



Iowa Communications Network

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News & Updates

Join our Team!! View our job postings.

We Are Hiring

Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council

Students can apply to the ICN's SYBAC by submitting a [membership application](#) and having a [teacher submit a recommendation](#) on their behalf.

Better Password Practices

How did you celebrate World Password Day on May 5th? The [National Cybersecurity Alliance](#) published tips to keep accounts secure. These tips are helpful in encouraging better habits of password settings and security.

- Passphrases
- Multi-Factor Authentication

[Review the Password Management Practices](#)

Education Sector Turns to the ICN for Internet and Data

Schools and libraries are continuing to use the FCC's E-Rate program to help keep their sites connected. ICN is gearing up to deploy Internet and data services for the 2022-2023 school year, and below are some E-rate highlights.

- Many users maintained their same Internet speed or requested to increase their bandwidth connections.
- Funding requests are for services between the ranges of 1 Gigabit to 3 Gigabits and above.

ICN has participated in the E-rate program since 2001, helping Iowa's schools and libraries stay connected, saving over \$125 million.

[Read all the E-Rate Highlights](#)

Customer Notices

Broadband News

[Innovation at Work: Growing the 'Broadband Prairie' For Smart Agriculture, Connected Rural Communities](#)

[For U.S. Research and Education, the Internet2 Network Provides 'An Environment of Abundance'](#)

[Iowa Spends \\$1M to Train Computer Science Teachers](#)

[Public Safety Advocate: FirstNet \(Built with AT&T\) Announces More Communications Tools](#)

[Need help finding broadband grants? Tool helps sift through opportunities](#)

[FirstNet Authority, NIST Launch Immersive Virtual Experience Center for Public Safety](#)

[Douglas County, Ore., Sees \\$28M Annually from Fiber Internet](#)

[Feds Warn of Insider Cybersecurity Threat to Health Care](#)

[Iowa Bitcoin Mining Facility Uses More Power Than Town Residents](#)

Reservationless-Plus will be Replaced by PGI GlobalMeet

Our Reservationless-Plus audio conferencing service will be migrated to the PGI GlobalMeet platform. This migration will occur by May 27. In mid-May customers will receive their welcome email with their new account information. You can start using your new account immediately.

E-Rate Information for K-12 Education

FY2022 E-rate Applicant Survey

Funds For Learning is conducting a nationwide survey of E-rate applicants to let the FCC know how important E-rate support is for schools & libraries. Take this [anonymous survey](#).

Internet2 Update

Free Teacher Professional Development Opportunity from the Presidential Primary Sources Project

Internet2 is sharing a free virtual professional development workshop for teachers. This three-day online workshop from July 12-14, 2022, presents teachers with tools and primary sources to help navigate historical themes in their curriculum.

[Learn about the online workshop.](#)

ICN is Iowa's only authorized anchor giving access to Internet2 services for our K-12 education users.

Highlights from Social Media

ICN Industry of the Month: Government

Consider the ways Iowans use government services: benefit programs, facilitating travel & commerce, hunting licenses, driver's license services and judicial proceedings. The ICN connects the government to Iowans.



ICN Service of the Month: Cloud Connect

[Hackers find 122 vulnerabilities — 27 deemed critical — during first round of DHS bug bounty program](#)
[City, state cybersecurity programs follow Washington's lead](#)

[Telehealth More Likely to Prompt Follow-up for Acute Conditions](#)

[42 million Americans don't have high-speed internet. Local providers may be the key.](#)

[Medical device cybersecurity: What to expect in 2022?](#)

[Rosenworcel Proposes Making Wi-Fi on School Buses Eligible for E-rate](#)

[States and Cities are Moving to Make Virtual Hearings Permanent](#)

[How Far Has Telehealth Actually Come?](#)

[Navigating the pathway to second chances](#)

[Broadband companies pledge to help low income families pay for high speed internet](#)

[5 K-12 Ed Tech Trends to Watch in 2022](#)

[New NTIA Data Show Enduring Barriers to Closing the Digital Divide, Achieving Digital Equity](#)

[School Bus Wi-Fi will Help; Cybersecurity is Required](#)

[Testing FirstNet's mission-critical tech in the real world](#)

[New App Provides Patient Data to Hospital Before EMS Arrives](#)

Our customers should be asking: What's my cloud strategy? Is a private connection needed? Let ICN provide direction! We offers a direct transport/cloud service that is safe and private.



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