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"Northwest Advanced Digital Distribution Entity"

This project will provide economic and engineering planning for a regional Advanced Digital Distribution Entity in the northwestern United States. An ADDE's function is to aggregate and distribute video programming, video interstitials and multicast data services on behalf of its partners, without losing the unique content and identity of each partner station.

An ADDE combines some aspects of a traditional master control, and some of what is called in the Internet world a "gigabit point of presence" or "gigapop." Program distribution can take place via analog and digital transmitters, by cable, or by broadband Internet Protocol streaming.

The intent of the project is to demonstrate significant capital cost-savings for the DTV transition, as well as to identify new operational efficiencies, adaptable to PTV stations across the U.S.

Project participants include:

Idaho Public Television KAID, KISU, KUID, KCDT, KIPT

Bates Technical College KBTC, KCKA KCTS Television KCTS, KYVE

Oregon Public Broadcasting KOPB, KTVR, KOAB, KOAC, KEPB

Spokane School District No. 81 KSPS

Southern Oregon PTV KSYS, KFTS Washington State University KTNW, KWSU Montana Public Television KUSM, KUFM

Redwood Empire Public Television KEET
Channel 5 Public Broadcasting KNPB
Valley Public Television KVPT
No. Cal. Educ. Television Assoc. KIXE
KVIE. Inc. KVIE

The project is scheduled for completion in June of 2002.

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