Letter of Sponsorship of a Sponsored Education Group Participant

Internet2
1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 300
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Attn: Heather Bruning

Re: Abilene Sponsored Education Group Participation

Dear Mr. Cotter;

As one or more Primary Participant(s) in the Abilene network, we, Univ. of Memphis and Univ. of TN (name of Sponsor(s)) wish to extend our Participation Agreement to include the sponsorship of certain networks in the same state as ours as a Sponsored Education Group Participant in Abilene. We understand that we are responsible for ensuring that these institutions are appropriate for sponsorship as a Sponsored Education Group Participant, as described in the Abilene CoU, and if they cease to be so, we will inform you in writing and arrange to have them disconnected from Abilene. We also agree to submit to Internet2 periodic reports from this Sponsored Education Group Participant about their applications, projects, and other activities involving Internet2, and their progress towards implementing advanced network capabilities.

We agree to ensure that our Sponsored Education Group Participant abides by the Abilene Network Terms of Participation including the Abilene Conditions of Use, which is part of our Participation Agreement. We have the right to terminate their Abilene Participation at any time, and we agree to inform Internet2 and the Connector below of any such change. All current and former Internet2 members and any other Carnegie Doctoral/Research -Extensive institutions that may be part of these networks are not eligible to participate in Abilene without maintaining Internet2 membership and paying the annual Abilene participation fee.

We are responsible for ensuring that the Sponsored Education Group Participant has an appropriate connection to Abilene through an institution maintaining a Connection Agreement with Abilene. We agree to provide you with and to keep updated information about their means of connection to Abilene, including the name of their Connector. The Connector also agrees that on their behalf that (a) a “Technical Contact” shall be responsible for the resolution of operational problems involving their use of the network and (b) for all other matters a designated "Executive Contact" shall be responsible.

When you, Internet2, countersign this Sponsorship Agreement, it will become an extension to our Abilene Participation Agreement and the Connector's Connection Agreement. The Sponsored Education Group Participant exhibit attached to this letter will become an addition to our respective agreements and covered by them and any future changes to it.
We understand that fees are due and payable to Internet2 by the Connector for Sponsored Education Group Participation, and these fees are outlined in the Connection Agreement. Upon acceptance of the Sponsored Education Group Participant, the Connector assumes fiscal and operational responsibility for the Participant to both Internet2 and the Abilene NOC.

The resulting updated Abilene Sponsored Education Group Participation Agreement, including its attachments, constitutes the entire understanding between you, Internet2 and us with respect to our use of Abilene and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements, written or oral, between you and us regarding this subject matter. No representation or other statement, written or oral, will be binding on you or us unless it is set forth in this Agreement, the Terms of Participation, the Terms of Connection or the Appendix thereto.

Sincerely,

MEMBER

__________________________  Date:____________________
[signature]

By:____ Douglas Hurley
[print name]

Its:__________CIO__________
[print title]

MEMBER

__________________________  Date:____________________
[signature]

By:____ Brice Bible
[print name]

Its:__________CIO__________
[print title]
CONNECTOR

________________________ Date:____________________
[signature]

By:______Douglas Hurley______
[print name]

Its:______CIO________
[print title]

Sponsorship Date: _______10/1/2006 _______
[to agree with official Connection Date of Connector]

ACCEPTED BY INTERNET2:

________________________ Date:____________________
P. Stephen Cotter
Director, Network Services