

## Charge to Task Force on Community Anchor Network Economic Models

The purpose of this task force is to develop an economic model or models that will assist the regional and national R&E networks and their Community Anchor (CAI) partners in addressing the programmatic, operational and financial challenges contained within the federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP).

The work of the Task Force should include, but not be limited to, the following objectives:

- (1) Identify the costs associated with establishing the U.S. UCAN program, including connectivity of CAI's to regional and national BTOP networks.
- (2) Propose cost recovery models that meet the goals of the BTOP program while also maintaining financial viability of national and regional R&E networks.
- (3) Assure cost recovery models support the long-term programmatic and financial interests of the CAI's.
- (4) The proposed models must retain the fundamental enabling proposition of R&E networks and not constrain the development of applications and services for CAI's.
- (5) The models should adapt to significant changes in demand, i.e., are easily scalable.
- (6) The models should be sensitive to diversity among the regional R&E networks, e.g., size, geography, funding sources, organizational relationships.
- (7) Models should not assume complex new business requirements for CAI's and their network partners.
- (8) The models should include the capability to engage and support BTOP funded projects where R&E network involvement currently does not exist.