



Eliminate the Burden of Business Travel

Videoconferencing has emerged as a real solution to the cost and inconvenience of business travel. We encourage you to visit our facilities to learn how distance education can work for you.

Our facilities offer everything you need to:

- Conduct a hiring interview.
- Host a meeting involving several regional headquarters.
- Offer instructor-led computer-based training to employees anywhere in the country, or around the world.
- Hold an international press conference.

All this and more in a comfortable and professional working environment. Benefits to employees are equally substantial. Relieve them of the early morning commute and long airport security lines without losing the benefits of a face-to-face meeting or class.

Your Time in the Classroom

When you schedule time in our classrooms, the session might involve an introduction to the technology, a video teleconference, a separate time for computer-based training, and a round table discussion. Our technicians perform all equipment set up and maintenance, and will familiarize you with the cameras and microphones prior to a video conference.

Bring Your Classroom to Ours!

Distance learning technology enhances traditional classroom teaching methods by providing an interactive learning environment. The National Guard has partnered with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to bring exciting math and science courseware to K-12th graders. Find out how your students can participate in live two-way videoconferences with NASA scientists and astronauts!



About Our Business

The Distance Learning Centers initially arose out of a need for the National Guard Bureau to provide education and readiness training to soldiers without removing them from the communities in which they live and work. Under a Congressional directive, the National Guard Bureau built the country's largest private distance learning network with similar classrooms in 54 states and territories.

Now, the RI National Guard and the State of Rhode Island have partnered to bring a truly invaluable training opportunity to private businesses, community organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies. We are a non-profit business; our goal is to be self-supportive.



The National Guard operates over 320 distance learning classrooms in 54 states and territories. Bridging technology allows our RI classrooms to connect to these classrooms, which are also available for a fee when they are not in use for readiness training.

Our RI locations are equipped with:

- *Windows 2000 and XP-based workstations on LAN*
- *Satellite up/downlink*
- *DVD playing/CD burning*
- *Theater projector and 100" screen*
- *Digital document camera*
- *TVs and VCRs*
- *Conference table*
- *Scanner & FAX*
- *Color copier*
- *Binding machine*
- *Cable Television*

David Vallee *National Weather Service*

"The Distance Learning Centers are simply top notch. The ease of operation, tremendous capability of switching between formal discussion and hands-on exercises, made this training session extremely effective for both me as the instructor, and the students in attendance. The participants left the training session knowing they could immediately apply what they had just learned and that's a direct result of the Distance Learning Centers' facilities!"



DISTANCE LEARNING CENTERS

A National Videoconferencing Network

How can you save hundreds to thousands of dollars on airfare and hotels, gasoline or car rental, and employee per diem costs?

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