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Subject: Reminder - Northwestern central modem pools will be retired by August 2005

You are receiving this message because it is relevant to your Internet access. This is a quarterly reminder message we are sending to modem pool users of the past 90 days.

In August 2005, Northwestern University will shut down its central modem pools. This will affect users who are currently dialing into 847-467-2300, 847-467-6000, 847-467-7569, or 312-503-0391 for access to the Internet. This plan was announced in August 2003 and is described at http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/end_modems.html.

You will still be able to communicate to the University network with a modem and telephone line, but to do so you will need to purchase Internet access from a commercial access provider. Once you have Internet access, you will access University services and sites with only minor changes to your software configurations. NU Information Technology recommends that you investigate broadband communication alternatives such as cable and DSL service. This change is discussed at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/reference/modem/retirement.html>.

These quarterly messages will continue until January 2005, when they will become monthly to the users of the then past 30 days. You will receive a reminder message each quarter until you have not used the University modem pool for the prior 90 days. Thank you for your understanding of our need to communicate to you.

Modem pool users are encouraged to investigate DSL or cable modem Internet access; see <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/dsl-and-cable/> for information.

For a limited description of local dial-up Internet access alternatives, see <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/reference/modem/alternative.html>

Persons who travel should consult NUIT recommendations published in June 2003 at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/reference/modem/traveler.html>.

We continue to negotiate with DSL and cable modem providers for special discounts to University faculty, staff and students; however, the providers are not currently interested in creating suitable offers.

If you have questions, please send them to modem-retirement@northwestern.edu.