

CENIC “COST OF DEPLOYMENT” TASK FORCE NOTES

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The first-ever session was packed (about 25), very interactive (even past the closing). The main purpose of the session was to help shape a Scope of Work for the group.

It was decided that an inclusive (international) “Case Studies” approach would guide the work and that participants would provide examples to the chair. The examples would showcase the following topics:

1. Cost of deployment to the premises, both first mile and backbone.
2. Cost variability by geography (urban, rural, hybrid), topography, technology, etc.
3. Identification of problem areas and potential solutions (anchor tenants, infrastructure sharing, cost sharing, joint utility planning, etc.).
4. Community and regional networks
5. Carrier-neutral “Hotels”
6. Rights of Way (Caltrans, etc.), Conduit and fiber access (dark and lit)
7. Collocation, unbundling and joint tower use
8. New cost models – wholesale / retail; infrastructure / services
9. Who owns what? Who pays?
10. What costs – real vs. regulatory?
11. Technology trends, risks and service lives
12. State telecom infrastructure policy oversight and visionary leadership

We agreed to meet again at the next CENIC conference.

- Pat Lanthier, Chair