

CICNet

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Description

CICNet, Inc. is a regional midlevel network serving a seven state region of the midwestern United States, and includes the members of the Big Ten plus the University of Chicago as its Charter Members. CICNet provides DS-1 (1.544 mbps) backbone connections between its eleven nodes, and incorporates cisco Systems routers and Datatel CSUs. Interexchange network services are currently provided by MCI. The Mission Statement of CICNet is to provide its member organizations with the ability to share advanced information systems - high speed data networking, computing, video, and telecommunications - for the purpose of enhancing academic advancement and scientific research within a seven state region of the midwestern United States.

CICNet is managed by an Executive Director and a Board of Directors. Technical support services - Network Information Center and Network Operations Center - are provided under contract with MERIT. Funding for the first year of CICNet has been provided by the eleven member institutions and grant funding from the National Science Foundation.

CICNet is in the process of finalizing its Business Plan. The current version calls for the organization to have five categories of membership: Charter, Institutional/Nonprofit, State/Subregional Networks, Research Corporate, and Computer/Telecommunications Corporate. Active participation of all membership categories is viewed as essential. CICNet will also offer a variety of services beyond simple bandwidth connectivity. The provision of value added services is a high priority.

Further information will be available with the publication of the CICNet Business Plan (anticipated in four to six weeks).

Miscellaneous Information

See also, NCSA and NCSAnet.

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