

Description of Nature of COLA Consortium Relationship Member's Roles and Responsibilities

COLA (Collaborative Online Learning Academy) is a consortium of four school districts in Columbiana County, Ohio which include: Columbiana Exempted Village Schools, East Palestine School District, Lisbon Exempted Village School District, and Wellsville Local School District.

Columbiana Exempted Village School District has four years of experience with a one-to-one netbook initiative. As a result, they will be able to provide the consortium with valuable insight regarding policy and procedure related to such an initiative. Columbiana High School's technology efforts have led to a #7 national ranking regarding most connected schools by US News & World Reports. As the lead applicant and primary fiscal agent, Columbiana will lead the process in selecting shared staff responsible for sustaining the COLA initiative. Columbiana will also offer supervision and oversight regarding the share services employees, coordinate COLA Board meetings, and oversee program assessment.

East Palestine City School District is a past recipient of the ARRA Title IID technology grant. As a result, this district has gained a better understanding of instruction within the framework of 21st century learning skills and has experience with the effective integration of appropriate technologies. East Palestine will share expertise regarding the implementation of technology grants.

Lisbon Exempted Village School District offers experience with virtual learning environments and digital content. In addition, Lisbon offers a federal programs director with first-hand knowledge of grant funding and program evaluation. Lisbon EVSD will also provide program evaluation services.

Wellsville Local Schools has implemented an industry-leading wireless infrastructure. A solid wireless network infrastructure is extremely critical in the implementation of a one-to-one notebook initiative. Each district will benefit from the knowledge and experience of district personnel. Wellsville Local Schools will provide wireless network technological expertise to consortium districts.

All four consortium districts will commit the necessary time and resources to ensure project success. It is expected that each school district will provide membership on the COLA board. Each member district will encourage and support the participation of their staff. All members will participate in COLA-sponsored professional development opportunities. They must complete and submit required forms and requested data in a timely manner to the project evaluator.