ORGANIZATION
StateNets — A working group of Net@Edu. Organized with a steering committee and funded primarily from state education networks, membership in Net@EDU and conference fees.

http://www.statenets.org/

MISSION
Our statewide education networks will serve in profound ways all our constituents across the United States of America. To achieve this bold vision, we must gather our colleagues into a national association where we mutually improve our skills and sharpen our acumen about the technologies, management and politics of statewide education networks.

MEMBERSHIP
Public and not-for-profit organizations whose professionals operate the statewide education networks that serve the substantial portion of our state’s K-20 education and library institutions.

CONSTITUENTS
Primary: senior staff of statewide education networks.
Secondary: all employees of the membership organizations and employees of state government networks.

SERVICES
- Conduct professional development forums around policy, management, and technical themes
- Identify, document and disseminate best practices in management, politics and technologies
- Facilitate working groups that focus on specific areas of interest to the membership
- Conduct surveys on relevant topics
- Meeting planning and conference management
- Identify high priority issues and assist the membership in developing position papers and advocacy positions

APPROACH
A steering committee will guide the efforts of StateNets, focusing on services that are of high value to its membership. Periodic surveys will determine priority areas of interest. Seminars, elists, online conferences and work groups will then focus on an area, reporting out both electronically and at the annual conference.
ORGANIZATION
Net@EDU - An EDUCAUSE project focused on networking. Organized informally with a steering committee and funded primarily from membership fees.

http://www.educause.edu/netatedu/

MISSION
Advance the evolution of a global networking environment that best supports the transformation of higher education through information technology.

MEMBERSHIP
Any organization that supports the mission. Approximately 70 members; mostly higher education institutions with 9 state education networks.

CONSTITUENTS
Primary: university CIOs & industry networking leaders.
Secondary: member organization’s senior staff; new and emerging national educational networking organizations.

SERVICES
- Working groups that focus on specific areas of interest to the membership
- Higher education federal technology policy, legislation and regulation analysis and information dissemination
- Meeting planning and conference management

APPROACH
The activities of Net@EDU members span the spectrum of academic networking, from administration of campus networks to local, state, regional, national and international networking projects. Member self-forming work groups with administration and assistance from Net@EDU complete most of the work. An annual conference is held to report on working group progress. New projects and organizations aligned with the mission are provided start-up assistance.
ORGANIZATION
CoSN (Consortium for School Networking) - A formal, non-profit organization, funded primarily by member fees.

http://cosn.org/

MISSION
Promote the use of telecommunications to improve K-12 learning. CoSN goals are:

- Leadership Development
- Advocacy
- Coalition Building
- Emerging Technology

MEMBERSHIP
Institutional members are from the public and non-profit sector. Approximately 130 including 78 schools/districts, 7 state education departments and 3 state education networks. 66 Corporate memberships are also eligible. Individuals may be Affiliate members.

CONSTITUENTS
Primary: key technology decision makers in state education departments and school districts.
Secondary: key leaders in other national and state technology organizations, including technology associations and state education networks.

SERVICES
- K-12 federal technology policy, legislation and regulation analysis and information dissemination
- Budgeting and management practices professional development
- Coordinate the development of technology standards for school administrators
- Organizes numerous conferences

APPROACH
The activities of CoSN are organized around numerous initiatives, such as Budgeting for Technology, internet filtering, etc. Conferences and targeted workshops are the primary method of dissemination, along with targeted elists.
ORGANIZATION
THE QUILT— A UCAID Project, funded by UCAID.

http://www.thequilt.net/

MISSION
THE QUILT will provide a forum for communications, coordination, other interactions and activities between non-profit advanced regional network organizations, UCAID, and other organizations dedicated to advancing research and education in the United States by:
- Promoting a broad range of networking services to their constituents; and
- Facilitating innovative and successful activities and productive working relationships

MEMBERSHIP
Primary: 17 non-profit advanced regional network organizations dedicated to advancing research and education in the United States.
Secondary: Internet2 Sponsored Education Group Participants and state education networks.

CONSTITUENTS
Same as membership

SERVICES
- Network connectivity, engineering, and management to research networks
- Network connectivity, engineering, and management to the commodity internet
- Promotion and coordination of regional activities
- Facilitate innovative and successful projects and grants
- Provide collaborative tools such as video conferencing
- Represent our common interests to backbone network service providers, industry, government, standard-setting organizations, and other organizations involved in or influencing the development and delivery of advanced network services

APPROACH
Diverse! The name "Quilt" is a metaphor for the diverse quilt coverage. The gigapops do things in different ways from region to region.
ORGANIZATION
Internet2 K20 Initiative — A UCAID project organized with a steering committee that represents each state that has become a SEGP. Funded primarily by UCAID.

A SEGP is an aggregate of educational and education-related organizations (museums, libraries, etc.) inter-connected by one or more networks within a state that is approved for participation in Abilene. To become a SEGP, the group of organizations must be sponsored by an Internet2 university member that is an Abilene primary participant. SEGPs provide connectivity to the Abilene network.

http://www.internet2.edu/

MISSION
The Internet2 K20 Initiative brings together Internet2 member institutions, primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, libraries, and museums to get new technologies—advanced networking tools, applications, middleware, and content—into the hands of innovators, across all educational sectors in the United States, as quickly and as “connectedly” as possible.

MEMBERSHIP
Approved SEGPs (currently 18 state education networks)

CONSTITUENTS
State technology and education leaders from state networks, higher education, k-12 education, libraries and museums.

SERVICES
- To bring innovators in K-12, community colleges, universities, libraries, and museums into appropriate regional, national, and international advanced networking efforts, via the "Sponsored Education Group Participant" (SEGP) process.
- To encourage and help sustain partnerships among these education institutions, the private sector, and government.
- To enhance teaching and learning by facilitating projects that explore the ways in which advanced network applications, services, tools, and digital content can extend access to education and educational resources.
- To develop mechanisms for timely communication across all educational sectors and regions in order to enable quick, pervasive technology diffusion.
APPROACH

The activities of the Internet2 K20 Initiative are organized around member-based projects. An advisory committee composed of representatives from each SEGP provides guidance and direction to the Initiative. Elists, online meetings and a web site are the primary means of communications.
ORGANIZATION

SEDTA (State Education Technology Directors Association) – A new formal non-profit association formed with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

http://www.setda.org/index.php

MISSION

SEDTA aims to provide professional growth opportunities for state educational technology directors by tapping into collegial expertise, advise and support; advance individual state directors' knowledge and professional expertise and stay current with the field through exchange of information, best practices and networking.

MEMBERSHIP

State education department technology directors

CONSTITUENTS

State education department technology directors

SERVICES

- Federal policy leadership - speak with one voice to influence national public educational technology policies; provide united leadership role at federal and state level in setting the national agenda for education technology.
- State policy leadership - coordinate efforts among states for information sharing on projects of common interest, state initiatives, and educational technology issues facing states.
- Partnerships and grants - advance informed thinking about learning technology among other national organizations through formal liaisons with those entities and engage in common projects and form partnerships around projects of common interest.
- Professional growth - Advance state educational technology directors' knowledge and professional expertise.
- Membership conferences - opportunities for state educational technology directors to stay current with the field through exchanges of information, best practices and networking.

APPROACH

Form alliances with other education technology groups, providing information resources to state directors in order that they may improve learning for students in their states.
ORGANIZATION
NASCIO (National Association of State Chief Information Officers) –
A formal, non-profit association. Funded primarily by member dues.

https://www.nascio.org/aboutNascio/index.cfm

MISSION
The mission of the association is to shape national IT policy through collaborative partnerships, information sharing and knowledge transfer across jurisdictional and functional boundaries.

MEMBERSHIP
Chief information officers, information resource executives and managers from the 50 states, six US territories, and the District of Columbia. 100 corporate members and 13 non-profits.

CONSTITUENTS

SERVICES
- **Establish a National Voice** - Promote strategic partnerships to leverage the collective voice and establish a national presence.
- **Enhance Service Delivery through Information Sharing In and Across the States** - Increase communication among the CIOs, corporate members, and partners.
- **Establish a NASCIO Brand** - Serve as the resource for state CIOs, government policy makers and the IT industry through establishment of the NASCIO brand.

APPROACH
Organize conferences and workshops. Develop policy positions and promote them at the state and federal level. Conduct numerous awards programs showcasing outstanding achievement in the field of information technology. Publish formal documents relevant to the community served.
ORGANIZATION

NASTD, the Association for Telecommunications & Technology Professionals Serving the State Government - Founded in 1978 and has been an affiliate of The Council of State Governments (CSG) since 1980, with its headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky.

http://www.nastd.org/

MISSION

To be a member-driven organization whose purpose is to advance and promote the effective use of telecommunications technology and services to improve the operation of state government.

MEMBERSHIP

Telecommunications and technology professionals from the 50 states, divided into four regions, and the private sector.

CONSTITUENTS

State agencies and other public entities, often including hospitals, prisons, colleges and universities.

SERVICES

• Educate and inform on means of accomplishing savings and technological advances
• Conference management
• Share, gather, and disseminate information

APPROACH

• Regional and national meetings
• Formal research reports and bi-monthly newsletter