

PETITION
For the formation of the NCPPP
Information and Communications Technology Institute (ICT)

As provided for in the NCPPP Bylaws Article IX, Section 3, we the undersigned petition the NCPPP Executive Committee for the creation of an Information and Communications Technology Institute (ICT) institute within The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships. The purpose of this institute shall be to provide a forum for members of the Council with a common interest in the use of public-private partnerships for information and communications technology projects and related legislative and/or regulatory issues at the federal, state and local levels. The institute shall conduct workshops, develop publications, provide representations to government bodies and undertake other activities appropriate to promoting public-private partnerships for transportation.

All members of the Institute must be members in good standing of the NCPPP and all members of the Council shall be eligible for participation in the Institute. Given the importance of ICT to the work ongoing in all of the existing institutes of NCPPP, the ICT shall organize a Steering Committee from among the membership emphasizing participation from each of the existing institutes of the Council. Before the end of the 2012 calendar year, this Steering Committee will develop a plan of work for review and approval by the NCPPP Executive Committee. A significant portion of the initial activities of this Institute will be the engagement with NCPPP public sector members and their respective representative organizations in the use of public-private partnerships for Information and Communications Technology Institute (ICT).

Activities of the institute will be self-sustaining, unless otherwise approved by the NCPPP Executive Committee. Staff support of the Institute and its activities will be provided within the existing budget of the NCPPP.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph B, we meet the minimum requirement of three members as signatories, with at least two of these members being Sponsor or Sustaining members of the Council.

These members are:

Robert Jennings for Gigabit Squared (General/Private Member)
Robert Hebert for Fort Bend County, Texas (Sponsor/Public Member)
Mark Willis for Wyoming Business Council (General/Public Member)
Anita Molino for Bostonia Partners (Sponsor/Private Member)
Parker Williams for ACS, a Xerox Company (Sponsor/Private Member)
Art Smith for Management Analysis Inc. (Sponsor/Private Member)
David Birtwistle, Balfour Beatty (Sponsor/Private Member)
James Alford for Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP (General/Private)

Program Plan for the proposed ICT Institute

Why the Institute?

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (ICT)

The purpose of the ICT Institute would be to provide additional focus on public-private partnership opportunities arising out of the development and deployment of advanced technology and communications networks that are becoming central to the delivery of governmental services for both national governments and their local governmental counterparts. As technology innovations in advanced IT, health information networks and smart energy solutions provide the public sector with new ways to provide service it also has enabled the private sector to bring technology and innovative solutions to bear through P3's.

The ICT Institute would be a forum for Council members with interests in the use of public-private partnerships for broadband deployment, smart IT enabled energy programs, health information technology deployment, cloud computing advances, smart buildings, safety and security networks as well as advanced transportation applications and to discuss new solutions. The ICT Institute would be a platform to exchange best practices for the delivery of such services through public-private partnerships as well as provide members and others with information on the innovative finance programs necessary to enable public-private partnerships to form and address the need for these technology improvements.

Who would be the Initial Members?

The initial members would comprise a steering committee to provide the full plan for the institute before the end of 2012. Given the ability of the ICT institute to complement the ongoing work in the other NCPMP institutes the initial steering committee would comprise members drawn from each of the other institutes to ensure cross population of ideas and programs.

Leadership for the ICT Institute would be drawn from the current membership with Robert W. Jennings acting as its initial chairperson. Other members of the Council's public and private sectors would be recruited to lead this ICT Institute and provide its ongoing leadership. The initial members of the Institute would provide to the Executive Committee a concise business plan, organizational structure and proposed meeting schedule after its initial formation and steering committee work.

Other suggested members for participation in the ICT institute to start would be:

Energy

Anita Molino, Bostonia Partners

Transportation

Parker Williams, ACS a Xerox Company

International

Art Smith, MAI International

Jim Alford, Curtis Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

Real Estate

David Birtswistle, Balfour Beatty

Water

Sandy Sullivan, Veolia Water North America

When is the anticipated launch after formation?

The concept would be to meet with the steering committee with the goal of providing insight into an opening session at the next formal board meeting.

In the interim time the committee would work with the Chair and Vice Chair to identify other governmental members and opportunity to engage with the public and private sector in ICT infrastructure issues and opportunities.

Several areas to explore:

- KC MO and KS and a program on Google Fiber Initiative
- GIG U and its impact potentially on 37 universities and their communities
See: <http://www.gig-u.org/>
- Impact of federal money spent on broadband on local communities—last mile and P3 opportunities

ALSO for exploration:

- Smart Grid
- Smart Buildings
- Smart Transportation
- Intelligent Water plants and smart meters
- E-medical records and Health Information Technology

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