NevadaNet Acceptable Use Policy

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1. **Background**

The NevadaNet network is owned and operated by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). The purpose of NevadaNet is to develop and maintain wide area voice, video, and data facilities for the primary benefit of NSHE. NevadaNet also provides support for several non-NSHE educational, governmental, and public service entities within Nevada. The NevadaNet network provides connecting participants with high performance networking resources to support educational, research, work force development, clinical, and institutional administrative objectives.

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that use of the NevadaNet network is consistent with the foregoing purposes and to ensure that the network can be operated reliably and lawfully.

1. **Scope**

This policy applies to all users, devices, and applications that utilize NevadaNet, whether directly or indirectly.

1. **Definitions**

Nevada System of Higher Education includes:

* College of Southern Nevada
* Desert Research Institute
* Great Basin College
* Nevada State College
* NSHE System Administration
* Truckee Meadows Community College
* University of Nevada Las Vegas
* University of Nevada Reno
* Western Nevada College

NevadaNet Participant – Any NSHE institution or affiliated entity that meets NevadaNet connection requirements and has been formally authorized by NSHE to physically transmit voice, data, or video information over the NevadaNet backbone network.

1. **Privacy and Content Filtering**

* NevadaNet does not guarantee the privacy or security of transmissions over the network and encourages the use of legal and appropriate means (such as encryption) to protect the privacy of transmissions.
* NevadaNet does not provide content filtering. The development, implementation, and maintenance of any content filtering solution is the sole responsibility of the connecting entity.

1. **Acceptable Use**

Use of NevadaNet is defined to be the transmission of any data or other information across the network infrastructure that constitutes NevadaNet. Such use must:

* Originate or terminate at device(s) directly attached to a network owned and operated by a NevadaNet Participant site.
* Be for lawful purposes only.
* Be for purposes of, or in support of, research, education, telemedicine, state, local, or national government affairs, or non-profit public service.
* Comply with the acceptable use and other policies of any network over which such traffic must be routed to reach its destination.
* Not interfere with the operation of NevadaNet or unreasonably interfere with the use of NevadaNet by other participating entities.
* Not indirectly violate this policy by using services of another network provider to circumvent the intent or meaning of this policy.
* Ensure that connections made to them and through them to the NevadaNet backbone are consistent with the efficient and effective use of a shared and finite resource.

1. **Unacceptable Use**

It is not acceptable to use NevadaNet for any purpose that violates NSHE policies or federal or state regulations.

It is not acceptable to use NevadaNet in a manner that directly or indirectly interferes with or disrupts NevadaNet Participants’ services or equipment. Such inappropriate uses include, but are not limited to:

* Providing NevadaNet connectivity to other parties through reselling, trading, bartering, or any other means.
* Establishing or maintaining personal or non-NSHE related commercial business endeavors.
* Propagation of malware, viruses, or other malicious activity.
* Attempting unauthorized entry to any devices, accounts, or resources.

1. **Enforcement**

NSHE System Computing Services (SCS) will initiate an unacceptable use investigation when a complaint is received, or a possible violation is detected. SCS will investigate the complaint or event and determine appropriate action.

Once identified, SCS will contact the appropriate personnel to provide notification of the findings and direct resolution within a specified period of time.

If the infraction is not resolved within the specified period, the NSHE Chief Information Officer (CIO) may authorize interruption of NevadaNet access until the infraction has been resolved.

Violation of this policy may result in corrective action, up to and including revoked access. Violation of applicable laws may result in civil or criminal sanctions under state or federal law.

In urgent situations, the NSHE CIO or designee may take corrective action immediately prior to contacting the NevadaNet Participants.

1. **Complaints**

Complaints regarding violations of this policy or comments on this policy may be addressed to the SCS Service Desk at support@nshe.nevada.edu.