

Information Technology Newsletter

(Division of Communications, State of Nebraska)

The Mission of Information Technology is to serve the citizens of Nebraska by providing premier information technology leadership, policy and operations which facilitate an effective, responsive, and efficient government.

New Product Offering

By Heath Hollenbeck

Over the last few months the DOC WAN Team has began to deploy a new service called Private DSL. Essentially, Private DSL is just normal DSL that also has the ability for us to use our own Private IP addresses and internet access. With Private DSL there is no need for VPN's and the use of the public internet to get back into the State's internal network. Instead, with Private DSL, you sit right on the internal network just like a dedicated T1 circuit. However, the speeds are not as fast as what you would receive from a T1. With Private DSL most speeds range from 1.5meg down/384K up to 1.5meg down/768k up, whereas with a T1 we see speeds of 1.5meg symmetrical. Private DSL has been a good replacement for sites that currently have 56K lines and don't want to pay the price for a T1, but need the additional bandwidth.

Private DSL ranges in price from approx \$185-\$270 a month depending upon the Telco and the speeds requested. As far as availability, Private DSL is available anywhere Qwest or Alltel have DSL services. We look forward to seeing how this new service can help your network perform better for your users and customers. If you have questions or would like further information about Private DSL please email Heath Hollenbeck at hhollenb@notes.state.ne.us.

2006 Nebraska State Government Directory

By Vicki McElroy

We are currently working on the 2006 Nebraska State Government Directory. This year is the first year where each State agency is responsible for the additions, deletions, and changes with regard to the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses that appear in the white pages of the State Government Directory for their employees. Each State agency has a communications coordinator who is responsible for maintaining these listings through NIS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the listings that appear in the white pages for your agency, please contact your agency's communications coordinator. The deadline for updates to the white pages is approaching fast – Friday, December 2, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. If you are a communications coordinator and have questions or concerns regarding any portion of the State Government Directory, please contact Renee Bramhall at (402) 471-4701.

Nebraska State Government Directory On-Line

By Vicki McElroy

The Nebraska State Government Directory can be accessed online by going to the

official website of Nebraska at www.nebraska.gov. From there click on "Your Government" and then "State Employee Directory". The URL string has changed and is now <http://phonebook.doc.ne.gov>. Please change your favorites if you have not already done so to reflect the new path to the online Nebraska State Government Directory. The new website offers the benefit of listing "sounds like" names to any names that are being inquired about. For example, if you type in "BRAM" for Renee Bramhall, you will get all names that have "Bram" in them and then also alternative spellings, for example, Brehm and Brumm. Check it out! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new online Nebraska State Government Directory, please contact Renee Bramhall at (402) 471-4701.

2005 City of Lincoln / Lancaster County Telephone Directory

By Renee Bramhall

The 2005 City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Telephone Directories have been distributed to all State agencies that have requested copies. At this time we are unable to obtain extra copies of this directory to distribute. However, you may purchase these directories from the City of Lincoln/Citizen Information Center for \$5.00. Call Connie Guillaume at 402-441-7375 or email her at cguillaume@lincoln.ne.gov to order more copies.

The information in the Directory is also available on the Internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov/main/contact.htm and you can obtain information from this website on City of Lincoln or Lancaster County offices and employees. If you have any questions on this, please call Vicki at 402-471-2761.

2005-2006 University of Nebraska – Lincoln Centrex Directories

By Vicki McElroy

The 2005-2006 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Centrex Directories have been distributed to all State agencies that have requested copies. At this time we are unable to obtain extra copies of this directory to distribute. The University sells these directories at the UNL Book Store located in the Nebraska Union on the downtown campus for \$5.00 if you need to obtain more copies for your office. You may also find the University of Nebraska Lincoln directory information by going to this webpage: www.nebraska.edu/4in1. You can find information for all four University campuses at this webpage. If you have any questions on this, please call Vicki at (402) 471-2761.

Directory Listing Closing Dates:

Bancroft	12/15/05
Beatrice.....	01/15/06
Columbus.....	01/01/06
Heartland/Lincoln.....	12/01/05

For more information, contact Renee at 402-471-4701.