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Vice Provost for Educational Technology

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Ms. Carol Kostyniak
BISSNET Project Director & WNYPRI Chair
1250 Amherst Street
Buffalo, New York 14216

Dear Carol,

This letter reaffirms the University at Buffalo's commitment to the WNY Partnership for Regional Internetworking, and in particular the WNYPRI plans to create a Center for videoconferencing. The University supports the efforts of the Partnership to promote a regional approach to developing fiber optic connectivity for community and not-for-profit agencies, and, ultimately, for private businesses and individual homes. UB's Jim Whitlock has long been an advocate on campus for regional fiber infrastructure, and Dr. Dave Ellis' telemedicine work is a wonderful application of this technology. Connectivity touches UB in each of its missions of teaching, research, and public service. The better wired is our community, the better we can do our work.

The University at Buffalo will partner with the WNYPRI, and house the regional multipoint control unit. We will provide a suitable physical environment for the MCU, and UB's excellent connection to the Internet, through NYSERnet, should prove useful to the project. I hope that a UB "home" for the Center will encourage further cooperation throughout Western New York.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Bruce Pitman'.

E. Bruce Pitman
Vice Provost
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