

OneNet®

Oklahoma's Telecommunications Network

Academy Support

The Oklahoma Academy is a non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to the proposal of public policies that will make Oklahoma a more prosperous state in which to live, work and play. The Academy has over 600 members from 75 communities in 55 counties. The membership consists of citizen volunteers from all sectors of Oklahoma's economy and society.

For the past three years, the Oklahoma Academy has studied and considered "technology issues" and has planned and sponsored two major statewide conferences in an effort to examine policy recommendations and proposals to improve all aspects of life in Oklahoma. From this dialogue, a comprehensive set of responsible recommendations have emerged.

During the course of all the Academy's activities, its membership has determined that OneNet:

- ▣ Is a nationally unique model.
- ▣ Is one of the embedded jewels in our state's information infrastructure.
- ▣ Has established itself nationally as evidenced by it being selected as one of the 25 connection points for the national Internet 2 project.
- ▣ Is likely one Oklahoma asset that will enable our educational institutions to compete with better-funded systems in other states.

For all of these reasons, the Oklahoma Academy believes that OneNet deserves its unequivocal support. This support includes, but is not limited to:

- ▣ Annual budget requests to maintain the system.
- ▣ A major enhancement of OneNet's budget to allow improvements that subsidized user rates may not allow.
- ▣ All resources necessary to insure that OneNet is a major national participant in the development of Internet 2; and
- ▣ For the resources necessary for OneNet to be a national leader, and partner of private business, in the development of experimental terabit test beds.

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