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University of Northern Iowa
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January 7, 2011

Mike Marshall
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol

Charles Smithson
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol

Dear Mr. Marshall and Mr. Smithson:

As required by Iowa Code §8D.10, the enclosed table summarizes the estimated FY 2010 cost increase for the Board of Regents associated with the use of the Iowa Communications Network.

The assumptions used to estimate the dollars include:

1. Video expense would not exceed current budgeted amounts.
2. Cost of equipment, setup, scheduling, and technical support are not included.

Internet services through the ICN had historically cost the Regent institutions more than if competing technologies were utilized. The ICN and the universities entered into an agreement where the ICN purchased Internet services from the universities. Thus, the universities again did not purchase internet services from the ICN in FY 2010.

The cost of ICN usage during FY 2010 to Iowa's public universities and special schools slightly exceeded \$1 million dollars for network, video, and some voice services.

The Board of Regents and its institutions received a waiver of the requirement to purchase voice services from the Iowa Communications Network. A portion of the voice services were moved to an alternate carrier during FY 2010 since better prices were negotiated.

The projected net incremental costs for voice services purchased from the ICN exceeded the projected savings from ICN network connections. During FY 2010, the Regent institutions estimate the use of the ICN would have cost \$59,045 more than if competing technologies were utilized. A portion of the incremental costs associated with voice services resulted in actual savings since some of these services were moved to an alternate carrier during the year.

The University of Northern Iowa offered 127 courses over the ICN with an enrollment of 1,967 students in 173 communities and 84 counties. The ICN course offerings help UNI fulfill its statewide educational mission.

Sincerely,

Bob Donley

Enclosure

cc: Dwayne Ferguson, LSA

Dave Lingren, ICN

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**Iowa Board of Regents
Annual Report of FY 2010 ICN Savings**

Institution: All Regent Institutions

	Cost of ICN Use	Estimated Savings (Additional Costs)
University of Iowa	\$ 527,828	\$ (101,729)
Iowa State University	123,915	(40,938)
University of Northern Iowa	336,330	81,214
Iowa School for the Deaf	9,667	1,203
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	14,274	1,205
FY 2010 Regent Total	\$ 1,012,014	\$ (59,045)

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