



Quilt Talk

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The Quilt - A vibrant forum where leaders from the country's advanced regional and state networking organizations collaborate on ideas and share best practices to evolve networking in support of the research and education.

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Quilt News- NOFA Released for First Round of ARRA Broadband Infrastructure Funding



On July 1, 2009, The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for NTIA's Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program was released. The NOFA specifying all the program details may be found [here](#). The main website for information for both the RUS and NTIA programs with application information may be found [here](#).

A few highlights of particular interest to the R&E networking community in the NOFA are:

- For-profit companies are allowed to apply for funds per the eligible organizations listing on page 27 of the NOFA
- Deadline for electronic submission of proposals begins at 8:00 am ET on July 14, 2009 and ends on August 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm ET (information on page 58 of NOFA)
- The definition of unserved and underserved populations as applied to the middle and last mile as published on page 22 and 23 of the NOFA.
- NTIA has published the dates and locations of BTOP proposal workshops scheduled for this month at various locations around the country. [More Information](#).

The Quilt has identified members who will be attending the BTOP Proposal Workshops this month. These members have been deputized as representatives of The Quilt to take a collection of our questions to the workshops and report back promptly after the meeting with the findings.

National Broadband News

Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition

A new Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition formed to expand access to broadband Internet. The new coalition is made up of 28 commercial and non-for-profit groups including the American Library Association, Educause and Internet2. The goal of the coalition is to seek federal funds to provide broadband access for key organizations such as colleges, schools, libraries and hospitals.

[Full article available.](#)

FCC National Broadband Plan

Reply Comment Deadline for National Broadband Plan NOI Extended to July 21, 2009.

[More Information](#)

[Comments are available on the FCC Website.](#)

Other Networking News

Defense Agency, Faulted For Scaling

Quilt News-Catalyst@EDU



A community effort has been launched by ACUTA, EDUCAUSE, Internet2, NLR, The Quilt and others to draft common language supporting research and education networks that may be used in BTOP proposals.

Catalyst@EDU is a pilot project for national discovery. The Catalyst@EDU goals are to:

- Pilot strategies that will deliver affordable 100 Mbps (and up) broadband to educational institutions in the US and return the US to a more internationally competitive technology environment (price/performance).
- Leverage education leadership in local communities to enable federal government policy goals.
- Maximize job creation and innovation through the combined economic development effect of broadband and its relationship with education.

There are three ways your organization can participate in Catalyst@EDU activity:

1. Use concepts or language from Catalyst@EDU in your organization's proposal.
2. Join Catalyst@EDU working group(s) to work with higher education and networking organizations to help achieve our collective vision, and/or
3. Join in a national joint proposal.

You may choose whatever methods of participation that best suit your local efforts. The Full Discussion Document is available [here](#).

Quilt News- Fall Member Meeting

The Quilt's Fall Member Meeting will take place in Kansas City, Missouri on September 16th and 17th. This meeting will be hosted by MOREnet.

Prior to The Quilt's Fall Member Meeting, The Quilt's Telepresence Work Group will be holding a Telepresence Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri on September 14th and 15th. This first workshop will focus on Cisco including the How's and What's of deploying TelePresence.



In conjunction with The Quilt's Fall Member Meeting, The Quilt-StateNets Financial Focus Group will be holding its Fall Planning Session.

Registration and detailed information for both events is available on [The Quilt Website](#).

Quilt News - CIS Strategy Review Committee

Under its CIS program, The Quilt has issued 5 CIS RFP's with the most recent RFP issued in January 2008. As the CIS marketplace continues to shift and price per mbps is driving toward single digits, it is an opportune time to review the current CIS program ahead of the next RFP effort.

The CIS Strategy Review Team is asked to actively participate in review team conversations representing the needs of their organization and associated Authorized Quilt Buyers. The desired output of the Review Team is to develop a set of recommendations for The Quilt to pursue within the scope of its next RFP effort to ensure the continued value of the CIS program to Quilt members.

Regional and State Network News

GPN Annual Meeting 2009

The Annual Meeting was held in Kansas City May 28th and 29th. There were over 70 attendees, and

Back University Computer Research, Gets New Leader

In recent times, The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, known as Darpa, has been faulted for scaling back on financing had scaled back financing for basic computer-science research at universities and instead increasing money for projects that are classified or that promise a more immediate payoff. Now new leaders are taking over the agency.

Source: [Chronicle of Higher Education - Wired Campus July 8, 2009](#)

[National Lambda Rail Selected for Large Hadron Collider Network](#)

- May 28, 2009

[Xena Networks Launches XenaCompact" GbE/10GbE Test Platform After Trials on Internet2 Transatlantic Network Test Project](#)

- June 30, 2009

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many presentations. The two keynote addresses and all of the presentations were recorded and are now available for viewing. [The links to the streaming video are here.](#)

Ohio Super Computing

CHICAGO, IL - June 2, 2009 Darkstrand and Ohio Supercomputer Center join forces for corporate supercomputing access. Ohio Supercomputer Center Brings Expertise and Computing Power to Darkstrand Network to Solve Advanced Bioscience and Manufacturing Innovations. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

Record Crowd Attends 2009 Merit Member Conference

By Brian Warkoczeski

ANN ARBOR - A record crowd of over 200 information technology professionals from organizations across Michigan came to Ann Arbor on June 11-12 to attend the 2009 Merit Member Conference, Merit Network's annual two-day networking and technology conference. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

NC STEM

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (June 16, 2009) - The NC STEM Community Collaborative, a statewide leader in incubating K12 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs in North Carolina communities, today announced the state's BRAC Region along with Davie and Lenoir County will work together to become North Carolina's first STEM Communities. Click here for the [PDF](#) or [Website](#)

UPCOMING NYSERTech 2009: Multimedia via The NYSERNET R&E Network.

On July 20, 2009a from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, NYSERNet invites you to NYSERTech 2009, an event featuring speakers and panelists discussing best practices, comparing strategies, and providing live demonstrations of multimedia activities designed for the K-20 classroom. In addition, NYSERNet engineers are hosting a multicast workshop the following day for anyone interested in learning how to use this technology. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Quilt Member and Other R&E Events

July 2009

NTNC Summer Meeting

9-10 July Fargo, ND

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ACUTA

2009 Summit on Unified Communications and Collaboration

12-15 July Denver, CO

[More Information](#)

Summer 2009 ESCC/Internet2 Joint Techs

19-23 July Indianapolis, IN

[More Information](#)

GENI Engineering Conference (GEC5)

20-22 July Seattle, WA

[More Information](#)

28th Asian-Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) Meeting

20-23 July Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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