PREPnet – Pennsylvania Research and Economic Partnership Network

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Description

PREPnet is a mid-level data network in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It was initiated through the joint efforts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania government, Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania consortium of universities: Carnegie Mellon University, Drexel University, Lehigh University, Penn State Universtiy, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Pittsburgh. Chartered in 1988, PREPnet's purpose is to facilitate education, research, technology transfer, and economic development within the state.

The Commonwealth is the inter-LATA carrier and Bell of Pennsylvania is the network operator/ owner of the hub equipment and marketing agent for network access. The Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center provides supercomputing resources and a gateway to the NSFNET. Member institutions have made a variety of information resources available on PREPnet, such as university library catalogs, bulletin boards, and various databases containing statistical, agricultural, demographic, economic, and medical data.

Network Access

Any IP host at any member or affiliate organization may access PREPnet. Access options range from intermittent dialup to dedicated T1 connections

Who Can Use the Network

Organizations operating within Pennsylvania involved in education, research, technology transfer, or the economic development of Pennsylvania are eligible to participate. Non-profit institutions may become members, and others may affiliate. Usage consistent with the above purposes is considered acceptable while commercial usage compliant with ANS policies can be obtained. PREPnet does not presently carry transit traffic whose source and destination are both outside the state.

Miscellaneous

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References

General information about PREPnet is available for anonymous FTP from ftp.prepnet.com in the prepnet/general directory.