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January 13, 2012

Mike Marshall
Secretary of the Senate
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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 2011 savings and/or incremental costs associated with the use of the Iowa Communications Network by the Board of Regents.

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 2011.

The cost of ICN usage during FY 2011 to Iowa's public universities and special schools totaled approximately \$728,000 for network, video, and some voice services.

The Board of Regents and its institutions again received a waiver of the requirement to purchase voice services from the Iowa Communications Network since better prices were negotiated with an alternate carrier. The incremental costs for voice services reflected on the following page include only those associated with actual ICN usage and do not include estimated incremental costs if all long distance services were utilized through the ICN.

The projected savings from ICN network connections (primarily from UNI) exceed the incremental costs resulting from actual ICN long distance usage.

The University of Northern Iowa offered 113 courses during FY 2011 that incorporated ICN video with an enrollment of 1,856 students in 170 communities and 81 counties.

Sincerely,

Bob Donley

Enclosure

cc: Dwayne Ferguson, LSA

Dave Lingren, ICN

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**Iowa Board of Regents
Annual Report of FY 2011 ICN Savings**

Institution: All Regent Institutions

	Cost of ICN Use	Description of Savings (Additional Costs)	Estimated Savings (Additional Costs)
University of Iowa	\$ 363,871	Voice Services (27,242); circuits & connectivitiy 668	\$ (26,574)
Iowa State University	22,370	800 toll free service only (5,989)	(5,989)
University of Northern Iowa	307,742	Voice Services (16,192); Ethernet for Internet 99,660	83,468
Iowa School for the Deaf	12,078	Voice Services 1,379	1,379
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	21,857	Voice Services 1,169	1,169
FY 2011 Regent Total	\$ 727,918		\$ 53,453

Assumptions used:

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