes to complete processing the first round of applications by mid or late January. Once this is done, it will review its budget status and make a decision on funding any more bandwidth requests.

c) UW Extension CAN ARRA Grant Status:
-- Grant work is proceeding. Some delays are being experienced because of issues in getting fiber.

d) Advisory Council Elections

The slate of Tim Schell for chair, Ed Meachen for vice-chair, Bob Bocher to complete the remaining year as secretary (Marge Jeffers retirement), and Matt Rains for at-large representative on the Executive Committee was approved 10-0 via email vote. Other results are below.

-- School Districts (2 members) Tim Schell, Open-1 yes
-- State Agencies other than UW, WTCS, and DPI (2 members) Matt Rains, Open-1 yes
-- UW (2 members) Ed Meachen, Elena Potok-2 yes
-- Technical Colleges (1 member) Tony Runge-1 yes
-- Public Library Systems (1 member) Greg Barniskis-1 yes
-- CESAs (1 member) Joan Wade-1 yes
-- WAICU (1 member) Bill Schultz-1 yes

- DPI (1 member) Bob Bocher-1 yes
- WADEN (1 member) Jennifer Olson- 1 yes
- Municipal/county government (1 member) Open

That is all.

-Bob

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