The Video Conferencing Project will implement full time availability for video conferencing between NM Department of Corrections locations to facilitate parole hearings, family visitations, training, meetings, re-entry hearings, and court hearings without the burden and cost associated with transporting staff, offenders, or other personnel or equipment.

Phase I FY05 NMCD conducted pilots
Phase II Implementation of Video Conferencing used on limited basis:
- Parole Hearings
- Family Visitations
- Training Sessions
- Staff Meetings
- Re-entry Hearings
- Court Hearings

Video training has provided
- Ability to reach 2,300 staff state wide to train quickly.
- Positive impact on staff time and travel expenses
  - Offender incentive for good behavior
  - Video Parole hearings

Issues project addresses
- Limited video conferencing sessions at off peak hours
- Data network must be maintained core system CMIS which tracks 26,000 offenders.
- Data network supports over 2000 Personal Computers
- Onsite/offsite servers that support approximately 1800 users

Initiation Phase activities will include exploring DoIT Infrastructure resources and activities as NMCD understands current DoIT infrastructure actives may provide a potential opportunity to the project and the state.