

## **Kan-ed Grant Application Equipment & Technology Grant Program (ETGP) 2008**

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### **Applications Accepted from July 1, 2007 through March 30th , 2008**

The intent of this grant program is to provide funding for video conferencing equipment and infrastructure upgrades for those Kan-ed members that wish to be connected to the Kan-ed network or are already connected to the Kan-ed network.

Applications that demonstrate a clear understanding of one of Kan-ed's primary missions (video conferencing/distance learning), and provide a detailed description of how the technology and equipment being installed or upgraded will best meet the targeted funding priorities, will be considered on a regular basis throughout the August 2007 - March 2008 timeframe. Proposals for projects that add new connections to the Kan-ed network will be considered as first priority. For more information about the process of connecting to the Kan-ed network point your browser to <http://www.kan-ed.org/Services/initiation.htm> . Proposals for new equipment, expanded or enhanced videoconferencing equipment and technology, or replacement of older technology will be considered as second priority. Technology and equipment needed in the local area network (LAN) infrastructure of an eligible applicant's premise and that is planned for installation and/or use before the close of FY 2008 (June 30, 2008) will be considered eligible uses of funds as third priority. Grants will be awarded subject to the availability of funding, after being reviewed by staff, and approved at the sole discretion of the Executive Director of Kan-ed. The first review of applications will begin in August, 2007 with a first round of awards announced in early September.

### **Priorities for Kan-ed Network Technology and Equipment:**

Interactive videoconferencing is one example of Kan-ed network member use of the advance technology being implemented throughout the network. Economizing on the cost of fuel and promoting more efficient use of time are two reasons why Kan-ed member organizations in Kansas seek technological alternatives to facilitate face-to-face meetings, classes, training sessions and a host of other collaboration activities. Video conferencing is one of those alternatives and the key to successful Audio-Video (AV) conferencing is quality. If the audio and video are realistic, participants are more likely to use a cost effective approach.

High Definition Audio-Video (HD-AV) Teleconferencing is a new, more realistic, product in the telecommunications marketplace. It is likely to have a significant impact on both the quality and usability of video conferencing systems. Since many Kansas agencies, schools, hospitals and libraries use Standard Definition (SD) video conferencing today, it is important to be aware of this change in the marketplace and have HD products available for purchase and installation should a member decide to utilize and implement HD video conferencing.

The Kansas Board of Regents has awarded four vendors with a State contract to provide videoconferencing equipment and installation services (for both standard definition and high-definition video conferencing applications). Kan-ed requests that Kan-ed members check with these vendors first when pricing equipment and installation services. Grant applicants are asked to use the attached **Work Order Request Form** (below) to get **High Definition-AV System** estimates from selected vendors that are on contract with the State of Kansas . All work is

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expected to be performed in accordance with Work Orders agreed to between the selected vendor and the grant applicant. Work Orders will consist of deliverables-based purchase, installation, and testing plans with approved contract prices in itemized format. Use of the Work Order is not required, but recommended.

Technology and equipment needed at the premise in the LAN to install, operate, and expand videoconferencing and other Kan-ed network capabilities might include such items as wiring, cabling, routers, codecs, room cameras, PC's for presentation or scheduling and/or network systems administration, "smart" boards, projectors, network and security software and applications, and staff training that is specifically related to H.323 technology are considered eligible uses of funds to be awarded in this grant program. If you have a specific question about whether a piece of technology is fundable or not, please e-mail Randy Stout at [rstout@ksbor.org](mailto:rstout@ksbor.org).

Links to contact information for the approved vendors may be found by pointing your browser to the following:

### **High Definition Audio Visual systems**

<http://www.da.ks.gov/purch/Contracts/ContractData/10033.doc>

### **Integrated Multimedia systems**

<http://www.da.ks.gov/purch/Contracts/ContractData/09175.doc>

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**Section 1: Lead Applicant Data**

Legal Name of the Kan-ed Member Organization:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Name of Primary Contact for the Proposed Project:

Title:

Email:

Phone:

FEIN:

**Section 2: Budget**

Grant Amount Request:

Total Project Budget:

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Match</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
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**Section 3: Project Description**

Title of Project:

Project Description:

The project will address the following needs/problems:

This project is significant because:

Project Workplan:

Personnel Working on Project & Background:

Evaluation Plan: