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Infrastructure Phase II

RFP Evaluation Results



On February 23rd, in compliance with a 5-year, \$43 million Contribution Agreement between NBDC and Infrastructure Canada, an official Request for Proposals for new applications was released. These proposed services, planned to launch in October 2009, are:

- ***Time Shift.*** This will allow users to transfer very large files at a time most convenient for both the sender and the network. It will require servers in each community for storage and local access to previously delivered material;
- ***Local Connect.*** This will provide a facility (servers and routers) within the largest Nunavut communities to allow different networks (i.e. NWTel, Qiniq, GN) to interconnect locally thus reducing satellite traffic;
- ***Meet Online.*** This will enable a range of audio and video conferencing and document sharing services to connect users for one-on-one conversations, one-to-many sessions and many-to-many conferences;
- ***Classroom Connect.*** This service is produced in collaboration with the Government of Nunavut and includes dedicated satellite capacity for improving the connection for classrooms in schools in Nunavut.

By June 15th the NBDC Evaluation Committee had reviewed the proposals, interviewed the top bidders and made its recommendations to the NBDC Board. On June 25th the NBDC Board passed a resolution approving the recommendations, summarized in the following statement:

“The Nunavut Broadband Infrastructure II New Applications RFP closed on April 27, 2009. The RFP invited proposals for satellite network services from network operators that could demonstrate services currently provided in every Nunavut community. For three of the four new applications, Local Connect, Time Shift and Classrooms, a compliant proposal was received from only one bidder. The NBDC Board has authorized contract negotiations with the single bidder SSI Micro Ltd. leading to a contract award. For the new application Meet Online, only one bidder submitted a proposal but that proposal was not complete in all respects. The NBDC Board has authorized negotiations with the single bidder for Meet Online and a subsequent announcement will be made when appropriate.”