

Videoconferencing Pilot Project

BCNET Members Videoconferencing Call for Proposals **Closing Date: May 20, 2004**

BCNET is asking for proposals to participate in its videoconferencing pilot project.

We invite researchers, faculty and staff interested in using videoconferencing to participate in an innovative pilot project. Successful applicants will be loaned a Polycom ViewStation videoconferencing endpoint for one year. If use has been reasonable during this period then the applicant will be given the unit to keep permanently.

The BCNET Videoconferencing project aims to develop a prototype audio/video conferencing service between its Member institutions and a selection of other sites. This videoconferencing service will be delivered via the high-speed Optical Regional Advanced Network (ORAN). Using the BCNET multi-point control unit, up to 12 endpoints can be simultaneously included in one conference.

All staff, faculty and researchers within departments or service units at BCIT, SFU, UBC, UNBC and UVic may apply. Your application submission must be received by BCNET no later than **May 20, 2004**.

The units are not intended for home use, and must be placed in departmental offices or conference rooms. Applicants are expected to provide a TV and audio/video cart. To participate, please review the project and application details on our web site and fill out the proposal form.

Videoconferencing Project Overview:

BCNET is working on developing a videoconferencing service between its member Institutions (UBC, SFU, UVic, UNBC and BCIT) and a select set of other sites. The goal of the project is to develop a prototype videoconferencing shared facility that makes remote meetings possible between BCNET member sites by eliminating poor-quality, high-cost traditional teleconference use. At the end of the project, different sites at the member Institutions will have the capability to audio/videoconference using the high-speed Optical Regional Advanced Network over traditional telephone lines.

Videoconferencing Call for Proposals:

To assess who needs and will use the videoconferencing service frequently, BCNET is putting a call for proposals to member Institutions. During the pilot phase, this will help determine which members at each Institute are more interested in using this service.

Based on the proposals received from various member Institutions, BCNET will provide interested parties with a Polycom unit for deployment in a conference room on their premises for one year. The unit will consist of a camera, echo-canceling microphone, and a console with remote control. The BCNET MCU will provide each endpoint the capacity to connect to 12 more endpoints simultaneously. The groups with Polycom units can use the endpoint for any type of meeting they choose.

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The endpoint equipment will remain BCNET property until March 31, 2005, after which it will be transferred to the participating member institution. BCNET reserves the right to recall the unit if found to be unused during this period.

For further details on videoconferencing project, please read the “**BCNET Videoconferencing Policy and Procedures**” document underlining the policy and procedures to use this service.

To submit your proposal to receive a free Polycom Endpoint, please download the “**BCNET Videoconferencing Call for Proposals**” document.

If you have a question about this project or call for proposals, please contact Client Services at BCNET.

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