



# Technology Committee

## *Three-Star Program*

New business and manufacturing, schools, and other institutions need a reliable and capable telecommunications network to properly compete in today's changing world. Many rural communities have access to these services without knowing it or without knowing what to do with them. An assessment of availability, a realistic look at needs and desires, and an action plan are necessary for all communities.

### **Responsibilities of Chairperson(s):**

- ✓ **Form a Technology committee** with the following groups represented: local utility, local telephone, local cable/television, local internet providers, computer/network business, IT specialist, and any end-users from enhanced telecommunications ability such as industry, banks, and schools.

- ✓ **Community Assessment:**

Comprehensive inventory of availability of services and needs of the community and its businesses and schools. The REDS can assist by providing an assessment tool format.

- ✓ **Action Plan:**

Develop a strategic plan that puts results from assessment into action. This **should** be updated annually and contain a timeline as well as funding sources for projects.

- ✓ **Education:**

Community leaders **should** attend a telecommunications education session.

- ✓ A **progress report of the committee should** be presented to the local legislative body a **minimum of two (2) times per year** to be included in the minutes of the local legislative body. Report format provided by the REDS.

- ✓ **Reports will be due by** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.