



Although the majority of States maintain a Web presence on the Internet, these sites vary greatly in structure and depth of information, as well as funding. Most networks are either entirely user-supported or entirely tax-funded. Instead of the traditionally costly format, the progressive information model which the states of Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Virginia selected incorporates cutting-edge technology and cost savings with citizens' needs and interests. As a result, each of these states benefit from a customized information system which enables agencies and communities to offer the majority of their data in a convenient, efficient, friendly format to all its citizens – free of charge.

The National Information Consortium uses a unique information model which enables a state, its communities, and professional associations to make their databases and resources available to everyone at anytime through the Internet. Through the use of a computer, a modem, and a telephone line, citizens in even the most remote areas may access critical information with the touch of a few keystrokes.

- Lawyers and lobbyists can track and research legislation from the convenience of their home or office.
- Agencies can post actions and agendas. Forms are offered online and electronic filings may also be completed over the network.
- Insurance agents can verify drivers license information anytime day or night.
- States are able to quickly take advantage of the latest technologies, such as digital signatures and electronic commerce.

The potential advantages of utilizing this model are unlimited for both government and the citizens they serve.

List below is a breakdown on each of the current state information networks that the National Information Consortium is involved with along with links to their controlling statutes or legislation. Typically there are three different methods to establish a state information network: (1) through legislation; (2) through executive order; or (3) a pre-existing agency/board/commission has the authority to issue an RFP

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## **Georgia**

Network Name: **GeorgiaNet Authority**  
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**NOTE:** The Georgia model is different from the other state models listed. In Georgia, the legislature created a state authority to manage the information network. In September 1996, the GeorgiaNet Authority board expanded the focus of the Authority's mission to include interactive access to state agency information via the Internet. GeorgiaNet entered into a five-year contract with the National Information Consortium, Inc. to provide technology and personnel to assist in the development and maintenance of the GeorgiaNet Internet presence.



## **Indiana**

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Network Name: Virginia Information Providers Network  
Web Address: <http://www.vipnet.org>

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- Aggregates *all* electronic services into a single, efficient *state-owned, state regulated* network
- Protects the public trust as state agencies maintain control of access to their information
- Is an electronic information and transaction gateway where government governs security and the Network handles technical issues
- Provides a two-way, quick, convenient, and accurate exchange of information between government and business or government and its citizens
- Recognizes citizens and businesses seek to not only receive information, but transact their business with government online, at their convenience
- Increases government efficiency with filings received in electronic format, eliminating errors and the need to type paper filings into a state computer
- Is regulated in policy and price-setting by a state *oversight board* made up of state agency heads (information providers) and private citizens (information users)
- Allows the private partner to bring to the table the initial start-up capital and a flexibility and consumer-oriented, market-driven approach to network development
- Achieves the wisest use of government information and transaction resources to realize the greatest benefit for all
- Offers better and more efficient access to government
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- Complies with state and federal laws regarding protection of privacy
- Accesses legislation, regulations and executive orders which may then be conveniently tracked from an office or home computer
- Can automatically alert business and/or citizens when government events occur which may have a direct impact upon them
- Permits electronic renewal of vehicle tags and the obtaining of some licenses and permits from home or office
- Expands free public service information to include such databases as unclaimed property, licensed child care providers, tourism and job information, and many others
- Accomplishes all services without impact on state budget, therefore, the Network does not compete with other state priorities for tax dollars.