

State video conferencing rollout program

The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:

- **That the State of Wisconsin implements a Video Conferencing system for State Agencies to communicate with remote communities. This system would include capabilities for communities to testify before the State Legislature via video conference.**

Wisconsin is a large State. Distances from Northern Wisconsin to the Capital exceed six hours in good weather. For many months of the year weather makes travel to the Capital difficult and dangerous.

All northern Wisconsin counties have access to video conferencing systems. Video conferencing saves tremendous time and travel dollars. Counties throughout the north have saved tens of thousands of dollars on prisoner transports.

County employees attend hearings, meetings, training and conferences on a regular basis in Madison. Very few offices with the State of Wisconsin offer these sessions via video conference. State employees expend great time and travel expenses traveling throughout the State. Video conferencing would save the State these expenses. Very few state departments have appropriate facilities for video conferencing.

The ability to testify before legislative committees and speak at public hearings via video conferencing will ensure that the voice of Wisconsin's more distant citizens is heard.

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