



MCOECN Update Spring 2007

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Items of Interest

- State Budget and MCOECN budget testimony.
- OSCnet (formerly TFN).
- OECECN Oversight Committee.
- EMIS Advisory Committee.
- MCOECN Technology Services Group (MC-TSG).



State Budget

OECN Line 200-426

Line 426	FY 06 & 07	ODE Request	Governor's Request
Connectivity	18,136,691	18,136,691	18,136,691
OECN Operating	8,338,468	8,638,468	8,338,468
INFOhio	1,700,000		
Electronic Resources	769,223	2,469,223	2,469,223
OECN Support	1,501,805	2,501,815	1,501,805
Fund Total	30,446,197	31,746,197	30,446,197



State Budget EMIS Line 200-446

Line 446	FY 06 & 07		ODE Request	Governor's Request
EMIS Subsidy	8,055,189	FY 08:	8,256,569	8,256,569
		FY 09:	8,462,984	8,462,984
ITC Subsidy	1,295,857	FY 08:	1,338,620	1,338,620
		FY 09:	1,372,085	1,372,085
EMIS Operations & Data Exchange	6,323,759	FY 08:	6,505,186	6,515,321
		FY 09:	6,740,623	6,751,013
Fund Totals	15,674,805	FY 08:	16,100,375	16,110,510
		FY 09:	16,575,692	16,586,082



MCOECN Budget Response

- EMIS – appreciate increased funding (although still does not cover costs)
- OECN Subsidy – asking for an additional \$3 per student
- INFOhio – restore \$300,000 in lost funding
- SSDT – We support ODE's request



What Are Our Odds?

- As a whole, the Education budget received a modest increase.
- Most state agencies were asked to take a 5% cut from previous budget.
- Governor's economic outlook is flat.
- All of which means our chances are not strong.
- But we won't get it unless we ask...



OSCnet and Ohio K-12 Network

- OSCNet = Ohio Super Computer Network
- 26 out of 30 sites are now connected
 - MDECA connection is almost complete – working on internal connections and testing
 - Akron scheduled week of April 16th
 - Canton and Dayton not yet scheduled



OSCnet and Ohio K-12 Network

- Moving forward on Gig-E and IP video migration strategy:
 - Adding equipment at the point-of-presence (PoP) locations to handle Gigabit Ethernet.
 - Adding equipment in the video network operations center (NOC) for H.323 (IP video).
 - In a few weeks MEC will be the first site on Gig-E.



OSCnet and Ohio K-12 Network

- Other “value added” items:
 - Doubled the size of the Internet “pool” from 800 MB (spring 2006) to 1785 MB per month currently.
 - Will be adding email spam filtering at the core. Hope to capture 60%-80% of the most obvious spam. This will relieve a lot of pressure off of the ITC’s.



OSCnet and Ohio K-12 Network

- Possible future “value added” items:
 - By expanding use of software purchased for D3A2 we may possibly offer identity management and work flow.
 - These will be tested soon by NWOCA.



OECECN Oversight Committee

- Created as part of the revised OECECN Ohio Administrative Code rules.
- Committee began activity in January 2007.
- Members include ODE, MCOECCN, ITC, SSST, OASBO, BASA, OAEP, and community school representation.



OECN Oversight Committee

- Will advise ODE on items including:
 - OECN Administrative Rules compliance
 - ITC accountability
- Note part of MCOECN Strategic Plan:
 - *Be an advocate for the ITC's for fair and reasonable policy development.*
 - *Assist in creating templates and documents to assist the ITC's in implementing new state requirements.*



OECECN Oversight Committee

- ITC CIP process will resume.
- Plans are due from ITC's by September 30, 2007.
- Plans need to include only:
 - A review of planned vs. actual delivery of core services.
 - Specified reports from CA USD information.
 - Description of core service delivery planned for FY 2008 and how this will benefit schools.



EMIS Advisory Committee

- Created as part of Sub. HB 115
- Chair will alternate between the chair of the House and Senate Education Committees.
 - Current chair is Rep. Arlene Setzer
- Purpose: To provide advice and feedback regarding the EMIS process



MCOECN TSG

- Management Council Technology Services Group.
- Formerly known as the MCOECN Value Added Reseller (VAR) Program.
- A committee began work last August to restructure the VAR program to make it more viable and more valuable.
- New TSG Bylaws were drafted and approved this past fall.



MCOECN TSG

- Program will operate in the “INFOhio” model.
- A new 10-member board has been created to develop policy and oversee operations of the program.
- Created the position of Executive Director to manage day-to-day operations.



TSG Executive Director

- The MCOECN is pleased to announce that **Todd Hellman** has been hired as the new Executive Director of the MC-TSG program.
- Todd has experience in several previous marketing and technical capacities, including CIO at Ohio SchoolNet and Director of the Center for Technology at the Franklin County Educational Service Center.



MCOECN TSG Goals

- Provide technology leadership to Ohio educational entities to assist in improving instruction and administrative capabilities by identifying optimal technical solutions.
- Conduct product research, customization and support.



MCOECN TSG Goals

- Develop a team capable of providing the identified services.
- Establish vendor relationships.
- Build collaboration with other service agencies such as ODE, eTech Ohio, and the Ohio Supercomputer Center Network.



Thank You

- Questions?