

Iowa Civil Rights Commission
Iowa Communications Network (ICN) Usage
FY 2004 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)

TO: Michael Marshall, Secretary of the Senate
Margaret Thomson, Chief Clerk of the House

From: Dawn Peterson, Iowa Civil Rights Commission

RE: ICN Annual Savings Report – FY 2005

DATE: August 30, 2005

Attached is the Iowa Civil Rights Commission Annual Savings Report on ICN Usage for FY 2005. During this fiscal year, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission held 6 ICN sessions. The use of the ICN was to conduct grant planning team meetings, a commission meeting, and a statewide fair housing conference. Although use of the ICN resulted in a net loss of \$290.32, special federal funding was earmarked to conduct all these sessions with the exception of the commission meeting held on September 9, 2004. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission saved \$340.00 by conducting that meeting over the ICN (productivity was figured using an average of \$25.00/hour; lodging was figured at \$68/night for commissioners; meals at \$35/day for commissioners; and travel at \$.29/mile for commissioners). 155 people were served as a result of doing the 6 ICN sessions and we were able to conduct a statewide fair housing conference for housing providers, realtors, contractors, builders and housing advocates that many of the individuals around the state would not have been able to attend, had we not used the ICN.

Our agency no longer has an ICN classroom due to our move to the capitol complex in 2003. Now, when the agency does utilize the ICN, it usually uses the ICN rooms of the state agencies on the capitol complex.

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