

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

eiNetwork Technology Group Meeting September 4, 2009

Members present: Mike Nangia, Joseph Marrone, Melanie Myers, Samuel Taylor, Jeremy White, Ernie Williams, and Rebecca Serey

Visitors: Mary Coyle

PC Management System Update - Ms. Serey provided the [Public PC Management Taskforce Recommendation](#) to the Technology Group. Ms. Serey reported that the Steering Committee had approved the recommendation. The next step is to take the recommendation to the eiNetwork Board meeting in October for discussion on funding this project in 2009 or 2010.

Web hosting Update – Ms. Serey explained that Webhosting Outsourcing is a 2009 eiNetwork Board approved initiative. eiNetwork worked with ACLA to find a suitable vendor for the 35 to 40 library websites that eiNetwork currently hosts. The advantages to outsourcing websites are better website services and tools for libraries, improved reporting for libraries, and lower administrative cost in the future. The move to the Webhosting Outsourcer should be seamless to the users. A pilot will take place mid-October with the rollout beginning early November. Communications will be sent to the library directors informing them about the date their website will be moved.

Stimulus Grant Update - Ms. Serey informed the Technology Group that the eiNetwork submitted a Public Computing Center BTOP grant on behalf of the Allegheny County libraries. This grant is available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The eiNetwork applied for the grant to jumpstart the replacement of the old network equipment frequently referred to as edge equipment. The eiNetwork is working to develop a program that would establish funding to replace this equipment that may be similar to the PC replacement program. The eiNetwork requested approximately 1.5 million dollars and the grant contains a matching funds component. Mr. Nangia and Ms. Serey explained that many organizations including the State of Pennsylvania applied for grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Preliminary Review Library Request – III Express Lane

Mr. Nangia will be submitting a Library Technology Project Proposal for Express Self Check. ACLA is submitting a LSTA Grant on behalf of fourteen libraries to implement III Express Lane at their site. The outcome of the grant will not be known until early next year. Mr. Nangia will be working with eiNetwork staff to develop the proposal further before it is brought to the Technology Group.

The Library Technology Project Proposal Form will be discussed at the next Technology Council Meeting. The form can be placed on the members' website or a library could open a ticket about the proposed project. A ticket could be opened in BWA to track the process of the Library Technology Project Proposals.

Preliminary 2010 New Technology Input

Please review the 2009 Technology Plan Summary prior to the next meeting. It is located here: [Summary Analysis of the 2009 Library Technology](#).

Next Meeting – November 6, 2009

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