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## The CENIC Mission

California's education and research communities leverage their networking resources under CENIC, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, in order to obtain cost-effective, high-bandwidth networking to support their missions and answer the needs of their faculty, staff, and students.

CENIC designs, implements, and operates CalREN, the California Research & Education Network. CalREN is a high-bandwidth, high-capacity Internet network specially designed to meet the unique requirements of these communities, and to which the vast majority of the state's K-20 educational institutions are connected. In order to facilitate collaboration in education and research, CENIC also provides connectivity to CalREN for non-California institutions and industry research organizations with which CENIC's Associate researchers and educators are engaged.

CENIC is governed by its member institutions. Representatives from these institutions also donate expertise through their participation in various committees designed to ensure that CENIC is managed effectively and efficiently, and to support the continued evolution of the network as technology advances.

## The CENIC Goals

- ▶ Continuously improving a robust, cost-effective, state-of-the-art communications network, accessible to participating education and research institutions,
- ▶ Working with member institutions to define a value chain of services, and developing innovative ways to deliver scalable solutions to members,
- ▶ Leading efforts of participating institutions to provide end-to-end service quality and interoperability among member institutions, and promoting adoption across network boundaries,
- ▶ Advancing the collective interests of the institutions by leveraging their diversity and relationships to accrue benefits to individual members,
- ▶ Providing a competitive advantage in the global marketplace to the education and research communities,
- ▶ Communicating the value of CENIC as California's recognized provider of network services for education and research,
- ▶ Providing opportunities for innovation in teaching, learning, and research through use of the network, and
- ▶ Strengthening participation in the state, national, and international education and research networking communities.