



Discussion Summary

Alaska Statewide Telecommunications Workshop

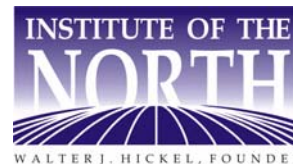
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What is your desired future for broadband services in Alaska?

- Accessible (ubiquitous and transparent) to all end customers
- Advanced broadband services are an essential infrastructure for an innovation economy and a knowledge society in the 21st century. Residents and businesses throughout Alaska should have access to advanced broadband services of the caliber and at the pricing available in the leading developed nations of the world. *(advanced communication services; advanced voice, video and data systems)*
- National leader in support safety, health, education, economic development, culture



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How should Alaska get to that desired future?

- Establish a public planning process
- Create a telecommunications task force/telecommunications council to bring focus and to provide a forum for dialogue to move forward as a state to achieve the vision
- Subsidy should be efficient and sustainable to promote innovation and achievement of the vision
- Promote public/private initiatives and opportunities to combine other utilities and broadband to achieve efficiencies where appropriate
- Leverage technology to achieve economic sustainability; such as, establish Alaska as data center for the world
- Recognize our commitment to private and secure communications systems



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What are the biggest challenges to achieving this future?

- Lack of state leadership/vision
- State/federal regulations
- Change metric from bandwidth to creative solutions
- Effective bandwidth use
- Alignment of missions of the stakeholders
- Returns on shareholder investment may not reflect social returns
- Not enough money (market and subsidy system) to achieve our goals