

# **Great Plains Network Annual Meeting**

## ***Project Summary Statement***

The Great Plains Network (GPN) and the University of Kansas request \$10,000 to co-fund a joint GPN and MIDnet Annual Meeting.

## ***Project Information***

The GPN/MIDnet annual meeting is an event to bring operational networking, networking research and other research personnel together to share information and ideas and to gain perspectives and new knowledge about the state of advanced networking. The meeting will have several tracks to appeal to each group as well as a CIO roundtable discussion. The requested funding will be directed towards defraying the costs for a

- Keynote speaker,
- Keynote event (e.g., pre-speaker dinner),
- Partial costs associated with the technical track of the meeting, and
- Travel funds to defray the costs of 4 participants from minority serving institutions in the MIDnet/GPN region.

GPN will find additional co-funding for special events and will fund all remaining costs of the annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for February, 2004, at the Peter Kiewit Institute, on the campus of University of Nebraska in Omaha.

## ***Organizational Information***

The Great Plains Network mission is, essentially, to improve the quality of research and education via advanced networking in a seven-state region. The GPN region overlaps significantly with the MIDnet region.

In FY2002 the Great Plains Network and MIDnet partnered to offer a member meeting which was well attended and highly rated by participants.

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