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Oregon Health Network Project Releases first RFP

Oregon receives more than \$20 million to interconnect health care facilities

Portland, Ore. (Oct. 9, 2008) – The first Oregon Health Network (OHN) Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released. The first in a series of RFPs to build a telehealth network throughout the state of Oregon to support and improve health care delivery and health care education has been released by the Universal Service Administrative Company. The first OHN RFP includes requests for:

- Network Operations Center services;
- Connection to Internet2 and/or National LambdaRail;
- Regional Internet exchanges; and
- Network access and transport links to OHN for Blue Mountain Community College (2 campuses), Oregon Coast Community College (3 campuses) and Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise.

You can find more information about the process and timeline of this RFP online at www.oregonhealthnet.org.

About OHN: Organized in 2007, the OHN will connect Oregon hospitals, clinics, county public health offices, physicians, mental health, dental and optical clinics, and health education institutions, including community colleges, with a level of interactive service and access once only imagined in rural and underserved communities. The OHN is designed to be inter-operable with Oregon Public Safety and Emergency Management networks and Oregon government and education networks.

OHN will improve access to clinical health care services and health education opportunities in Oregon, particularly in rural areas. OHN will also provide the foundation for improved emergency preparedness applications for hospitals, clinics, private practitioners, public health, emergency medical services and tribal participants.

In November 2007, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allocated up to \$20,182,625 over a three-year period to establish the Oregon Health Network (OHN). Oregon's allocation is one of the larger awards from the FCC's \$417 million Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

Additional information may be found on the Oregon Health Network website,
www.oregonhealthnet.org