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Pankaj M. Shah Selected as LEARN's President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dallas, Texas – Pankaj Shah, currently the Executive Director of the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet) and Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC), has been selected to serve as the President and CEO of the Lonestar Education And Research Network (LEARN). His selection was announced today by Joe Gargiulo, Associate Vice President and CIO at Southern Methodist University and Chair of the LEARN Board of Directors. Shah will assume the position of President and CEO on January 1, 2016.



Pankaj Shah

In making the announcement, Gargiulo said, "The Board of Directors is pleased that Pankaj Shah will become LEARN's next President and CEO. Pankaj is a visionary national leader in the research and education community who possesses a unique combination of experience and passion that makes him the ideal person to assume our CEO position. We look forward to Pankaj leading LEARN, and we are eager to welcome him and his family to Texas and to our community."

"I am looking forward to building strong collaborations and partnerships in Texas with the help of the LEARN community. This will enable us to achieve LEARN's vision of leadership in creating global networking initiatives" said Pankaj Shah.

Shah comes to Texas after directing a very successful broadband and supercomputing program in Ohio.

About LEARN:

The Lonestar Education And Research Network is a consortium of 39 organizations throughout Texas that includes public and private institutions of higher education, community colleges, the National Weather Service, and K-12 public schools. The consortium, organized as a 501(c)(3), connects these organizations, and over 650 affiliated organizations, together with high performance advanced network services to support their research, education, healthcare and public service missions. LEARN is also a part of a national community of research optical networks, and provides Texas connectivity to the national and international research and education networks.

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