

## 1. Statement

The Government of the Northwest Territories has a large computer hardware and communications investment. Local and regional offices connect to various hardware devices for local, government-wide and external communications. The intent of this standard is to provide communications standards to facilitate effective and efficient Local Area Network (LAN) and Municipal Area Network (MAN) communications, and to provide computing environments with as much flexibility as possible, recognizing the current infrastructure and industry directions.

The standard is not intended to hinder staff in performing their duties, rather to ensure telecommunications are appropriately interconnected for efficient transmission and support.

## 2. Standard

The GNWT Standard LAN and MAN transmission protocol is TCP/IP

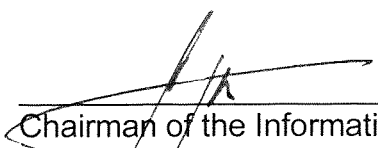
## 3. Supporting Documentation and Information

none

## 4. Implementation

All new LAN and MAN installations are to be implemented using the TCP/IP transmission protocol.

Departments should develop a plan and convert any existing LANs and MANs that use a different transmission protocol, to TCP/IP by the end of December 2002.



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