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News & Updates

Network upgrades support health care growth in rural Iowa

GCN | By Stephanie Kanowitz | January 4, 2022

To improve networking speed and capacity at state hospitals and clinics, the ICN engineered and implemented site upgrades to the Iowa Rural Health Telecommunications Program (IRHTP), a consortium that connects about 85 health facilities to a dedicated broadband fiber network.

As part of the project, ICN, a state agency, installed new switches and migrated broadband services from a legacy platform to the new Multiprotocol Label Switching network. It installed core equipment at 21 locations and aggregation at 23 sites, feeding 91 hospitals.

[Article Highlighted the Partnership Between the Iowa Rural Health Telecommunications Program \(IRHTP\) and ICN.](#)

Looking Towards 2022

As we kick off 2022, below are a few of our major priorities.

- Network Connectivity & Redundancy
- SIP Migration
- ICN Virtualization
- Security / Firewall Updates
- Rural Broadband Connectivity Proof of Concept
- Public Safety and 9-1-1 (Wireless & Wireline)

[Read about our projects.](#)

WebEx Business is Replacing Business Communicator

Recently our managed VoIP provider Lumen, announced that they will be migrating from Business Communicator to Cisco WebEx Business.

Broadband News

[What is the status of Iowa Broadband?](#)

[Higher ed has a new tool for screening cloud service providers](#)

[2022 Brings Hope for State and Local Broadband Progress](#)

[Marshfield Clinic boosts patient-provider satisfaction and provider efficiency with telehealth](#)

[‘This creates a separate network for public safety’: New FirstNet tower sites being added in Randall County, Texas](#)

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[E-Rate Funding Year 2022 Application Filing Window](#)

ICN and Lumen will provide customers training information. Lumen plans to have all migrations completed by March 2022.

[Learn more about the Migration.](#)

K-12 Education Notices

E-Rate Funding Year 2022 Application Filing Window Opened January 12.

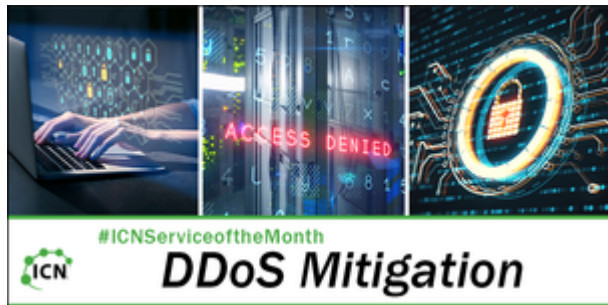
The E-Rate application filing window opened on January 12. The [E-Rate section](#) of USAC's website provides resources for new applicants or applicants continuing to participate in the program.

Internet2 Update: Presidential Primary Sources Project

Attention teachers & curriculum planners: The PPSP provides a free program Jan-Mar '22 for your students to examine artifacts, documents, and video clips to learn about presidential campaigns through an interactive web series. [Register today!](#)

Highlights from Social Media

Service of the Month: [DDoS Mitigation](#)



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