

The Quilt: A national community of innovators with a 10-year track record of successfully working to:
Collaborate—Advocate—Leverage

COLLABORATE

Member organizations collaborate to collectively advance research & education networking.

We collaborate by:

- » Developing and exchanging best practices
- » Solving problems together
- » Sharing information
- » Developing the newest advancements in networking

Examples

- » Hosting community workshops, e.g., optical networking workshop series
- » Providing a collection of member business model cases
- » Convening the Tele-Presence working group

ADVOCATE

The Quilt serves as a single point of contact to engage partners to educate and advocate on behalf of our members and their work.

Examples

- » Federal policies such as the FCC's national broadband plan
- » Federal funding sources such as the National Science Foundation and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)
- » Industry partners such as optical network equipment providers

LEVERAGE

Members leverage the collective consortia knowledge and buying power, contributing to the value each member provides to their participants.

Knowledge Broker

- » Support organizational review projects by peers
- » Source of aggregate data about our country's R&E networks

Buying Consortia

- » Commodity internet services (CIS)
- » Network equipment
- » Since 2002, members have saved a total of \$68,000,000 on CIS

The Quilt gathers our country's leading research and education networking organizations to promote consistent, reliable, interoperable and efficient advanced networking services that extend to the broadest possible community; and to represent common interests in the development and delivery of advanced network services. Participants in The Quilt provide network services and applications to more than 200 universities and thousands of other educational institutions.

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