



Title: Mid-Pacific Information & Communications Technology (MPICT) Center: Founding Vision and Goals

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 30, 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Location: Renaissance Austin Hotel

Description: Beginning in the Fall of 2008, NSF will fund a new Regional Center in San Francisco to serve community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities in Northern California, Northern Nevada, Southern Oregon, Hawaii and the Pacific Territories. Its purpose is to facilitate improvements, harmonization, synergies and impact in ICT education in its region, which includes Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area, and in the U.S. via relationships with other NSF Centers and projects around the country. This presentation will describe the MPICT Center founding vision, support, partners, strategies and plans, and it will solicit opportunities to collaborate for mutual benefit.

Presenter:

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