

Draft WCNI Notes
05/20/04

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<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/wcni/index.asp>

Attendance:

Frank	Ace	DOJ
Chris	Alberts	DOA
Bob	Bocher	DPI
Dennis	Gilbertson	UWEX-ICS
Mike	Lettman	DOJ
Jody	McCann	DOA
Ed	Meachen	UW
Paul	Nelson	WAICU
John	Nichols	Oshkosh Public Library
Steve	Sanders	DPI
Tim	Schell	Waunakee High School
Bob	Stuessy	DOA
Annie	Stunden	UW Madison
Joan	Wade	CESA 6
Greg	Wagner	Technical Colleges
Ross	Wilson	CESA10
Bob	Wundrock	ECB

Notes from last meeting:

- Approved as drafted.

Local Government Representative:

- A question was raised regarding the definition of “local government”. Any city, town, village or county government would all be included within that definition. Recommendations for a local government representative have been sent to Matt Miszewski. A final determination is still pending.

Technical RFI Update:

- Vendor responses were received on May 11th.
- A total of five vendors responded to the RFI.
- The Technical Work Group is currently reviewing the responses.

Proof-of-concept Plan:

- Vendors are being asked to demonstrate evidence that they can provide the services that are being asked of them in the Technical RFI. These services include WAN VPNs, video networking, and Internet access. For video, vendors are being asked to demonstrate both H.264 and MPEG-2 functionality. The proof-of-concept will be divided into two phases. The first phase will take place

before issuance of the solicitation, the second phase some time after. The first phase is described on the WCNI web site at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/wcni/index.asp>. The second phase is currently being developed.

Review Current Procurement Timeline:

- May 26-27 vendor conferences at DATCP.
- June 8, 9, 11 vendor proof-of-concept demonstrations.
- June 3, 10, 17 remaining conference calls for WCNI technical work group.
- June 23 issuance of the solicitation.
- July 27 vendor responses due back from solicitation.

Governance discussion:

- Frank Ace reviewed the draft governance proposal.
- Some concern was expressed that the document was not sufficiently clear that the UW component (and likewise the DOA component) were outside the scope of responsibility, which is the interoperability between the network components.
- Some felt that the advisory nature of the proposed group should be made clearer.
- Frank will update the document based on these and other suggestions. We will re-send it to WCNI members and discuss again at the June meeting.

Other discussion:

- A rather lengthy discussion ensued, much of it focused around how current WiscNet customers would be able to continue to get service once the new network is in place. It was mentioned that there is an impression in some quarters that WiscNet customers must choose which future network (UW or DOA converged BadgerNet) to physically be connected to. This is not the case. Chris Alberts explained how by using unmanaged bandwidth services for physical connection to the WiscNet customer, the arrangement can stay the same as it is today, i.e. a WiscNet managed router at the remote site, TEACH funded DOA access circuit, with a hand off to a WiscNet switch at a POP location.
- Annie Stunden invited DOA (Chris Alberts/Bob Stuessy) to review this with WiscNet/UW. The WCNI group also expressed interest in documenting the main points of the discussion in writing.
- Interest was expressed in the results of a TEACH survey of their customer base. We will work with TEACH to provide information.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be held on June 24th in Room 349 at GEF3