



Lubbock, Texas (May 15, 2020) – LEARN is excited to announce that Todd Horkman has been selected as the organization’s second Chief Technology Officer, effective May 18, 2020.

Horkman brings over 30 years of diverse experience to LEARN. Horkman has a wide range of knowledge and experience in information security, cloud and software engineering, wide area and data centers networking, and with large scale systems and network design.

Horkman has proven experience leading teams and managing large-scale projects. He is well-known for creating a collaborative culture, designing and implementing solutions to challenges, and bringing an ingenious spirit to each position he has held during his career.

“Todd is a seasoned leader and has decades of experience managing complex environments. He has developed a strong background in solving similar challenges faced by the LEARN community. Todd’s expertise will add to LEARN’s talent pool and will further serve the needs of our members. Todd will be part of my executive team and we look forward to developing opportunities to innovate, grow, and derive the most value from our statewide network,” said Akbar Kara, President and CEO at LEARN.

LEARN (The Lonestar Education And Research Network) is a consortium of 43 organizations throughout Texas that includes public and private institutions of higher education, community colleges, libraries, the National Weather Service, and the K-12 public schools. The consortium, organized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, connects its members and over 500 affiliated organizations through high performance optical and IP network services to support their research, education, healthcare and public service missions. LEARN is also a leading member of the national community of advanced research networks, providing Texas connectivity to national and international research and education networks, enabling cutting-edge research that is increasingly dependent upon sharing large volumes of electronic data.