ARE-ON is a high-speed fiber-based optical communications network and associated applications established and operated by a consortium of public four-year universities in Arkansas. ARE-ON is governed by the presidents and chancellors of participating institutions, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

- ARE-ON is an ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSET of the State created by the public, four-year institutions of higher education, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the University of Arkansas’ Division of Agriculture.

- ARE-ON is a collaborative environment that empowers each institution to leverage the unique and agile capabilities of high performance networking and computing for RESEARCH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

- ARE-ON is a link between the CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES in the State and the GLOBAL RESEARCH and EDUCATION COMMUNITY.

- ARE-ON is a member of the NATIONAL RESEARCH and EDUCATION NETWORK FAMILY that shares resources across many states to increase access to technology investments while being mindful of cost savings.

- ARE-ON is a UNIFYING ORGANIZATION dedicated to leveraging current and evolving technologies for the COLLECTIVE BENEFIT of Arkansans.

- CREATIVE MINDS + ADVANCED CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE = ARE-ON

- ARE-ON + INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS = ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ARE-ON focuses its strategic initiatives, operational objectives and tactical goals and events on four Core Agendas:

1) Research Agenda (basic and applied)

2) Academic Agenda (scaling advanced cyber infrastructure across the curriculum)

3) Telemedicine and Telehealth (applying advanced cyber infrastructure to healthcare in support of UAMS)

4) Emergency Preparedness (integrating advanced cyber infrastructure into the process of planning and implementation of training and education related to Emergency Preparedness/Management programs in higher education and beyond as appropriate.

Each Core agenda is directly allied with ongoing, quantifiable statewide needs. ARE-ON represents a critical component of the higher education mission to be both a cultural and economic engine for the state of Arkansas. **General Revenue Request:** The recommended need of $1,350,758 (FY14), $1,381,825 (FY15) for ARE-ON would be applied toward maintenance and operation of the expanded network facilities and at least (1) additional engineer.