



THE QUILT

QUILT TALK

April 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

Quilt News

Quilt Business Model Workshop

The Quilt hosted a Business Model Workshop in Miami, Florida on March 25th for 45 Regional and State R&E Network Directors as well as their financial representatives. The topic of the workshop was Service and Pricing Models and was focused on three sets of services; network access, video and data center services.

Executives from MCNC, WiscNet, FLR and MAX kicked-off the workshop with presentations that focused on network access service offerings, current network access service cost recovery models, past cost recovery models and future directions for either service offering or pricing changes. Throughout the workshop participants and presenters exchanged key details of their organization's current R&E network service models.

Over the course of The Quilt's series of community workshops, the consistent feedback we receive is that in addition to the formal program, another valuable benefit of participation is the opportunity to meet and network with peers in other organizations. This workshop was no different in that regard and below is a sample of additional conversations that took place among peers during the workshop:

- What are organizations doing to incent higher network connectivity by users?
- Do organizations have formal community outreach programs?
- How many organizations are currently supporting

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Other News

On April 3rd, Merit held a one-day Voice Over IP Seminar titled "VoIP: The State of the Art and Look into the Future". Keynote speakers for this event were Walt Magnussen, Director of Telecommunications at Texas A&M and key resource to the R&E community and the country on the topic of VoIP technology and Ken Green, founding Director of The Campus Computing Project, the largest continuing study of the role of computing, eLearning, and information technology in American higher education. More information about the meeting can be found at

<http://www.merit.org/events/archive/specialevents/voip/>

FCC Rural Healthcare Pilot Project

USAC will be holding another call for RHCPP service providers on Thursday, April 17th at 2:00 ET to discuss the new vendor pages on the pilot project website as well as the bidding process for awardee RFP's.

Kentucky Regional Optical Network joins The Quilt

The Kentucky Regional Optical Network (KyRON) is an operation of the Council of Post Secondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville. It is a key component of the Kentucky Education Network (KEN) connecting the Kentucky P-20 education community to the national and international research and education community through Internet2. For more information about KyRON, please visit the website at <http://kyron.kv.gov/>

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or have been asked to support Super Computing efforts?

- What is a typical span of years used for budget planning?

Quilt Spring Member Meeting

The Quilt held its Spring Member Meeting immediately following the Business Model Workshop. Highlights from the member meeting include an Overview of Quilt 2008 Priorities, a presentation by Phil Halstead of Florida LambdaRail titled "RON's as Innovation Backbones", an update by Garrett Sern and Tim Lance from the Educause Network Policy Council and an overview of the new CIS vendor offerings from the Quilt's recent RFP.

Presentations from the recent member meeting can be found through the links below to The Quilt member webpage

[http://www.thequilt.net/private/meetings/March-08-wksp/March_2008_Member_Meeting\(F\).htm](http://www.thequilt.net/private/meetings/March-08-wksp/March_2008_Member_Meeting(F).htm)

Results of The Quilt's 2008 Commodity Internet Service Request for Proposals Update

During our member meeting in Miami, The Quilt announced the results of its recent CIS RFP efforts. Level 3, Qwest, Cogent, Time Warner Telecom and Global Crossing will all continue as Authorized Quilt Vendors. XO Communications has also been added. Information on these programs can be found on The Quilt member CIS Project Page.

Update on The Quilt's upcoming Network Operations Center Workshop

The Quilt has recently changed the dates and venue for its NOC workshop originally scheduled for June in Delaware. Instead, this year's NOC Workshop is now planned to be our first virtual workshop which will utilize our members' video services to facilitate the event. We are now targeting the week of September 8th for this virtual workshop. These changes for the workshop are due to schedule conflicts with the original date as well as a Quilt effort to "think green" and be mindful of the impact of event travel on the carbon footprint. Stay tuned for additional details on this event.

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 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH

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QUILT FALL MEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2008

NEWPORT, RI