

August 31, 1999

RESPOND BY: SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Basic Skills Directors

FROM: Randy L. Whitfield, Ed.D.
Director, Basic Skills

SUBJECT: NovaNET Request for Proposal

Many of you attended a presentation/demonstration of the capabilities of NovaNET curriculum appropriate for a Basic Skills program, especially GED, ABE, and ESL. See enclosed information and also visit the web site, < <http://www.novanet.com>>, for more details.

Based upon letters and phone calls of support, we are interested in providing start-up funds to give colleges the opportunity to use NovaNET as a technology resource in their programs. As a wide-area network (WAN), NovaNET will provide on-line communication among the colleges and the nation.

This year our commitment will be to provide funds to ten colleges (\$8,250.00 per college) to install equipment and train staff. Next year, we may be able to fund more colleges. Each college would then be responsible for the number of connections needed for their college. The minimum number of connections is eight, and the annual license fee to support those connections is \$11,920.00. The annual license fee includes all technical support, additional lesson upgrades and enhancements, and daily hotline support.

If you have any questions concerning this RFP, please call Dr. Florence Taylor at (919) 733-7051, ext. 720. Respond to each question and mail to her at the new address listed below. The RFP must be received by September 24, 1999. A review team will evaluate the requests and select the recipients.

Enclosures

c: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators

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New Mailing Address: 5024 Mail Service Center#Raleigh, NC 27699-5024

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM
Division of Academic and Student Services
Basic Skills Section
Caswell Building
5024 Mail Service Center#Raleigh, NC 27699-5024

NovaNET Learning Request for Proposal
1999-2000

Deadline: September 24, 1999

Community College

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____
(Area Code)

Basic Skills Director:

(Name)

(Signature)

The college agrees to pay a minimum license fee of \$11,920.00 for this system.

College
President: _____

(Name)

(Signature)

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Dr. Florence Taylor
North Carolina Community Colleges System
5024 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5024

Community College Name:

Targeted Programs:

Describe infrastructure: (LAN, WAN, Serial)

Describe type and number of computers to be connected:

Describe how the curriculum will be used to serve students:

Describe how this resource will be evaluated at the end of the year:

Describe how NovaNET will be an asset to your program:

RFP prepared by:

What is NovaNET?

NovaNet is an on-line computer-based education and communications network with instructional materials in more than 150 subject areas. Used nationwide, it is the culmination of 30 years of research. Because it is compatible with industry-standard DOS, Windows, and Macintosh computers, NovaNET does not require a large investment in additional hardware. It can also be distributed through existing local or wide-area networks.

NovaNET is continuously upgraded and enhanced. It offers:

- ⌄ The world's largest library of interactive curriculum materials (aligned to the NC Standard Course of Study, correlated to WORK KEYS[™] standards, and GED curriculum)
- ⌄ Powerful student management and record-keeping tools
- ⌄ On-line conferencing
- ⌄ Testing, assessment, and test construction
- ⌄ The ability to develop customized curricula
- ⌄ Membership in an innovative, technology-enriched community of educators.

Comprehensive student management and record keeping are outstanding features of NovaNET. It offers a simple menu-driven format so that instructors can add and remove students and assign instruction. Assignments can be easily altered and re-prioritized.

A complete history of each student's work can be viewed at any time. Data on when lessons were completed, how long it took the student to complete, total time on the system, and attendance can be reported. Summary statistics for the entire class are automatically captured.

All NovaNET statistics and information are password protected. They are stored on the NovaNET system and backed up daily for total security. Student access is limited to the range of activities assigned to them directly by their instructors.

This information was adapted from the NovaNET web site. Go directly to the site, <<http://www.novanet.com>>, for more information.