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Still Going After all These Years

Many of you have been involved with AUTIS (Association of Users of Telecommunications and Information Systems) over the last 23 years. This newsletter should give you a clear vision of our future direction.

AUTIS has always focused on providing an excellent annual conference, as well as periodic meetings, thus showcasing the latest technology trends of the State.

Our Goals:

1. Establish and maintain professional standards in the fields of telecommunications and information systems and among the members of the association.

2. Encourage and cause rapid, timely information exchange among the members of the association.

3. Establish and support both academic and technical training programs for the benefit of the members of the association and general public.

4. Offer a forum for the presentation of viewpoints regarding tariffs, rules, and rates for telecommunications, and standards, integration of architectures, and common interfaces for information systems.

5. Support technological research germane to telecommunications and information systems.

AUTIS selected to Host National RTC Annual Conference

Rural Telecommunications Congress Annual Conference

The Rural Telecommunications Congress (RTC) is a national membership

organization dedicated to assuring that rural areas in the United States have access to the information and support they need to obtain and use advanced telecommunications services and technology for social and economic development.

The RTC annual conference is widely recognized as one of the best community-focused meetings on telecom. The RTC seeks out the best speakers from across the country each year, and the Congress tailors the events to meet the current and emerging needs of rural communities. AUTIS will sponsor this National event in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 22-25, 2006. The event draws individuals from across the US. They represent every facet of Rural Businesses including State and Local Government, Medical, Manufacturing, Native American Reservations, and a wide variety of privately owned businesses. AUTIS expects this to have a great economic impact on both the State of Arkansas as well as the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock.

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

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Building the Future of Arkansas' Rural Communities in Cooperation with Students from E.A.S.T.

AUTIS recently began a pilot project working with E.A.S.T students to help define the impact of the lack of availability of Broadband in rural communities.

The EAST Initiative began in 1996 in a single classroom in rural Arkansas and has since grown to over 230 schools in six states. In 2001, EAST incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit governed by a Board of Directors comprised of business, education, and government leaders. Working together with a dedicated executive and program staff, the EAST Initiative succeeds in delivering a relevant and life-changing experience for students that produces value for schools, communities, and the workforce.

About AUTIS:

The Association for Users of Telecommunications and Information Systems promotes the advancement of professional and technical knowledge in telecommunications and information systems management technologies. The organization is recognized as the only regional organization of its kind in Arkansas.

History:

In June 1983, a meeting of forty-one individuals formed the present association, AUTIS - Association for Users of Telecommunications and Information Systems. AUTIS has been founded as a voluntary nonprofit organization, exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

Today, AUTIS pursues the advancement of education by providing a forum for members and non-members who are interested in the rapidly changing fields of telecommunications and information systems. The forum provides the basis for the exchange of ideas, personal experiences and similar pertinent information. AUTIS also supplies to educational institutions, charitable organizations, and other organizations, speakers who are knowledgeable in telecommunications and information systems. By request, free communications and information systems consultation will be provided to organizations that qualify.

Above all, the EAST educational model is student-centered. EAST is a nationally recognized as an innovative, relevant, and successful approach to education. EAST is a project-based, service-learning class that provides students with the most current, high-end technologies available in some of the most progressive fields in the world. However, EAST is more than a class offering and much more than a "computer class". At its heart, EAST is a coordinated attempt to provide today's students with an educational atmosphere that allows them to gain insight into their own abilities to acquire and use information, solve problems, and gain valuable experience on their way to becoming life-long learners. For educators, EAST provides an opportunity to focus on the strengths and develop the weaknesses of individual students. EAST classrooms are for all students.

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Updates will appear, as they are available.

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2006 AUTIS 21st. Annual Conference "Arkansas Technologies Unlimited Unplugged"

Mark your calendar. June 8th and 9th,2006. Austin Hotel in Hot Springs Arkansas. Hear about latest technologies available in AR, Legislative Updates on IT, Broadband Security, Identity Theft and much more. Registration of $75 includes a special events choice (either golf or a day at the spa). Check our website (www.autis.org) for more details.

New Members are always welcomed

This organization dedicates all efforts to assure the communication of the most up to date information available to the users of Technology in the Natural State.

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