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Celebrating 30 Years of Innovation

Where were you 30 years ago?

Some Iowans were taking college classes at their local community college and other kiddos were talking to NASA astronauts. Over the years there has been a lot of technology changes, and we have highlighted them in our timeline video of Fine Tuning the Technology. [➔ View our video.](#)



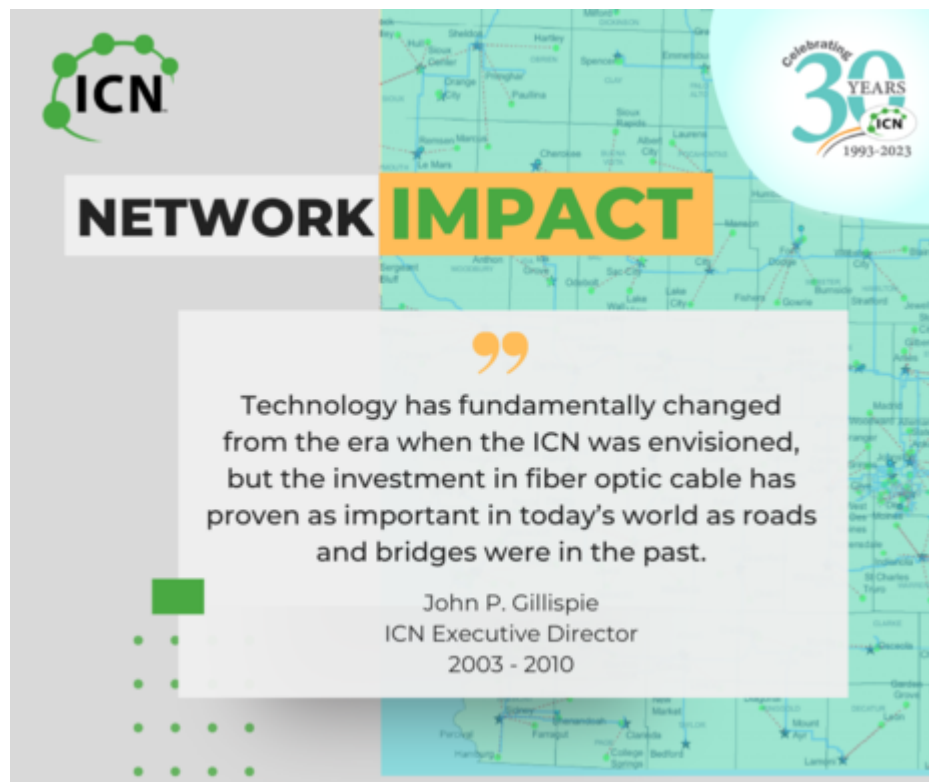
Impact Statements

One of the most important pieces of celebrating our anniversary is thanking our customers, partners, and others that have had an impact. ICN would not be successful without this support.

👉 [Read how the Network has made an impact.](#)

Message from John Gillispie, ICN Executive Director, 2003 - 2010

One of our previous executive directors explains that 30 years later the ICN remains on target and on mission. John Gillispie who led the ICN from 2003-2010 describes, "Technology has fundamentally changed from the era when the ICN was envisioned, but the investment in fiber optic cable has proven as important in today's world as roads and bridges were in the past." [Read John Gillispie's entire impact statement.](#)



Has the Network Impacted You?

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1990s

All kids ❤️ space and astronauts! Long before Zoom, Iowa students had live video chats with #NASA astronauts in the 1990s. 🤖 🚀 [Zoom over to our website.](#)



2007

The ICN provided the connection for a two-way video call that brought families face to face with their deployed soldiers. [Read about the connections made.](#)

2013

The apple didn't fall far from the tree. 🍏 🌳
Fort Madison students received Apple ipads as a part of future proofing their education and ICN provided the bandwidth to do it! [Read more.](#)

