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# Certification of Technology Plan Approval for Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program

The South Dakota Department of Education is certified by the Schools and Libraries Corporation to approve technology plans for participation in the School and Libraries Universal Service Program.

The **New Underwood 51-3** has a technology plan that has met the standards and criteria outlined in the following list and is effective from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2011.

Standards and Criteria

- The plan establishes clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services.
- The plan includes an assessment of telecommunication services, hardware, software and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services.
- The plan provides for a sufficient budget to acquire and maintain the hardware, software, professional development and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy for improved education or library services.
- The plan includes an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward specified goals and make midcourse corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.
- The plan provides professional development strategies which ensure that the staff understands how to use these new technologies to improve education or library services.

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Rick Melmer, EdD, Secretary
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