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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Directing Agencies of State Government to Continue Participating in the Colorado Statewide Multi-Use Network

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order directing agencies of state government to continue participating in the Colorado Statewide Multi-Use Network.

1. Background and Purpose

Integration of Colorado's telecommunications infrastructure provides Colorado's state and local governments, educators, businesses, and citizens with connections between and among institutions of higher education, school districts, public libraries, public hospitals, courts, and government offices. This integration is achieved through planned and coordinated purchases of telecommunications technology by all state departments, agencies, and institutions, including higher education. These coordinated purchases allow the state to take advantage of technologies of scale and assume the role of an anchor tenant in encouraging private sector investment in the infrastructure adequate to provide state-of-the-art telecommunications throughout the state. The resulting investment will lead to increased efficiency and greater economic development.

The Multi-Use Network Task Force created by Executive Order B 02 01 completed and published a "Strategic Plan for a Statewide Telecommunications Infrastructure." The Strategic Plan called for the design and development of a private sector owned and operated network in which the State of Colorado would act as the anchor tenant. In June of 2000, the Department of Personnel & Administration put the plan into effect through a public-private partnership with Qwest Communications creating the Multi-Use Network ("MNT"). The original contractual term between the State of Colorado and Qwest Communications for services provided by this MNT network was through June of 2005 and was subsequently extended through June of 2010.

In addition to the economic benefits, use of the MNT will transform government service. The MNT provides the high-speed Internet connections that make "e-government" possible. This process grants citizens with the convenience of filling out forms and obtaining licenses and permits over the internet. Once the MNT is complete, on-line applications will be accessible to the vast majority of Colorado citizens, making State government more efficient and user friendly.

2. Participation Extended

Participation in the State of Colorado Multi-Use Network by all state departments, agencies and institutions, including higher education, is extended through the duration of this Order.

3. Directive

- A. To achieve the desired benefits in efficiency, economies of scale, and economic development, all state departments, agencies and institutions, including higher education shall:
 - i. Continue the migration of telecommunication networks to the Multi-Use Network and cease operation of and any new development of disparate telecommunication networks.
 - ii. Continue conversion of network traffic to the Multi-Use Network in a timely manner according to Private Partner(s) and Department of Personnel & Administration established processes.
 - iii. Provide timely information requested by the Department of Personnel & Administration to aggregate statewide telecommunications technology purchasing.
- B. The Department of Personnel & Administration shall:
 - i. Implement and operate the statewide Multi-Use Network in partnership with its public/private partner(s).
 - ii. Maintain a central database and clearinghouse for current telecommunications standards that may be established and for other information that may be helpful to the managers of all state departments, institutions, and agencies, including higher education, in the use and purchase of telecommunications technologies.

- iii. Ensure the aggregation of the state's purchases for telecommunications services.
- iv. Promote standards for the compatibility of equipment and software among state departments, agencies, and institutions, including higher education, to facilitate the sharing of information.
- v. Monitor the activities and progress of the state's private partner(s) to ensure that the contractual terms of the public/private partnership are fulfilled.
- vi. Report periodically to the Governor on progress toward the goals outlined above.
- vii. Engage other departments, agencies and institutions in supportive roles in the process, as appropriate.
- viii. Coordinate with other public entities to achieve the overall goals of this Executive Order.

4. Past Executive Order Superseded and Replaced

This Executive Order shall repeal and replace all previous executive orders pertaining to the Multi-Use Network Task Force, and specifically Executive Order B 02 01.

5. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by further executive order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 8th day of
March, 2006.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Owens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Owens
Governor