

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
2001 - 2003**

AETN's mission is to present accessible lifelong learning opportunities for all Arkansans. AETN has progressed in 35 years from a single transmitter serving only central Arkansas to a network of five transmitters and ten microwaves serving the entire state via broadcast, cable, satellite, and computer technologies. Today AETN provides cost-effective communications and training, and expects to be multi-casting with digital technology by 2003.

Pre-schoolers get ready for school watching nationally acclaimed PBS programs like SESAME STREET and MR. ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD on AETN. More than half of AETN's program schedule is devoted to children and families and provides a daily safe haven for learning about reading (READING RAINBOW), literature (WISHBONE), nature (ZOOBOOMAFOO), and safe play (BARNEY AND FRIENDS.)

Instructional programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade students are broadcast daily on AETN and used by classrooms and at-home-learners. AETN also distributes programs by video tapes through regional cooperative lending libraries and makes copies upon request for teachers and citizens. AETN provides continuing professional development workshops throughout the state for teachers. AETN also partners with the Arkansas Leadership Academy to provide technology training to educational leaders.

College telecourses are broadcast by AETN to provide easy access to classes for non-traditional students. Student credit is coordinated statewide with participating institutions.

Adult education programs are broadcast to help adult students earn GEDs, learn to read, and stay motivated to improve their lives.

Prime time and weekend programs offer cultural classics, public affairs, how-tos and outstanding documentaries on current issues for lifelong learners.

AETN partners with other state agencies like Game & Fish Commission and Parks & Tourism to solicit feedback from the citizens through call-in programs. AETN's satellite technology has helped agencies like Human Services, Emergency Services, and Special Education to improve communications with citizens and train as many as 8,000 state employees at a time. Citizens can get immediate answers to their questions by calling during local productions like ARKANSANS ASK when the Governor, state legislators and congressmen appear on air to discuss issues.

For 35 years AETN has provided a variety of educational services and public television programs for toddlers, school children, college students, adult learners, workforce trainees, and lifelong learners. AETN serves almost every Arkansan through broadcast, cable, satellite, and online for a very modest cost to the state. . . less than two-tenths of one percent of the entire state education budget.

Now AETN is on the verge of several major improvements that will enhance its services to Arkansas. This year AETN will move into an expanded state-of-the-art facility and have production access to three other new facilities on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas. During the next 3 years AETN will convert its 35-year-old transmission system from analog to digital technology to meet a FCC mandate by 2003. These changes will enable AETN to provide even more access for the citizens to educational services, cultural offerings, and public affairs through multi-casting and high definition television.

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Construction is projected to be complete by late 2000 on a 40,000 square foot addition to AETN's current building on the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) campus in Conway. AETN's addition will be part of a 160,000 square foot AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex also housing the UCA Mass Communications Department, the City of Conway's Conference Center and the Reynold's 1200 seat Performance Hall. AETN's portion will feature enhanced studio space, an educational telecommunications training laboratory, and improved production and editing facilities. The overall complex will be wired for AETN broadcasting and satellite uplinking. It will allow AETN to increase and improve educational services to Arkansans. Authorization and funding are needed to fully operate the expanded capacity of this telecommunications complex.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all broadcasters convert from the current analog transmission systems to the new digital television technology (DTV) by May 1, 2003. AETN must reinforce 15 towers to handle the additional weight of digital transmission equipment, and simultaneously maintain the current analog equipment until 85% of the market can access the new digital signal. Five transmitters, 10 microwaves, origination and production equipment will be added to AETN's infrastructure. A 6th transmitter application is also pending with the FCC to build a new tower at El Dorado to serve SE Arkansas. AETN requests funds for increased operating expenses to maintain the additional equipment. Failure to install DTV by deadline, and to maintain both old and new technologies, will cost AETN its broadcast licenses.

The Federal Communications' Commission (FCC) has set a deadline of 2006 for broadcasters to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and make programs 95% accessible to the less abled. AETN requests operations funding to caption our local productions for hearing impaired viewers, and to adequately respond to other citizens' special needs. Also proposed are minimal operations support for the Arkansas Radio Reading Services for the Blind (RRSB) which will relocate to AETN's expanded facility in early 2001. RRSB provides informational services to thousands of Arkansans who are unable to read. The service is provided on a sub-channel of AETN's broadcast network and is vitally important to blind and visually impaired Arkansans.

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ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

Assets				Liabilities			Total Equity
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total	
\$ 2,791,750	\$ 85,288	\$ 301,072	\$ 3,178,110	\$ 559,936	\$ 0	\$ 559,936	\$ 2,618,174

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)
Intergovernmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,263,062	\$ 2,263,062	\$ 469,602	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,396,383	\$ 1,865,985	\$ 0

Findings

None

Recommendations

None

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
 EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY
 AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993
 (A.C.A 19-4-307)

AGENCY TITLE 516 - EDUC TELEVISION COMM

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>32</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>81%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF 08/05/00			14	19%
DATE			<u>TOTAL MINORITIES</u>	<u>19%</u>
			75	100%
			<u>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>100%</u>


 AGENCY DIRECTOR

* PERCENTAGE TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING

**CASH FUND BALANCE DESCRIPTION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2000**

AGENCY: Educational Television (AETN) **AGENCY#:** 516

ACCOUNT INFORMATION				
FUND ACCT.	BALANCE	TYPE	LOCATION	STATUTORY/OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE:
AETN Cash	\$228,527	Checking	Regions (Conway)	ACA 6-3-107 and 6-3-109 authorize collection of grants, gifts, and fees to provide agency services. Management adheres to the State Accounting & Budgetary Procedures Law, guidelines set by the State Board of Finance, and resolutions passed by the ETV Commission.
(151)	\$684,511	Checking	Nations Bank (Conway)	
	\$153,324	Trust Fund	State Treasury Money Mgmt.	
	\$1,175,585	Trust Fund	State Treasury Money Mgmt.	
				STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR FEES, FINES, PENALTIES: ACA 6-3-109 and 6-3-112 authorize charges for services, materials, and facilities usage at a reasonable cost, as approved by the ETV Commission.
				REVENUE RECEIPTS CYCLE: Revenues are received irregularly for contracted production services, use of satellite uplink truck, telecourse licensing, teleconferences, sale of tapes, etc. Grant funds are invested upon receipt until budgeted expenses are payable.
				FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION: These funds support approximately 20% of AETN's staff and other regular operating costs. Most revenues come from intermittent projects contracted with other state agencies. State law prohibits establishing a line of credit with a bank for cash flow needs. Therefore a cash balance must be maintained to allow continuity of payroll and operations between contract payments. Grant funds are used within the restrictions of the grant.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION				
FUND ACCT.	BALANCE	TYPE	LOCATION	STATUTORY/OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE:
				STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR FEES, FINES, PENALTIES:
				REVENUE RECEIPTS CYCLE:
				FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION:

STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

2001-2003 Biennium

Act 1276 of 1999

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIV **AGENCY #** 516

NAME OF PUBLICATION	STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION ACT # OR A.C.A.	REQUIRED FOR GOVERNOR AND/OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY	NUMBER OF COPIES PUBLISHED & DISTRIBUTED	REASON(S) FOR CONTINUED PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION
N/A				SCHOOLS MAY SUBSCRIBE TO AETN FOR ELECTRONIC PERIODICALS. OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM AETN THROUGH WEBSITE.

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

AGENCY TITLE Educational Television		1999-01 Expenditures				2001-03 Biennium Request				2001-03 Executive Recommendation			
Appropriations		Actual	No. of	Budgeted	No. of	Year 1	No. of	Year 2	No. of	Year 1	No. of	Year 2	No. of
Code	Name	1999-00	Pos.	2000-01	Pos.	2001-02	Pos.	2002-03	Pos.	2001-02	Pos.	2002-03	Pos.
A50	Cash Operations	\$820,710	7	\$2,904,725	10	\$2,556,667	10	\$2,565,002	10	\$2,554,181	10	\$2,562,452	10
B93	AETN Contingency					1,318,703		1,318,703		1,318,703		1,318,703	
1JQ	Digital Satellite Network - Federal	40,848	1	63,545	1	41,342	1	42,050	1	41,342	1	42,050	1
199	State Operations	4,293,722	77	4,277,221	72	5,764,792	77	5,932,223	77	4,328,661	72	4,407,019	72
TOTALS		\$5,155,280	85	\$7,245,491	83	\$9,681,504	88	\$9,857,978	88	\$8,242,887	83	\$8,330,224	83
Funding Sources			% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total
Fund Balances		1,314,682	18.2%	2,057,630	25.3%	902,905	9.3%			902,905	11.0%		0
General Revenues		4,293,722	59.5%	4,277,221	52.5%	5,747,767	59.5%	5,916,184	60.1%	4,304,371	52.4%	4,383,527	52.8%
Special Revenues													
Federal Funds		40,848	0.6%	63,545	0.8%	41,342	0.4%	42,050	0.4%	41,342	0.5%	42,050	0.5%
Constitutional Officers Fund													
State Central Services Fund													
Contingency						1,318,703	13.6%	1,318,703	13.4%	1,318,703	16.0%	1,318,703	15.9%
Cash Funds		1,563,658	21.7%	1,750,000	21.4%	1,653,762	17.2%	2,565,002	26.1%	1,651,276	20.1%	2,562,452	30.8%
Merit Adjustment Funds													
Total Funding		7,212,910	100.0%	8,148,396	100.0%	9,664,479	100.0%	9,841,939	100.0%	8,218,597	100.0%	8,306,732	100.0%
Excess Appro./ (Funding)		(2,057,630)		(902,905)		17,025		16,039		24,290		23,492	
TOTAL		\$5,155,280		\$7,245,491		\$9,681,504		\$9,857,978		\$8,242,887		\$8,330,224	
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Educational Television			Susan Howarth						BR 40				

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ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
2001 - 2003**

The Arkansas Educational Television Division is requesting Base Level which includes a pay plan increase of 2.6% each year over the FY01 salary levels, with related Personal Services Matching costs. This cash funded appropriation includes 10 Regular Salary positions, 36 Extra Help positions, supporting Maintenance and Operations Expenses and Resale.

Cash funds are received primarily from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and from production contracts with other state agencies. Cash funds are anticipated to increase with the opening of the new AETN/UCA complex. None of the Foundation funds are deposited for use with this appropriation.

Change Level requests, for Capital Outlay, total \$525,000 each year. This request is made to allow the agency to use any grant funds received for operations and for conversion from analog to digital.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

AGENCY	APPROPRIATION	CASH FUND	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST	PAGE
Name: Department of Education Educational Television Division	Name: Cash Operations	Name: Educational Television Cash		
Code: 516	Code: A50	Code: 151	BR20	109

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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----01-02 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----02-03 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	99-00	00-01	00-01	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO							01-02	02-03	01-02	02-03
REGULAR SALARIES	134,480	261,966	352,474	270,364	2,111	272,475	277,392	2,165	279,557	270,364	277,392		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	7	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	10		
EXTRA HELP	3,503	5,070	61,401	5,070	0	5,070	5,070	0	5,070	5,070	5,070		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	36	36	36	0	36	36	0	36	36	36		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	45,027	73,276	115,880	77,913	373	78,286	79,156	383	79,539	77,911	79,154		
OPERATING EXPENSES	528,159	1,456,393	1,123,193	1,122,093	0	1,122,093	1,122,093	0	1,122,093	1,122,093	1,122,093		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	35,814	115,875	86,944	86,944	0	86,944	86,944	0	86,944	86,944	86,944		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	28,848	348,799	348,799	348,799	0	348,799	348,799	0	348,799	348,799	348,799		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	42,522	525,346	0	0	525,000	525,000	0	525,000	525,000	525,000	525,000		
DATA PROCESSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
RESALE	1,539	118,000	118,000	118,000	0	118,000	118,000	0	118,000	118,000	118,000		
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	818	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	820,710	2,904,725	2,206,691	2,029,183	527,484	2,556,667	2,037,454	527,548	2,565,002	2,554,181	2,562,452		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES	1,314,682	2,057,630	*****	902,905		902,905				902,905			
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS	1,563,658	1,750,000	*****	1,126,278	527,484	1,653,762	2,037,454	527,548	2,565,002	1,651,276	2,562,452		
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	2,878,340	3,807,630	*****	2,029,183	527,484	2,556,667	2,037,454	527,548	2,565,002	2,554,181	2,562,452		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)	(2,057,630)	(902,905)	*****										
TOTAL	820,710	2,904,725	*****	2,029,183	527,484	2,556,667	2,037,454	527,548	2,565,002	2,554,181	2,562,452		

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 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS
 FUND 151 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CASH(516)

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Appropriation was established through the authority of the DFA Cash Holding Account

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PROGRAM/SERVICE INFORMATION LIST

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01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----2001 - 03 BIENNIAL REQUESTS-----						-----RECOMMENDATIONS-----					
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 2001 - 02		FY 2002 - 03		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
					99-00	00-01	REQUEST	REQUEST	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03						
000		151	516 A50	B	820,710 7	2,904,725 10	2,029,183 10				2,037,454 10				2,029,181 10	2,037,452 10		
001		151	516 A50 030 ENGINEERING	C01			225,000 0				225,000 0				225,000	225,000		
<p>AETN anticipates receipt of grants to help fund regular operations and capital outlay as the network converts from analog to digital technology. The Federal Communications Commission has mandated that the conversion be completed by May 1, 2003. This request is for authorization to spend any cash fund earnings as needed on equipment.</p>																		
002		151	516 A50 A99 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	C08			300,000 0				300,000 0				300,000	300,000		
<p>AETN anticipates receipt of grants to help fund communications equipment purchases as the agency moves into a new building addition in late 2000, as conversion from analog to digital technology is phased in to meet a FCC mandate by 2003, and as programs and services are made 95% accessible to the less-abled citizens to meet FCC and ADA mandates by 2006.</p>																		

DEPT 014 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS
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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		2001 - 03 BIENNIUM REQUESTS				RECOMMENDATIONS							
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 2001 - 02		FY 2002 - 03		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
					99-00	00-01	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03				
003		151	516 A50 030 ENGINEERING	C11			2,484 0			2,548 0								

AETN is requesting one class code upgrade which will move three positions from grade 21 to 23. The upgrade is needed to solve recruitment and retention problems in the TV Curriculum Utilization Coordinator positions. AETN's coordinators are paid less than the teachers from which applicants are recruited. AETN's coordinators earn less than most of the professionals they train. AETN cannot effectively recruit qualified applicants or even match the pay they currently command in the schools, regional educational cooperatives, and in the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). For these reasons AETN requests that the TV Curriculum Utilization Coordinator/E064 positions be upgraded to help recruit, retain and provide equity to similar positions for qualified employees.

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 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS
 FUND 151 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CASH(516)

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Contingency appropriation was authorized during the 82nd General Assembly for the new AETN/UCA complex. At the time the budget request was formulated discussions were still being held to determine how much financial support would be required of AETN, UCA, and the City of Conway. In order to have sufficient appropriation to meet the needs of the new complex, this Contingency appropriation is requested to be continued.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

AGENCY Name: Department of Education Educational Television Division Code: 516	APPROPRIATION Name: AETN Contingency Code: B93	TREASURY FUND Name: AETN Contingency Code: 516	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST BR20	PAGE 113
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----		00-01	-----01-02 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----02-03 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	99-00	00-01	AUTHORIZED	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	APPRO							01-02	02-03	01-02	02-03
CONTINGENCY	0	0	1,318,703	0	1,318,703	1,318,703	0	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703		
TOTAL	0	0	1,318,703	0	1,318,703	1,318,703	0	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
CONTINGENCY			*****		1,318,703	1,318,703		1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703		
TOTAL FUNDING			*****		1,318,703	1,318,703		1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
TOTAL			*****		1,318,703	1,318,703		1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703	1,318,703		

DEPT 014 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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 APPRO B93 AETN CONTINGENCY
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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	-----2001 - 03 BIENNIIUM REQUESTS-----				-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----					
					-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----FY 2001 - 02-----		-----FY 2002 - 03-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----	
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	REQUEST	REQUEST	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03		
		99-00	00-01											
001		516	516 B93 010 ADMINISTRATION	C01			1,318,703 0	1,318,703 0		1,318,703	1,318,703			

AETN requests the continuation of Contingency appropriation shown in section 10 of Act 435 of 1999 "to be payable from AETN's accounts for any program designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for use in responding to emerging needs resulting from the construction of the AETN/UCA Complex" and the FCC mandated transition to DTV.

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 APPRO B93 AETN CONTINGENCY
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This federally funded appropriation is for the purpose of assisting in the creation of a satellite distance learning network infrastructure. Funds are received from the U.S. Department of Commerce Telecommunications Information and Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP).

Included in the Base Level is one position and Extra Help. The Base Level includes a pay plan increase of 2.6% each year over the FY01 salary level. The agency requests the Base Level only.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

AGENCY Name: Department of Education Educational Television Division Code: 516	APPROPRIATION Name: Digital Satellite Network Code: 1JQ	TREASURY FUND Name: Educational Television Code: FHC	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST BR20	PAGE 116
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----01-02 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----02-03 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	99-00	00-01	00-01	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED							APPRO	LEVEL	REQUEST	LEVEL
REGULAR SALARIES	6,286	22,580	23,031	23,166	0	23,166	23,768	0	23,768	23,166	23,768		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1		
EXTRA HELP	10,254	10,320	10,320	10,320	0	10,320	10,320	0	10,320	10,320	10,320		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	6,134	7,398	8,557	7,856	0	7,856	7,962	0	7,962	7,856	7,962		
OPERATING EXPENSES	164	0	90,640	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	2,265	0	9,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,745	23,247	188,995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DATA PROCESSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	40,848	63,545	330,543	41,342	0	41,342	42,050	0	42,050	41,342	42,050		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS	40,848	63,545	*****	41,342		41,342	42,050		42,050	41,342	42,050		
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	40,848	63,545	*****	41,342		41,342	42,050		42,050	41,342	42,050		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
TOTAL	40,848	63,545	*****	41,342		41,342	42,050		42,050	41,342	42,050		

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**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
2001 - 2003**

Arkansas Educational Television is Arkansas' only statewide television network, with five transmitter sites and ten microwave sites, bringing the AETN broadcast signal to 90% of the state.

AETN's satellite uplink and second studio help produce and transmit teleconferences, training, and electronic town meetings to Emergency Services, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of State.

In order to meet FCC mandates, AETN is planning to convert its broadcast network from analog to digital transmission by the year 2003, providing an increase in the quality of programs and services available to Arkansas.

Arkansas Educational Television is requesting a Base Level for this General Revenue appropriation, which provides for the general operations of the Agency and includes a pay plan increase of 2.6% over the FY01 salary levels with related Personal Services Matching costs. The Change Level requests can be primarily addressed in three areas: The new AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex, which is approximately 40,000 sq. ft. The agency is requesting about \$621,000 to meet the needs of this new building; Conversion from Analog to Digital is a major focus of AETN and this request represents approximately \$366,000; Compliance with ADA regulations is a concern for the agency and a request in the amount of approximately \$185,000 is made to address these issues. Various personnel requests are also made, including five additional positions associated with the new complex and the conversion from analog to digital, CLIP, upgrade and reclass requests.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Base Level and the CLIP request for the Systems Coordination Analyst. Contingency appropriation (B93) was recommended to address the needs of the new AETN/UCA complex and the conversion process. AETN is aggressively soliciting grants to supplement state funds to meet the challenges facing them in this time of rapidly changing technology.

AGENCY	APPROPRIATION	TREASURY FUND	ANALYSIS OF	PAGE
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----01-02 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----02-03 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	99-00	00-01	00-01	CHANGE		TOTAL	CHANGE		TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	LEVEL	REQUEST	BASE	LEVEL	REQUEST	01-02	02-03	01-02	02-03
REGULAR SALARIES	2,356,502	2,478,760	2,494,328	2,550,766	188,846	2,739,612	2,617,087	193,755	2,810,842	2,556,805	2,623,283		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	77	72	72	72	5	77	72	5	77	72	72		
EXTRA HELP	942	1,962	1,966	1,962	20,000	21,962	1,962	20,000	21,962	1,962	1,962		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	0	5	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	5		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	683,388	643,015	714,293	665,184	49,790	714,974	677,033	50,667	727,700	666,410	678,290		
OPERATING EXPENSES	1,140,632	1,067,728	1,117,728	1,067,728	969,760	2,037,488	1,067,728	1,090,235	2,157,963	1,067,728	1,067,728		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	5,287	5,300	5,300	5,300	23,000	28,300	5,300	23,000	28,300	5,300	5,300		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	29,409	30,456	30,456	30,456	95,000	125,456	30,456	80,000	110,456	30,456	30,456		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	74,062	50,000	0	0	97,000	97,000	0	75,000	75,000	0	0		
DATA PROCESSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	4,293,722	4,277,221	4,364,071	4,321,396	1,443,396	5,764,792	4,399,566	1,532,657	5,932,223	4,328,661	4,407,019		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
END BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	4,293,722	4,277,221	*****	4,304,371	1,443,396	5,747,767	4,383,527	1,532,657	5,916,184	4,304,371	4,383,527		
ECTRAL REVENUES			*****										
DERAL FUNDS			*****										
ATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
N-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
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TOTAL FUNDING	4,293,722	4,277,221	*****	4,304,371	1,443,396	5,747,767	4,383,527	1,532,657	5,916,184	4,304,371	4,383,527		
LESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****	17,025		17,025	16,039		16,039	29,290	23,492		
TOTAL	4,293,722	4,277,221	*****	4,321,396	1,443,396	5,764,792	4,399,566	1,532,657	5,932,223	4,328,661	4,407,019		

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Budgeted exceeds Authorized due to transfers from Contingency.

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					---ACTUAL--- --BUDGETED---		-----FY 2001 - 02-----			-----FY 2002 - 03-----			-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----			
					99-00	00-01	-----REQUEST-----			-----REQUEST-----			2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03		
000		EHA	516 199	B	4,293,722 77	4,277,221 72	4,321,396 72			4,399,566 72			4,328,661 72	4,407,019 72				
001		EHA	516 199 030 ENGINEERING	C01			342,004 0			342,004 0								
<p>AETN's 40,000 square foot building addition will be part of a 160,000 square foot AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex also housing the University of Central Arkansas' Mass Communications Department, the City of Conway's Conference Center and the Reynold's 1200 seat Performance Hall. Completion of the construction is estimated for late 2000. AETN's portion will feature enhanced studio space, a state-of-the-art educational telecommunications training laboratory, and improved production and editing facilities. The overall complex will be wired for AETN broadcasting and satellite uplinking. It will allow AETN to increase and improve educational services to Arkansans. Authorization and funding are needed to operate the expanded capacity of this telecommunications complex.</p>																		
001		EHA	516 199 040 LEARNING SERVICES	C01			110,126 1			108,462 1								
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					ACTUAL 99-00	BUDGETED 00-01	FY 2001 - 02 REQUEST	FY 2002 - 03 REQUEST	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE								
001		EMA	516 199 080 OPERATIONS	C01			168,530 1		166,866 1										
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002		EMA	516 199 A99 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	C09			1,028 0		1,054 0										
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002		EMA	516 199 010 ADMINISTRATION	C09			0 0		0 0										
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					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 2001 - 02		FY 2002 - 03				EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE			
					99-00	00-01	REQUEST	REQUEST	2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03						
002		EMA	516 199 020 PRODUCTION	C09			3,444					3,535						
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002		EMA	516 199 040 LEARNING SERVICES	C09			0					0						
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002		EMA	516 199 050 COMMUNICATIONS	C09			0					0						
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					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	-----FY 2001 - 02-----			-----FY 2002 - 03-----			-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----			
					99-00	00-01	-----REQUEST-----			-----REQUEST-----			2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03		
002		EMA	516 199 080 OPERATIONS	C09			2,762					2,834						
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003		EMA	516 199 010 ADMINISTRATION	C10			5,266					5,408						
<p>AETN requests reclasses of six job classifications which are critical to AETN's mission and growth in the 2001-2003 biennium. AETN will be: 1) expanding into a new building and enhancing services to the state in late 2000; 2) converting to digital technology to meet a FCC mandate by 2003, and 3) making services 95% accessible to the less abled to meet a FCC mandate by 2006. Career Ladders are not available for these positions. With the additional demands summarized above AETN's staff needs to be appropriately classified and compensated to not only maintain but expand services.</p>																		
003		EMA	516 199 040 LEARNING SERVICES	C10			3,455					3,546						
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					ACTUAL 99-00	BUDGETED 00-01	FY 2001 - 02		FY 2002 - 03		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
							REQUEST	REQUEST						2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	
003		EMA	516 199 080 OPERATIONS	C10			4,829 0					4,953 0						
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004		EMA	516 199 040 LEARNING SERVICES	C11			5,731 0					5,883 0						
<p>AETN is requesting one class code upgrade which will move three positions from grade 21 to 23. The upgrade is needed to solve recruitment and retention problems in the TV Curriculum Utilization Coordinator positions. AETN's coordinators are paid less than the teachers from which applicants are recruited. AETN's coordinators earn less than most of the professionals they train. AETN cannot effectively recruit qualified applicants or even match the pay they currently command in the schools, regional educational cooperatives, and in the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). For these reasons AETN requests that the TV Curriculum Utilization Coordinator/E064 positions be upgraded to help recruit, retain and provide equity to similar positions for qualified employees.</p>																		
005		EMA	516 199 A99 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	C02			79,477 1					81,465 1						
<p>The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all broadcasters convert from the current analog transmission systems to the new digital television technology (DTV) by May 1, 2003. AETN must reinforce 15 towers to handle the additional weight of digital transmission equipment, and simultaneously maintain the current analog equipment until 85% of the market can access the new digital signal. Five transmitters, 10 microwaves, origination and production equipment will be added to AETN's infrastructure. A 6th transmitter application is also pending with the FCC to build a new tower at El Dorado to serve SE Arkansas. AETN requests funds for increased operating expenses to maintain the additional equipment. Failure to install DTV by deadline, and to maintain both old and new technologies, will cost AETN its broadcast licenses.</p>																		

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					ACTUAL 99-00	BUDGETED 00-01	-----FY 2001 - 02-----		-----FY 2002 - 03-----				-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----			
							REQUEST	REQUEST						2001-02	2002-03	2001-02	2002-03	
005		EMA	516 199 030 ENGINEERING	C02			366,000 0					489,000 0						
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006		EMA	516 199 080 OPERATIONS	C03			184,425 1					169,091 1						
<p>The Federal Communications' Commission (FCC) has set a deadline of 2006 for broadcasters to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and make programs 95% accessible to the less abled. AETN requests operations funding to caption our local productions for hearing impaired viewers, and to adequately respond to other citizens' special needs. Also proposed are minimal operations support for the Arkansas Radio Reading Services for the Blind (RRSB) which will relocate to AETN's expanded facility in early 2001. RRSB provides informational services to thousands of Arkansans who are unable to read. The service is provided on a sub-channel of AETN's broadcast network and is vitally important to blind and visually impaired Arkansans.</p>																		
007		EMA	516 199 A99 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	C08			166,319 1					148,556 1						
<p>To meet requirements of Arkansas Code 25-4-119(d), AETN's computer technology needs are listed in change level 08. A separate technology plan is submitted to the Arkansas Department of Information Services detailing implementation schedules, resources, and needs for AETN's move into a new 40,000 sq. ft. building addition, the FCC mandate to convert from analog to digital technology by 2003, and the FCC mandate to make all programming 95% accessible to the less-abled citizens by 2006.</p>																		

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