

## Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

### **ENTERPRISE STANDARDS – S3000 NETWORK AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Category: S3520 – NETWORK CONNECTIVITY AND TRANSPORT – LOCAL AREA NETWORK**

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#### **I. DEFINITION**

A Local Area Network (LAN) is used to link computers and/or peripherals in a limited area, usually less than two (2) miles. A LAN allows users to communicate and share information, data, and applications.

#### **II. RATIONALE**

Idaho State government must be able to easily, reliably, and economically communicate data and information to conduct State business. Ethernet is widely used and is endorsed by ITA for use in State government local area networks. The standards recommended by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) are recognized as the primary standards for Local Area Networks.

#### **III. APPROVED STANDARD(S)**

IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet)

#### **IV. APPROVED PRODUCTS(S)**

Standards-based products and architecture

#### **V. JUSTIFICATION**

Products and LAN implementations must conform to approved standards.

## **VI. TECHNICAL AND IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The deployment of a Local Area Network is a complex task that requires skilled resources. It is also important to carefully consider the security implications of the deployment, administration, and operation of a Local Area Network.

## **VII. EMERGING TRENDS AND ARCHITECTURAL DIRECTIONS**

Recent trends indicate increasing use of Ethernet as both a Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network solution.

## **VIII. PROCEDURE REFERENCE**

Network Connectivity and Transport – Local Area Network used on the State of Idaho’s Wide Area Network must comply with the Department of Administration’s [P3020 – Connectivity and Transport Protocols.](#)

## **IX. REVIEW CYCLE**

Twelve (12) Months

## **X. CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information, contact the ITA Staff at (208) 332-1876.

## **REVISION HISTORY**

07/01/13 – Changed “ITRMC” to “ITA”.

6/16/09 – Added Procedure Reference and deleted Timeline.

9/13/06 – Section VIII, Review Cycle, updated to reflect a 12-month, rather than 6-month, review cycle. Warranted due to well established industry standard that is not likely to change in the near future.

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