



THE QUILT

The Quilt - A vibrant forum where leaders from the country's advanced regional and state networking organizations collaborate on ideas and share best practices to evolve networking in support of the research and education.

QUILT TALK

January and February 2009

Quilt Talk

Quilt Talk is a monthly update on topical items for Quilt members and the R&E advanced networking community. Additional items of interest can also be found on The Quilt's website at www.thequilt.net

Quilt News

The Quilt Creates First President and CEO Position

The Board of Directors of The Quilt, Inc. announced the selection of Jen Leasure to serve as the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer. Jen was appointed to the position of President and CEO by a unanimous vote of the Board on Thursday, January 29. Jen joined The Quilt as a Program Manager in 2005 to shape the strategic direction of the organization through developing and supporting essential programs. In her 4 years of service, she has shown her ability to successfully articulate and address the issues that are most important to The Quilt and its members. Prior to joining The Quilt, Jen served as Director of Customer Operations for a commercial Internet provider and has over 13 years of experience in the telecommunications and healthcare industries.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The now American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has been the topic of weekly Quilt calls since

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Quilt Member News

Merit

At the end of January, Merit Network announced the launch of its Merit NOC, MeritVideo, and Merit Storage Cloud services, new offerings that provide significant benefits to its Members. The Storage Cloud service is a new on-demand storage service that can be customized to satisfy an organization's growing needs while delivering a cost effective solution with outstanding performance and security. This service is scheduled to begin operations on March 31st. More information can be found on the Merit website at http://www.merit.org/news/newsarchive/article.php?article=20090129_services

CENIC

The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) will hold its 13th annual conference March 9-11, 2009 at the Hilton Long Beach. For three days, the K-20 research and education community from California will come together, with many of their colleagues from around the world, for presentations, demonstrations, and keynote speakers illustrating the value of the high-performance networking made possible by the California Research & Education

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QUILT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUILT SPRING MEMBER MEETING

HOSTED BY ONE.NET

APRIL 1-2, 2009

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

[HTTP://WWW.THEQUILT.NET/MEETINGS/APRI09MEETING/APRI09MTG.HTML](http://www.thequilt.net/meetings/apri09meeting/apri09mtg.html)

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December. During these calls, we receive briefings from the Network Policy Council and Internet2 on their policy efforts and call participants exchange information about their planned proposals and state stimulus funding initiatives under the ARRA. The Quilt has created a stimulus package resource page on its member site at

<http://thequilt.net/private/Federal%20Broadband%20Stimulus%20Package%20Resources.html>

The Obama Effect

January 20, 2009, Inauguration Day, saw one of the single largest one day spikes in internet traffic ever recorded as millions of individuals chose to view the First Digital Presidential Inauguration on their computers. Recognizing the growing shift in the way individuals access information about a global event, this inauguration may prove to be a large factor in increased bandwidth demand for all segments of the internet in the future. The Quilt convened a webconference among its members and invited representatives of the national R&E networks to discuss the impact of this historic event on research and education networks including a summary of survey information of Quilt member network statistics for Inauguration Day. There is interest among the community to utilize this data as an example of the key role research and education networks for network events such as this with their large bandwidth capabilities and the ability to pass the event's network traffic using multi-cast, a technology not yet available commercially.

Economic Impact on Regional and State Networks

The downturn in the global economy is causing regional networks to adjust business plans as their member organizations and institutions feel the financial impact of the economic slowdown. In collaboration with StateNets, The Quilt organized a teleconference in January and asked each member to provide a summary of the economic climate they are facing in their state or region and how they perceive the current economic climate; as a threat, as an opportunity or as both. The output of this call was a summary of the individual updates distributed to call participants. Overall the participants were optimistic that the current economy provided opportunities for their organization to grow its participant base, provide new services and collaborate more closely with other entities in their regions and states for shared resources.

Network to their communities. Keynote speakers for the conference are Dr. Guru Parulkar from Stanford University on "Reinventing the Internet by Creating Platforms for Innovations" and John Windhausen from Telepoly Consulting on "A Blueprint for Big Broadband". More information on the conference is available at <http://cenic09.cenic.org/about/index.html>

KanREN IPv6 Workshop Series

Recognizing the upcoming challenges as the IPv4 depletion problem grows and IPv6 implementations gain speed, KanREN is offering a three part workshop series targeted at helping member institutions work towards effective, multi-staged IPv6 implementations. More information can be found at

http://www.kanren.net/events/training/ipv6_course.html