

(3) A MEANS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED COMMUNITY ENTITIES ON STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES;

(4) A STAFF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT; AND

(5) A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AND/OR PARTICIPATION FROM BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS, ADMINISTRATOR ASSOCIATIONS, REGIONAL HIGH TECHNOLOGY COUNCILS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, ~~SHALL~~ MAY:

(1) PROVIDE DIRECTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH ON ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES;

(2) PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS OF ADVANCED HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND VIDEO TECHNOLOGIES IN SUPPORT OF THE CORE SUBJECTS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS;

(3) ENSURE THAT HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (OR INFORMATION HIGHWAYS) ARE DEVELOPED WITH CONSIDERATION TO THE NEEDS OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO FACILITATE EDUCATIONAL USES, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO CLASSROOMS AND LIBRARIES IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING; AND

(4) ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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(A) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY AWARD GRANTS TO OR ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA AND/OR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS INTENDED TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS USING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.

(B) (1) TO OBTAIN A GRANT OR A CONTRACT UNDER THIS SECTION, AN ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA AND/OR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT AN APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND IN THE FORM THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT REQUIRES.

(2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION CLEARLY TO DEFINE:

(1) THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE RESEARCH; AND