

Alaska State Library BTOP Project

ALASKA ONLINE WITH LIBRARIES

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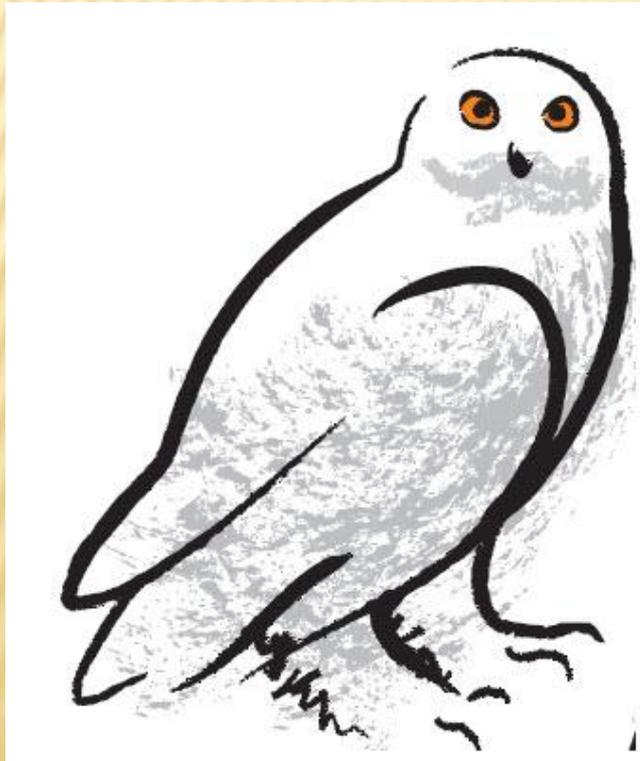
“Alaskans, set your hand and face to Alaska’s future....This is your state, these are your resources. Be bold. Be involved. Make a difference.”

ALASKA



Online with Libraries

GOALS



- More opportunity for Alaskans to access the advantages of better bandwidth
- Public Computing Centers and video or web conferencing capabilities in public libraries
- Jobs and IT training for more Alaskans in smaller communities
- More digital literacy in Alaska



Alaska Public Libraries 2010
 Alaska OWL (Online with Libraries)

FUNDING

- ✘ Department of Commerce \$5.351 million
 - ✘ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation \$1.650 million
 - ✘ Rasmuson Foundation \$250,000
 - ✘ Alaska State Library \$250,000 cash + substantial in-kind over three years
- + Total project costs: \$8.234 million**

PARTNERS

- ✘ Alaska Library Network
- ✘ Alaska Library Association
- ✘ University of Alaska OIT
- ✘ Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Assistance
- ✘ Governor's Council on Special Education and Disabilities
- ✘ Department of Labor & Workforce Development, AVTEC
- ✘ Alaska Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire and Life Safety
- ✘ Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc.

WHO WILL ALASKA OWL BENEFIT?

- ✘ Remote library users where computer home ownership and subscriptions to internet are lowest
- ✘ Public libraries with pinched budgets
- ✘ Students – K-12 Live Homework Help, 1 on 1
- ✘ Students – University, Vocational, Certificates
- ✘ State agencies
- ✘ Even the State Library Library Development unit

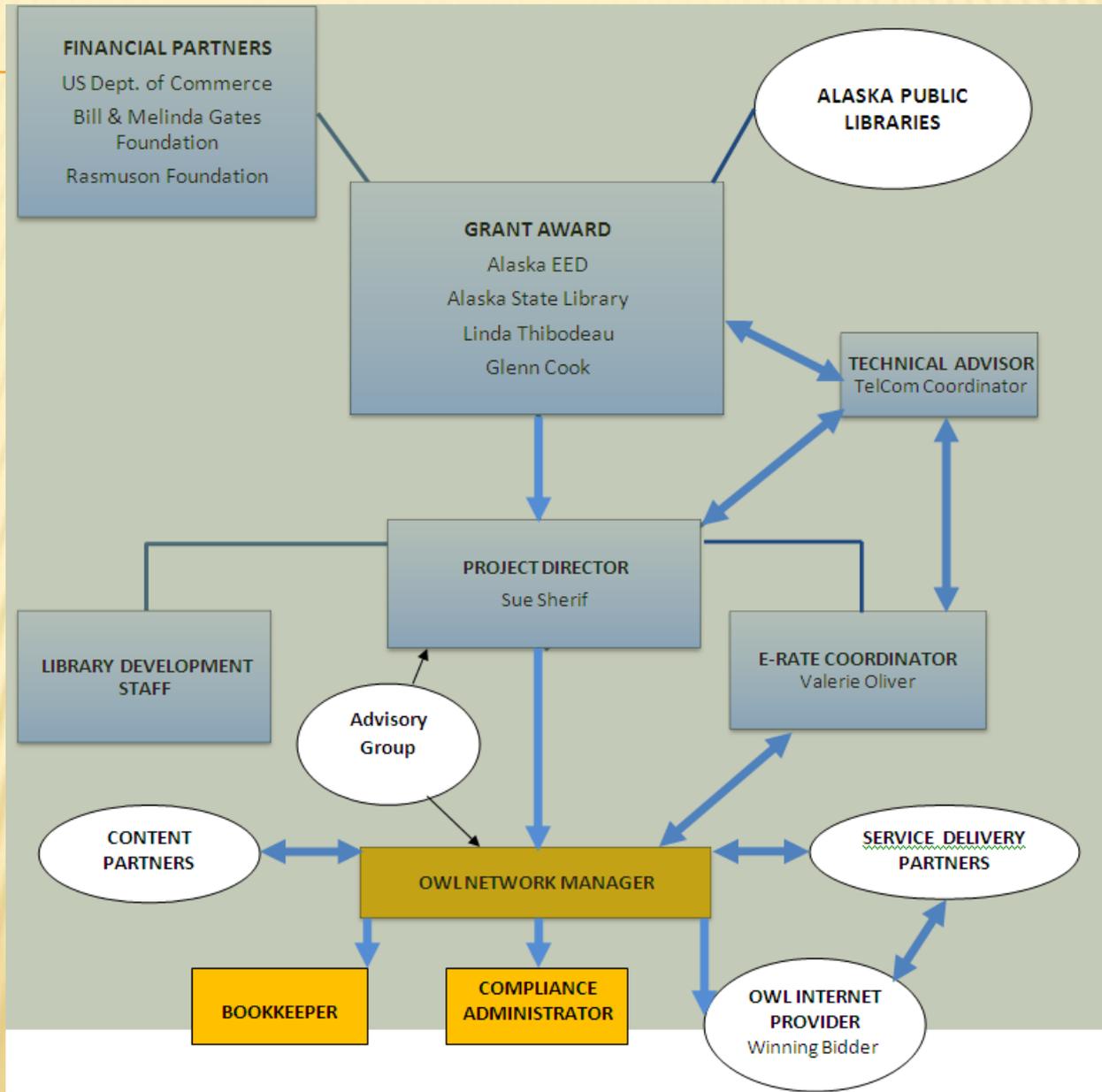
PROPOSAL

- ✘ Broadband buying consortium + E-rate for libraries below American Library Association – recommended standard = 1.5 Mgbps
N=65/105
- ✘ Videoconferencing/webconferencing network
- ✘ Public computing equipment for all libraries
- ✘ IT Aides for Libraries Open Less than 20 Hours per Week and a few other libraries
- ✘ Training for all libraries

BANDWIDTH

- ✘ Through a Request for Proposal
- ✘ Supported by e-rate for sustainability
- ✘ On a library-by-library basis
- ✘ Challenges:
 - + Satellite Delivery in Most Communities
 - + Changing Environment
 - + Changing Costs
 - + Changing Policies

WHO?

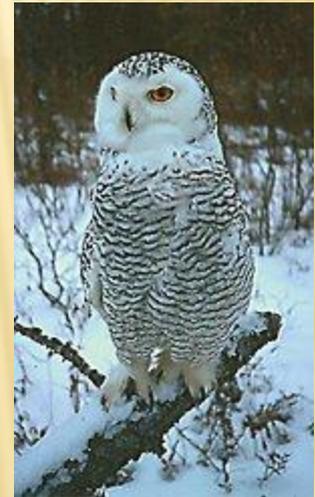


LIBRARY TECH AIDES

- ✘ For smaller libraries**
- ✘ 5-10 hours per week**
- ✘ Basic training in person and via audioconferences and webconferences**
- ✘ Libraries with 20 hours per week will need to agree to be open 5 more hours per week**
- ✘ Who? High school students? Someone who already is tech savvy? Librarian? Library Aide?**

COMPLIANCE

- ✘ Reporting requirements for everyone
 - + Hours during week and weekend
 - + Training sessions and hours
 - + Number of users
 - + Anecdotes about the impact
- ✘ Public use of equipment and services



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