



# THE QUILT

QUILT TALK

March 2008

## Quilt Talk

Quilt Talk is a monthly update on topical items for Quilt members and the R&E advanced networking community. Additional items of interest can also be found on The Quilt's website at [www.thequilt.net](http://www.thequilt.net)

### Quilt News

#### Quilt March Events

The Quilt is looking forward to its Spring Member Meeting and Business Model Workshop in Miami, Florida at the end of the month.

The topic of the workshop is Regional and State R&E Network Service and Pricing Models and will bring together Directors and financial representatives of Regional and State R&E networks to discuss the structure of their service offerings.

This workshop is a culmination of the joint effort between The Quilt and MIDnet to collect RON case studies as well as the on-going financial data collection activities occurring within the StateNets-Quilt Financial Focus Group.

The workshop will concentrate network access, video and data service offerings. The program structure is a

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## Other News

Titled "Lightpath to the Stars", CENIC is holding its annual conference March 10-12 in Oakland, California. Keynote speakers include Rachelle Chong of the California Public Utilities Commission, Dan Bursch of the Naval Postgraduate School, and Sandra Faber of UC Santa Cruz/UCO Lick. More information about the meeting is at <http://cenic08.cenic.org/>

#### FCC Rural Healthcare Pilot Project

In support of its members who have either been named as service providers or who plan to participate in the project's competitive bid process, The Quilt established a RHCPP Resource Page to collect and archive important dates, communications and websites resources in one location. The Quilt held its second Quilt Forum call this month where participants determined to hold-off on future calls until more information was available for pilot program service providers.

#### EDUCAUSE Network Policy Council

There is legislation pending full action in the House for the Higher Education Reauthorization Act. EDUCAUSE opposes Section 494 of this Act titled the Campus Digital Theft Prevention that requires campuses to develop new institutional plans to address file sharing infringement activities on their networks. The language that was removed in the Senate form of the bill was retained in the House form of the bill. For additional information on this topic, please see the Talking Points paper by EDUCAUSE at <http://connect.educause.edu/ir/library/word/CSD5172.doc>

EDUCAUSE is holding its Policy 2008 Conference May 7-8 in Arlington, VA. For information on the program, please see <http://www.educause.edu/pol08>

mix of panel presentations and break-out sessions which we anticipate will create a very dynamic and interactive session.

The Spring Member Meeting to take place following the workshop and the program will focus on the objectives of The Quilt in 2008, updates from Quilt working groups and opportunities for The Quilt to support its members through collaborative efforts.

Additional information including agendas for both of these events can be found at <http://www.thequilt.net/meetings/March-08-wksp/mar08mtg.html>

### **The Quilt's 2008 Commodity Internet Service Request for Proposals Update.**

The Quilt's CIS project members met this month to evaluate the CIS RFP responses received and select vendors for a semi-finalist presentations in Seattle the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Final selections for Authorized Quilt Vendors for commodity services will be announced on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to recognize and thank the following organizations and individuals for participating in the CIS RFP review process.

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Jeff Custard, Front Range GigaPoP  
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Dan Magorian, University of Maryland

The responses to The Quilt's RFI's for VoIP and lambda services are currently under review by Quilt volunteers. Please look for updates on these items in future Quilt Talk editions.

More information on The Quilt's RFP can be found at <http://www.thequilt.net/proj-cis/2008RFP/2008CISRFPHome.html>

## QUILT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BUSINESS MODEL WORKSHOP - SERVICES AND PRICING MODELS

MARCH 25, 2008

MIAMI, FL

QUILT SPRING MEMBER MEETING

MARCH 26-27, 2008

MIAMI, FL

QUILT NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER WORKSHOP

JUNE 3-4, 2008

NEWARK, DE

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QUILT FALL MEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2008

NEWPORT, RI