



Letter of Sponsorship of a Sponsored Participant

**Internet2
1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 300
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Attn: Andrea Blome

Re: Abilene Sponsored Participation

Dear Mr. Vietzke;

**As a Primary Participant in the Abilene network, we, _____
(name of Sponsor) wish to extend our Participation Agreement to include the sponsorship of certain institutions as Sponsored Participants in Abilene. We understand that we are responsible for ensuring that these institutions are appropriate for sponsorship as Sponsored Participants, as described in the Abilene CoU, and if they cease to be so we will inform you in writing and arrange to have them disconnected from Abilene. We also agree to submit annually to Internet2 a written summary of the contribution to the Internet2 project made by each Sponsored Participant, as a means of demonstrating to our fellow Participants the appropriateness of the continued sponsorship.**

We agree to ensure that our Sponsored Participants abide by the Abilene Network Terms of Participation including the Abilene Conditions of Use, which is part of our Participation Agreement. We have the right to terminate their Abilene Participation at any time, and we agree to inform you, Internet2 of any such change.

We are responsible for ensuring that they have an appropriate connection to Abilene through an institution having a Connection Agreement with Abilene. We agree to provide you with and to keep up to date information about their means of connection to Abilene, including the name of their Connector. We also agree that on their behalf (a) our "Participant Technical Contact" shall be responsible for the resolution of operational problems involving their use of the network and (b) for all other matters our "Participant Executive Contact" shall be responsible.

When this Sponsorship is countersigned by Internet2, it will become an extension to our Abilene Participation Agreement, and the list of Sponsored Participants attached to this letter will become an addition to our Participation Agreement and covered by it and any future changes to it. Each sponsored institution will become an Abilene Sponsored Participant.

Any reference to “Abilene” contained in this Sponsored Participation Agreement shall apply to any successor to the original Abilene Network including, without limitation, the Internet2 Network.

We understand that no fees are due or payable to Internet2 for including these Sponsored Participants in our Participation Agreement and that any Connection Fees are at the discretion of and payable to the Connector providing the connection service to the individual Sponsored Participant.

The resulting updated Abilene Participation Agreement, including its attachments, constitutes the entire understanding between us and Internet2 with respect to our use of Abilene and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements, written or oral, between you and us regarding this subject matter. No representation or other statement, written or oral, will be binding upon us or Internet2 unless it is set forth in this Agreement, the Terms of Participation, or the Appendix thereto.

Sincerely,

MEMBER

_____ Date: _____
[signature]

By: _____
[print name]

Title: _____ Sponsorship Date: _____
[print title]

ACCEPTED BY INTERNET2:

_____ Date: _____
Robert P. Vietzke
Executive Director, Network Services

EXHIBIT A
Sponsored Participant(s) covered by the Sponsor's Abilene
[Primary] Participation Agreement

(Please provide the following for each sponsored institution.)

1. IDENTITY OF SPONSORED PARTICIPANT:

Please give enough information to identify the institution and its type, e.g. K-12, not for profit educational, not for profit general, for profit etc.

In some cases, such as an educational network of Sponsored Participants, it may be more appropriate for a set of institutions to be covered by a group designation such as a network name; in that case provide sufficient characterization of the number and type of institutions attached to the network.

If in doubt, contact <abilene@internet2.edu> for assistance.

2. PURPOSE OF SPONSORSHIP:

Write one or more paragraphs outlining the role of the Sponsored Participant within the Internet2 project. Please cite at least one specific high-performance application that would be enabled by connectivity to the Abilene Network.

This should be the basis for your annual report on this Sponsored Participant.

**3. NAME OF ABILENE CONNECTOR AGREEING TO CONNECT
THIS SPONSORED PARTICIPANT**