

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- ✓ Funds must be encumbered between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. **FUNDS NOT SPENT REVERT TO THE STATE OF IOWA GENERAL FUND.** If a RTC is unable to encumber all funds requested in the budget, Region must inform DE by February 2, 2015. In order to return funds to DE, Region must submit an explanation regarding reason for the return, a signed confirmation by entities' chief financial officer or equivalent, and documentation of voting consensus by Region's membership.
- ✓ Each RTC funded through the General Fund RTC appropriation must submit an Annual Report by July 31, 2015. *Timeframes are not negotiable.*
- ✓ **Release of the funding for the RTC is dependent upon the receipt and approval of the required documentation by the Iowa Department of Education.**
 - Funding will be allocated by the DE to each RTC once during the fiscal year. The DE must approve the "Regional Support Services Budget" before the requested RTC budget amounts are released to the RTC fiscal agent.

Complete reports should be limited to no more than two (2) pages, and should be a unified voice for each individual RTC. The report should answer the below questions.

1. Describe the last twelve months of **Technical Assistance** activities performed for Network Classrooms (indicate current initiatives, challenges, and/or any other information).

Sioux Center AEA Node 270 Open 7/2/14 Finished 7/3/14

Problem:

"We have 3 cameras for that room but only 1 works (the one in the back of the room which is pointed at the instructor desk).

Also the old computer at the instructor desk (had a touch screen) doesn't work. The power is on but nothing shows on the monitor."

Solution:

The touch screen computer may have to be replaced at some point as I reseeded the ram on it to get it to work for a few months but then it stops working again. Cameras didn't work because of the touch screen not working.

Sioux Center AEA Node 270 Open 8/28/14 Finished 8/29/14

Problem:

"Student called to report no incoming A/V in session. VST decoded and saw a blue screen with no data from the node controller. The site was reconfigured and rebooted with no change. They did not have access to the equipment cabinet for GVG reset."

Solution:

Went there and did a test session and everything was working the way it should.

George Little Rock Node 426 Open 9/19/14 Finished 10/8/14

Problem:

"Instructor Amy called to report that her teacher camera isn't working and it has lines through it. She tried adjusting things on it but all it did was produce different colored lines. This room is used again Monday and she is always the orig. Please do what you can to get there soon. Thank you."

Solution:

When I got there the teacher camera was not showing any video. I reseeded all the connections with no go. I swap the teacher video cable with the student camera video cable and still nothing. Had a spare video cable to try and nothing. If you try zooming in and out you can hear the camera but no video. I think the camera is dead. Received spare cameras from Gerry Bruess and went to George little Rock High School and replaced the teacher camera.

Hawarden Library Node 690 Open 10/10/14 Finished 10/10/14

Problem:

"Had a call that when Hawarden Public Library node 690 was giving off a high pitched sound when they connected to other sites."

Solution:

One of the table was plugged into each other so the mic was plug into the robotics. unplugged and did a test sessions and everything is working.

Marcus high school and the old Orange City hospital locations have taken out their ICN rooms and I was able to receive that equipment.

2. Describe the last twelve months of **Planning and Troubleshooting** activities performed for Local Area Network (LAN/WAN) (indicate current initiatives, challenges, and/or any other information).

Continued network and systems support for area school districts within NWAEA. Support includes, but not limited to, email support, server support, troubleshooting, and hardware installation. Support also includes LAN/WAN consulting services, tech audits and training.

3. Describe the last twelve months of **Scheduling of Video Sites** activities (indicate current initiatives, challenges, and/or any other information).

-VOSS Approvals, Initial Scheduling and Updating of ICN Site Dates in Region IV
-Oversee ICN Site Facilitators and Process Payroll Payment Requests
-Each Week Remind Area Sites of Sessions Scheduled
-Prepared Facilitator Payroll Paperwork
-Review Monthly Billing Statements and Prepare Documents for Payment
-Checking VOSS Validated Emails

4. Describe the entire RTC's current initiatives, challenges, and/or any other information.

NCC will be updating one of the ICN rooms to the new IP status and will be used starting this fall for the ICN classes.

5. Explain any changes or improvements (if any) your region would like to make?

Provide Any Additional Comments:

Form must be submitted to Iowa Department of Education prior to July 31, 2015.

FY2015 REGIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FINAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Fiscal Agent: Mark Brown

Community College: Northwest Iowa Community College

	Total Expenses <i>Include one monetary amount per area</i>	% of Requested Budget
A. Technical Assistance for Network Classrooms <i>(DO NOT include FTE information.)</i> Does the RTC plan to provide first-line technical support for troubleshooting video classroom? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	\$16,768.72	31%
B. Planning and Troubleshooting for Local Area Networks <i>(DO NOT include FTE information.)</i>	\$10,277.61	19%
C. Scheduling of Video Sites <i>(DO NOT include FTE information.)</i>	\$27,046.33	50%
GRAND TOTAL	\$54,092.66	100%

Did the budget receive approval by a quorum of RTC members (6 of 9)?

All responses are based on having the RTC fully appointed. Six members of the RTC must approve the plan.

x Yes

 No *(If no is checked, a brief explanation in the comments box must be provided.)*

COMMENTS: *(Space can also be used for percentage explanations outside of budgets.)*

Please print this certification page, sign, and return with original signature to:

*Angi Hillers, Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319*

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Certification of Final Financial Accounting

I am the chief financial officer for the **community college** that is charged with acting as fiscal agent for the Regional Telecommunications Council (RTC) in Region 4. I hereby certify that I am aware of the guidelines issued by the Iowa Department of Education (DE) relating to the RTC Educational Support appropriation:

1. DE stresses the importance of transparency, accountability, and documentation within this RTC allocation process. Iowa Department of Education (DE) may complete **spot audits** of entire RTC regions and documents certified by fiscal agents to ensure that the appropriation funding is being spent as identified on the submitted plan. All RTC regions/personnel should retain and document all region-specific expenditures and additional information if an audit of the RTC appropriated funds is completed by the State of Iowa's Auditor's Office. **ALL DOCUMENTED INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DE SHOULD BE EASILY ATTAINABLE BY THE RTC IN THE EVENT THE DE IS AUDITED AND REQUESTS FURTHER DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN THE DOCUMENTED COMPONENTS.**
2. All documentation components must be received and complied with by the identified timeframes or financial penalties may be incurred by the specific RTC.
3. The DE must receive the **Regional Support Services Budget** before the first half of the requested RTC budget amounts are released to the RTC fiscal agent.
4. Each community college's AND Area Education Agency's (AEA) chief financial officer or equivalent, who is charged with acting as fiscal agent for the entity, will certify and approve that he/she has reviewed the expenditures incurred on the **Certification of Final Financial Accounting Form** which is to be submitted and accompanied by the **Annual Report** by July 31, 2015.
 - A. If support services are provided by other regional entities such as AEAs, the entity's fiscal agents must also certify by signing and submitting a **Certification of Accountability and Transparency Form** and a **Certification of Final Financial Accounting Form**, which indicates the entity reviewed and approved the expenditures incurred by their entity.

Signature: Mark Brown

Name: Mark Brown, Chief Financial Officer

Institution: Northwest Iowa Community College

Date: 7/24/2015

LAN/WAN Support is allocated to AEA

LAN/WAN Support is NOT allocated to AEA

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Certification of Final Financial Accounting

I am the chief financial officer for the **Area Education Agency (AEA)** that is charged with acting as fiscal agent. Northwest AEA provides Local Area Network (LAN)/Wide Area Network (WAN) support for the Regional Telecommunications Council in Region IV. Since Northwest AEA receives a financial allocation of the RTC Educational Support appropriation through Northwest Iowa Community College, I hereby certify that I am aware of the guidelines issued by the Iowa Department of Education (DE) relating to the RTC Educational Support appropriation:

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Signature: _____

Wayne Hess

Name: Wayne Hess, Chief Financial Officer

Institution: Northwest AEA

Date: 7-28-15

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