



## Robert Laughlin Meeting Notes

### Meeting

- Date: 2/10/04
- Location: Conference call
- P21: Diny Golder, Susan Saltrick

### Expert/advisor contact info

- Key contact name: Robert McLaughlin
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### OBJECTIVES

- Purpose: consider opportunities for collaboration

### KEY MESSAGES relating to:

- Robert noted his experience as an Eisenhower Regional Coordinator. Felt frustration at “frisbeeing” out research, saw need for a better dissemination method. From this experience came the NICI initiative which is developing portals for various educational orgs, including NSDC, ISTE, NYC Dept of Ed, etc
- Goal of NICI is to help schools find the resources they need. NICI portals are not a distraction from partners sites, but serve as an organizational tool
- NICI is an open source app that affords an expert community a quick & easy way to upload content and point to other content they regard as exemplary
- ISTE’s Essential Conditions are used as the organizational scheme
- NICI only working with non-profits, and cost is free.

### FOLLOW UP

- Resources/links: [http://www.nici-mc2.org/NICI\\_MC2\\_home.htm](http://www.nici-mc2.org/NICI_MC2_home.htm)
  - Within the NDSC Professional Development portal, note the self-assessment tool for leaders to evaluate their staff development practices -- this could be a good highlighted example for Step 5 and for Leading and Managing section of the MILE guide.
- Next Steps: Diny to spend more time on his web site, come up with some ideas for collaboration. Will talk again then.