Design and Construction of Local and Regional Exchange Facilities

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Packet Clearing House

Determining Need

⑦ Sufficient end-user base?

⑦ No existing facility to build upon?

⑦ Sufficient degree of locally-destined traffic?

Geographic Location

⑦ User population

⑦ Fiber facilities or rights-of-way

⑦ Founding participants

Density

⑦ Centralized in one room

⑦ Campus of adjacent buildings

⑦ MAN

⑦ Frame or ATM cloud

Building Management

⑦ Telco hotel

⑦ University computing or telecommunications facility

⑦ City emergency services facility

In-Building Facilities

⑦ Pathways

⑦ Power

⑦ Cooling

⑦ Access and security

Services

⑦ Switch fabric

⑦ Crossconnects

⑦ Route-server

⑦ Remote hands

⑦ NTP

⑦ Web caching

Business Structure

⑦ Incorporated or unincorporated?

⑦ Staffed or volunteer?

⑦ Non-profit or for-profit?

⑦ Cooperative or external ownership?

⑦ Cost-recovery (predictive or actuals), ad-hoc, or market pricing?

Policies

⑦ BLP, MLPA or MMPLA?

⑦ Mandatory looking-glass?

⑦ Routing and switch-port information public or members-only?

⑦ Secrecy in the event of security problems, failures, or mistakes

⑦ Extensible switch fabric?

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