



High Performance Networking for Research and Education

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Judy Turner
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Truman Presidential Library & Museum
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Dear Ms. Turner:

On behalf of the MAGPI Gigapop at the University of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to indicate support for the Truman Library Institute's **Virtual White House Decision Center** project. We are pleased to have worked with Roundtrips and the Truman Library Institute in the identification of interested K12 partners from our region in an earlier phase of this pilot and are committed to the success of this collaborative project moving forward. Feedback we received from our participating school district members was outstanding and their recommendation and endorsement of this project is quite clear.

The Virtual White House Decision Center project holds much promise for enabling the over 50,000 K20 members of the Internet2 national community the opportunity to participate in the outstanding White House Decision Center project remotely using real-time video and audio technologies enabled by broadband networks such as Internet2. The project's use of primary sources and compelling historical content in addition to the rich real-time experience of simulation offer students a unique educational experience they otherwise would never be able to have without leaving their classrooms.

As one of only 31 Internet2 regional connectors in the United States, MAGPI is the provider of advanced Internet2 connectivity and applications support for eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Kentucky. MAGPI will offer our expertise and consultation to the project in helping to promote the project to our members and recruit additional participating schools in addition to serving as a liaison to the K20 national and international advanced networking communities.

We are very committed to fostering development of innovative programs which bridge higher education, public cultural and educational institutions, and K12s through advanced networking and interactive new technologies. We look forward to being a partner in this collaborative project and it is my sincere pleasure to wholly endorse this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Oxenford".

Jennifer Oxenford
Associate Director
MAGPI