

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) successfully operated ITFS systems in 10 cities from 1970 to 1996. The OSRHE today owns and operates OneNet, an integrated statewide IP-based network that provides distance learning video services to every college and career technology center as well as over half of the K-12s in Oklahoma utilizing H.323 (Video over IP) technology.

The OSRHE continues to own the physical infrastructure - including towers, communication links and RF-Trained personnel - to operate ITFS systems today. Moreover, the OSRHE anticipates expanding the RF delivery system made available by ITFS licenses to augment its ability to deliver additional distance learning opportunities to more rural schools where land-based T1 circuits are not available.

The OSRHE sees the role of ITFS licenses continuing to expand with a goal of providing educational services of immeasurable value to rural Oklahoma. Consequently, we concur with the assertion that eliminating the educational requirements for ITFS licensees would irreparably damage the education community's ability to deliver educational opportunities and access to underserved areas.