

**Ohio Commons for Digital Education  
Call to Collaboration**

**FY 2003-2004 Technology Initiatives Grant Program**

**When:** June 17, 2003; 10-noon

**Where:** OhioLINK - 3rd Floor

**What:** Presentation of Ohio Commons for Digital Education Proposal to OBR Technology Initiatives Advisory Committee

**Agenda:**

1. OCDE background and rationale
2. Problems addressed in the proposal
3. Solutions recommended in the proposal
4. General timeline and costs of proposed development plans
5. Questions and comments

**Background:**

Given the relatively limited funding for Technology Initiatives (TI), the Technology Initiatives Advisory Committee has decided that the latest round of Ohio Board of Regents Technology Initiative Grants will focus on selective collaborations that address the service and instructional needs of the state. These collaborative statewide programs will include numerous colleges, universities and students in each project. The programs will substantially improve the quality and efficiency of instruction and services of a substantial number of state-assisted colleges and universities.

The TI Advisory Committee has endorsed the Ohio Commons for Digital Education (OCDE) ("Digital Commons") project led by OhioLINK, the Ohio Learning Network, and the Ohio Supercomputer Center and wishes to commit funds to produce services which several state committees have recognized as valuable.

These services include:

- course management system licensing and hosting
- digital media repository/central archiving
- and associated support services, e.g. coordinated authentication

As a result, the TI Advisory Committee has asked OhioLINK, the Ohio Learning Network, and the Ohio Supercomputer Center to jointly submit a proposal for Technology Initiative funding. The OCDE proposal for the Regents TI funds will propose how infrastructure and services can be developed in all three areas so that all of Ohio's universities and colleges can be potential beneficiaries of the

project. It is also expected that, while some resources such as individual courseware packages may not be accessible to PreK-12, the result of the digital commons proposal will be services that are available across the PreK-16 community. This would include the possibility of supporting relevant PreK-12 standards, e.g. SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework) or the Ohio Academic Content Standards, which may increase the value of the Digital Commons to the PreK-12 community.

The OCDE proposal must be submitted to the Technology Initiatives Advisory Committee by June 24. The Committee will then review the proposal and make its recommendation to the Board of Regents on July 19.

**RSVP:**

Those wishing to attend should RSVP to [Kathy@ohiolink.edu](mailto:Kathy@ohiolink.edu). Those that do will receive copies of the OCDE concept papers and the draft proposal prior to the meeting

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