

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Agenda Item Summary Sheet**

**Name:** Finance and Facilities Committee

**Date:** May 20, 2015

**Title:** Information Technology Services Authorizations

- Interagency Agreement with the State of Minnesota Exceeding \$3M
- Information Technology Services Licensing Contract with Uniface

**Purpose (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed<br>New Policy or<br>Amendment to<br>Existing Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approvals<br>Required by<br>Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /<br>Compliance                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Information                                   |   |

**Brief Description:**

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) is the largest consumer in the state of MN.IT's Wide Area Network (WAN) services. The WAN is the conduit to which all of our data travels and the network backbone that every campuses utilizes to connect to the internet, system office and each other. The system office ITS division seeks to execute a five year interagency agreement to continue this long running partnership. Total consideration for the agreement will not exceed \$16 million.

**LICENSING CONTRACT WITH UNIFACE**

The system office ITS division is requesting authority to enter into a five-year contract with Uniface for licensing and support beginning on August 1, 2014. Uniface is a single source provider of this deployment platform. The Uniface licensing agreement provides all MnSCU schools and the system office with access to this deployment platform used with enterprise mission-critical applications, like the Integrated Student Record System (ISRS). Total consideration for the contract will not exceed \$2.0 million.

**Scheduled Presenter(s):**

Ramon Padilla, Jr., Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**BOARD ACTION**

Information Technology Services Authorizations

- Interagency Agreement with the State of Minnesota Exceeding \$3M
- Information Technology Services Licensing Contract with Uniface

**PURPOSE**

To obtain the Board of Trustees approval of a contract exceeding \$3 million, consistent with Policy 5.14, subpart C.2.a Contracts and Procurement and to obtain the Board of Trustees approval of a contract exceeding \$1 million, consistent with Board Policy 5.14 subpart C.1, Contracts and Procurement.

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**BACKGROUND**

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) is the largest consumer in the state of MN.IT's Wide Area Network (WAN) services. The WAN is the conduit to which all of our data travels and the network backbone that every campuses utilizes to connect to the internet, system office and each other (**Attachment A**). Typically, this infrastructure is not thought of; however, it is essential to all facets of our campus operations, including administration, life safety, teaching and learning. In addition, as the largest customer of this service MnSCU's networks serve as the conduit for other Federal, State and County agencies. MN.IT assists us with the acquisition, installation, configuration, operation and 24x7x365 monitoring of our network.

**CONTRACT DETAILS**

The inter-agency agreement will be effective from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2019 and not exceed \$16 million.

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## **LICENSING CONTRACT WITH UNIFACE**

### **BACKGROUND**

The system office is requesting authority to enter into a five-year contract with Uniface for licensing and support beginning on August 1, 2014. Uniface is a single source provider of this deployment platform. The Uniface licensing agreement provides all MnSCU schools and the system office with access to this deployment platform used with enterprise mission-critical applications, like the Integrated Student Record System (ISRS). Uniface also provides an integration framework that enables Uniface applications to integrate with all major products such as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, supports file systems, operating system text files and a wide range of other technologies. Total consideration for the contract will likely not exceed \$2.0 million, which requires approval by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Board Policy 5.14 subpart C.1.

### **CONTRACT DETAILS**

Uniface provides an integration framework that enables Uniface applications to integrate with all major products such as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, supports file systems, operating system text files and a wide range of other technologies for MnSCU colleges and universities.

### **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following Motion:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute an inter-agency agreement with the State of Minnesota - MnIT Department to provide Wide Area Network (WAN) services, not to exceed \$16 million in total for the period. The inter-agency agreement will be effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

### **RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION**

The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute an inter-agency agreement with the State of Minnesota - MnIT Department to provide Wide Area Network (WAN) services, not to exceed \$16 million in total for the period. The inter-agency agreement will be effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

### **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following Motion:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute a five year agreement for Uniface licensing and support, beginning on August 1, 2015. Total consideration for the

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contract will not exceed \$2.0 million. The board directs the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

**RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION**

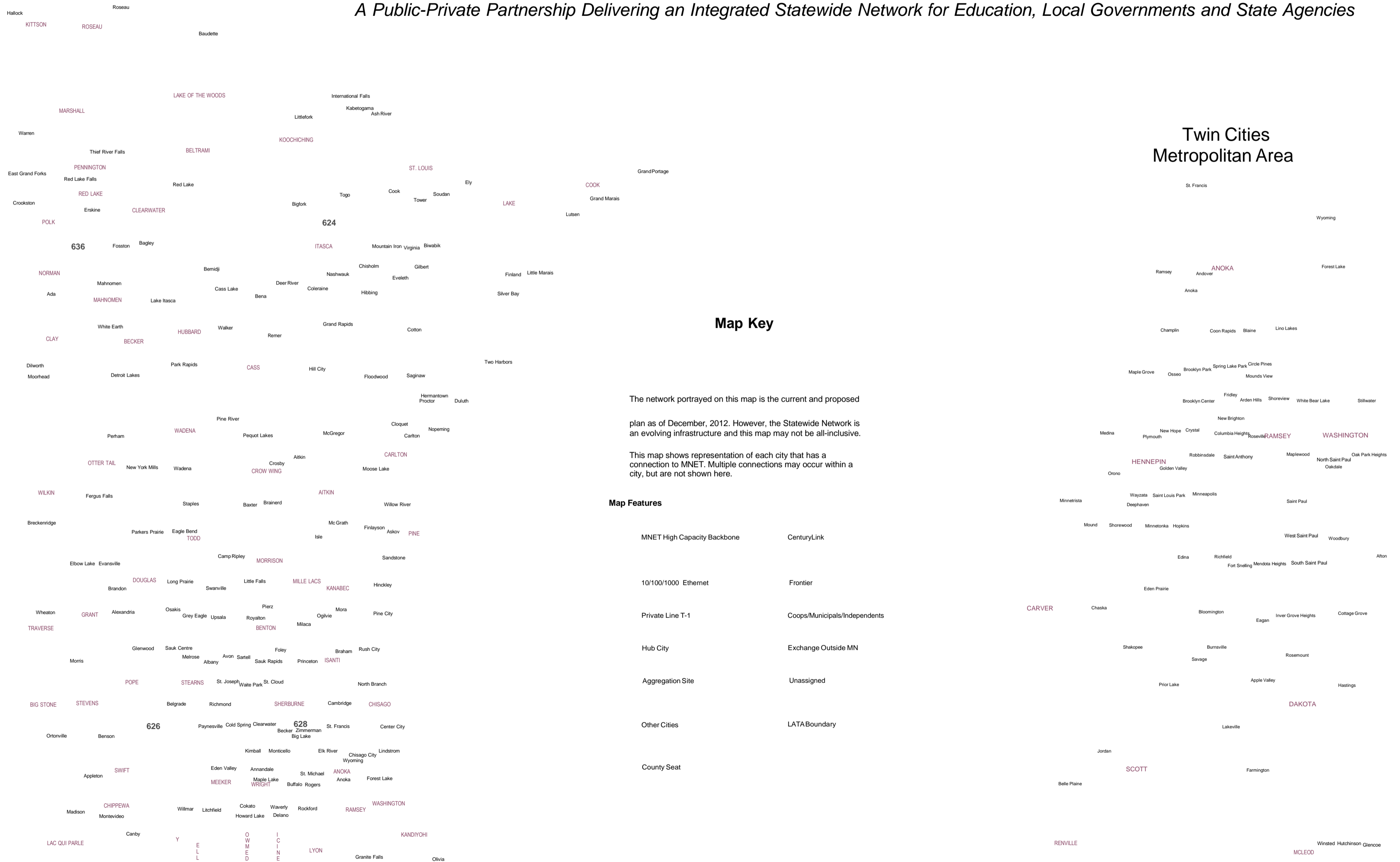
The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute a five year agreement for Uniface licensing and support, beginning on August 1, 2015. Total consideration for the contract will not exceed \$2.0 million. The board directs the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

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# MNET

## Minnesota's Network for Enterprise Telecommunications

*A Public-Private Partnership Delivering an Integrated Statewide Network for Education, Local Governments and State Agencies*



### Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

### Map Key

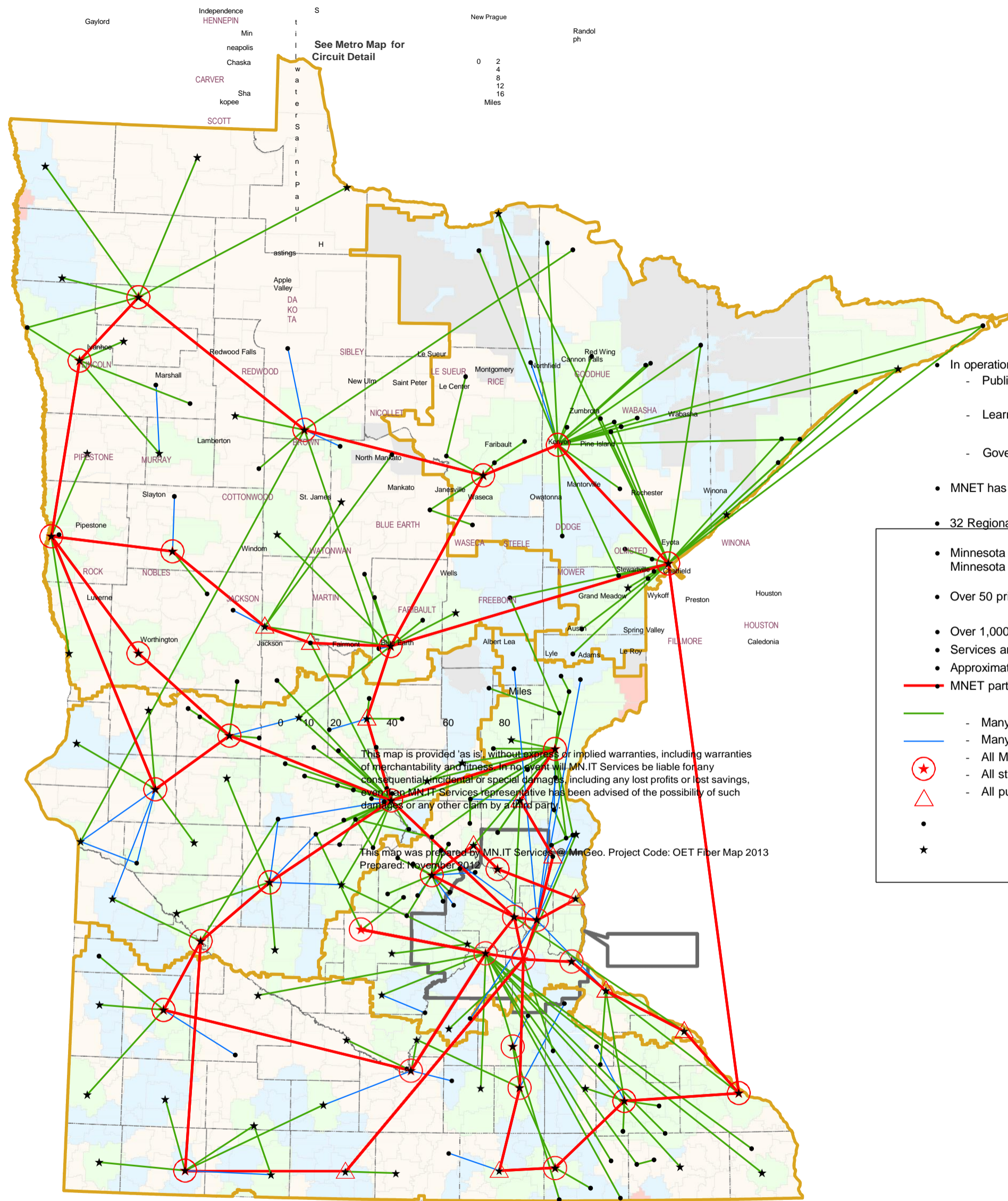
The network portrayed on this map is the current and proposed plan as of December, 2012. However, the Statewide Network is an evolving infrastructure and this map may not be all-inclusive.

This map shows representation of each city that has a connection to MNET. Multiple connections may occur within a city, but are not shown here.

### Map Features

- MNET High Capacity Backbone
- 10/100/1000 Ethernet
- Private Line T-1
- Hub City
- Aggregation Site
- Other Cities
- County Seat
- CenturyLink
- Frontier
- Coops/Municipals/Independents
- Exchange Outside MN
- Unassigned
- LATA Boundary





- In operation since 1993, MNET supports Minnesota's
  - Public Safety
  - Learning
  - Governmental Operations
- MNET has grown to about 900 locations today
- 32 Regional Network Hubs aggregate capacity
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and University of Minnesota Campuses host most regional network hubs
- Over 50 private sector providers furnish services
- Over 1,000 leased line circuits are purchased
- Services are in place in over 275 cities across Minnesota
- Approximately 375 public sector entities are MNET partners

MNET partners include:

- Many cities and governmental units
- Many schools, libraries and private colleges
- All Minnesota counties
- All state government
- All public higher education

- MNET has three main purposes:
1. Procurement, aggregation and integration of private sector telecommunications services for use by government and education
  2. Support for secure, reliable and seamless intra- and inter-organizational networking of data, video and voice services among Minnesota's branches and levels of government
  3. Provision of high-speed, reliable and secure access to the worldwide Internet, national networks, and private provider networks, to enable public access to e-learning and e-government services

