

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).

Continued to check on the equipment at the different sites whenever in the area. We have been working with AVI installing eight new H.323 polycom sites at Iowa Central in Fort Dodge, Storm Lake, and Webster City, Newell Fonda, Manson, Eagle Grove High School and Career Academy, and in Clarion as per the RUS grant received.

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).

Completing deployment of testing/monitoring equipment installed at each ICN district in the region. Provided on-site and remote assistance for all district requests for troubleshooting and planning.

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

Activities during this fiscal year included scheduling of ICN reservations, making changes and updates on ICN sessions, sending out ICN weekly and monthly schedules, notifying schools of daily VOSS emails that affect their ICN room, sent out ICN billings for room use fees after editing the reports, and answered inquiries about ICN rooms.

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

Utilizing the Scheduler's eRate fund, the RTC V is currently offering a financial incentive to encourage schools in the RTC V area to upgrade to IP classrooms and to utilize the ICN by reimbursing for monthly IP fees.

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

Provide Any Additional Comments:

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FY2015 REGIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FINAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Fiscal Agent: Iowa Central Community College
Community College: Iowa Central

	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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ 9,557.55	15 %
B. Planning and Troubleshooting for Local Area Networks <i>(DO NOT include FTE information.)</i>	\$ 9,557.55	15 %
C. Scheduling of Video Sites <i>(DO NOT include FTE information.)</i>	\$44,601.93	70 %
GRAND TOTAL	\$63,717.03	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.)*

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*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 V. 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: 

Name: Luke Grove Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent)

Institution: Iowa Central Community College

Date: July 23, 2015

LAN/WAN Support is allocated to AEA LAN/WAN Support is NOT allocated to AEA

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I am the chief financial officer for the **Area Education Agency (AEA)** that is charged with acting as fiscal agent. AEA 8 provides Local Area Network (LAN)/Wide Area Network (WAN) support for the Regional Telecommunications Council in Region V. Since AEA 8 receives a financial allocation of the RTC Educational Support appropriation through Iowa Central 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: Michelle Dowd

Name: Michelle Dowd, Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent)

Institution: Prairie Lakes AEA 8

Date: 7.28.15

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