

The State of South Dakota is pleased to announce the availability of technology-oriented service programs available to South Dakota cities and counties. These programs cover a wide gamut of technical topics, providing opportunities for expert consultation, unbiased advice, and even opportunities to acquire enterprise equipment and funds for use in your offices. Best of all, these services are available at no cost to South Dakota cities and counties.

		
<p><b>Cyber Security Assistance</b> Discover Your Security Posture</p>	<p><b>Technology Planning</b> Assess, Plan, Implement</p>	<p><b>Improving Address Files*</b> Keep Online Services on Target</p>
<p>Contact Jeff Slocum, <a href="mailto:jeff.slocum@state.sd.us">jeff.slocum@state.sd.us</a> 605.773.7580</p>	<p>Register at <a href="http://broadband.sd.gov/TPCO-TAR.aspx">http://broadband.sd.gov/TPCO-TAR.aspx</a>. <a href="mailto:broadband@state.sd.us">broadband@state.sd.us</a> 605.773.4165.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Also available for <i>any</i> “Community Anchor Institution” such as libraries, medical and healthcare facilities, K-12 schools, institutions of higher education, public safety offices (fire, ambulance, police, etc.), government offices (city, county, state, etc.), and other community support locations (YMCA’s, United Way, etc.).</p>	<p>Contact Joshua Whitman <a href="mailto:Joshua.Whitman@state.sd.us">Joshua.Whitman@state.sd.us</a> 605.773.5027</p> <p><b>*Note:</b> <b>Available for Counties Only</b></p>

## Cyber Security Assistance Program



The **Cyber Security Assistance Program** provides Information Technology (I/T) security assessments to city and county governments within South Dakota at no cost. I/T security in the 21st century must be a priority for all forms of governments, and this program is a great way to get expert feedback! Through a partnership between the South Dakota Bureau of Information & Telecommunications, the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, the South Dakota Office of the Attorney General, and the US Department of Homeland Security, the Cyber Security Assistance Program is a completely voluntary effort providing no obligation, no cost I/T security assessments.

I/T security assessments are conducted by an on-site consultation. Our assessment staff work with your I/T staff or contractor to help evaluate the cyber security posture of your city or county government.

### Topics covered include:

- I/T Security training
- Security Assessment
- Policy Development
- Continuity of Business
- Architecture & Design
- Monitoring

The best time to think about your cyber security posture isn't after a security event... it's now. Contact Jeff Slocum, [jeff.slocum@state.sd.us](mailto:jeff.slocum@state.sd.us) or **605.773.7580**, for more details or to schedule your assessment.

### Technology Planning and Computer Ownership Program



The **Technology Planning and Computer Ownership Program**, as part of the South Dakota Broadband Initiative (SDBI), was developed as a way to help Community Anchor Institutions (CAI's) with their technical services, needs and wishes. City and county government offices are a group of CAI's of high interest to the SDBI and this program.

Often times, unknown issues with internal networks and systems can have an adverse effect on broadband connectivity, network performance and the end-user experience. The Technology Planning and Computer Ownership (TPCO, for short) program offers an opportunity to increase the quality of technology services within your offices.

Services of the TPCO program include an in-depth, on-site technology assessment. Two-way, unbiased conversations designed to discover your technical challenges, desired goals, and potential obstacles help paint the initial technical picture of your offices. Following the conversations comes a walkthrough of your technology systems to help determine your current capabilities, potential shortcomings, and opportunities for improvement. These elements are combined in a thorough, accurate report on their current technical posture that is used as a basis for taking action to complete your technical goals.

Perhaps offering public wireless Internet is a goal for your office? Maybe the network is slow or intermittent? Is older, questionable equipment keeping you from getting the most out of Internet service? Often times, we have found issues present that you may not even be aware of. Our philosophy on this is, "it never hurts to check!"

Regardless of the issues, we can offer the unbiased expertise to help, and all of these services are available at **no charge** to you.

**Grant funding** is also available to Community Anchor Institutions, like yours, to cover costs the costs for technology improvements, upgrades and expansions. To take advantage of the program offerings, simply register for your Technology Assessment at <http://broadband.sd.gov/TPCO-TAR.aspx>. You may also reach our office via email at [broadband@state.sd.us](mailto:broadband@state.sd.us) or by phone **605.773.4165**.

### Improving Address Files Program



The **Improving Address Files Program**, as part of the South Dakota Broadband Initiative (SDBI), seeks to develop the most comprehensive address point dataset for South Dakota. An address point dataset is the database used by online services, such as Google Maps, and GPS units to convert a searched for address into a location on a map. As more and more services go online, and more government policies and services depend on accurate addressing information, having a central, accurate address information is paramount to getting the most out of these services.

We've received participation from the SD Department of Revenue, SD Department of Transportation, and SD One Call in our efforts to build a comprehensive South Dakota address point dataset. With county support, we believe we can complete the task. While the SDBI will use these address points to confirm broadband service availability, benefits of this combined dataset reach far beyond their efforts, including aspects of public safety, transportation, and of course, your own Equalization needs. Best of all, grant funding in the amount of \$1,500 annually has been made available to reimburse your county for your participation in the project.

Participation in our Improving Address File program can come in one of two forms. The easiest, fastest form involves sending already generated data to our office. If your office is equipped with GIS technology, simply sending a GIS shapefile of address points to our office would be all you need to do. If your office lacks GIS technology or expertise, we offer an Address Enhancement Portal website, allowing members of your staff to update county address points through an easy-to-use online tool.

For more information on how you can participate in the Improving Address Files program and receive the \$1,500 stipend annually, contact Joshua Whitman via email at [Joshua.Whitman@state.sd.us](mailto:Joshua.Whitman@state.sd.us) or phone **605.773.5027**.