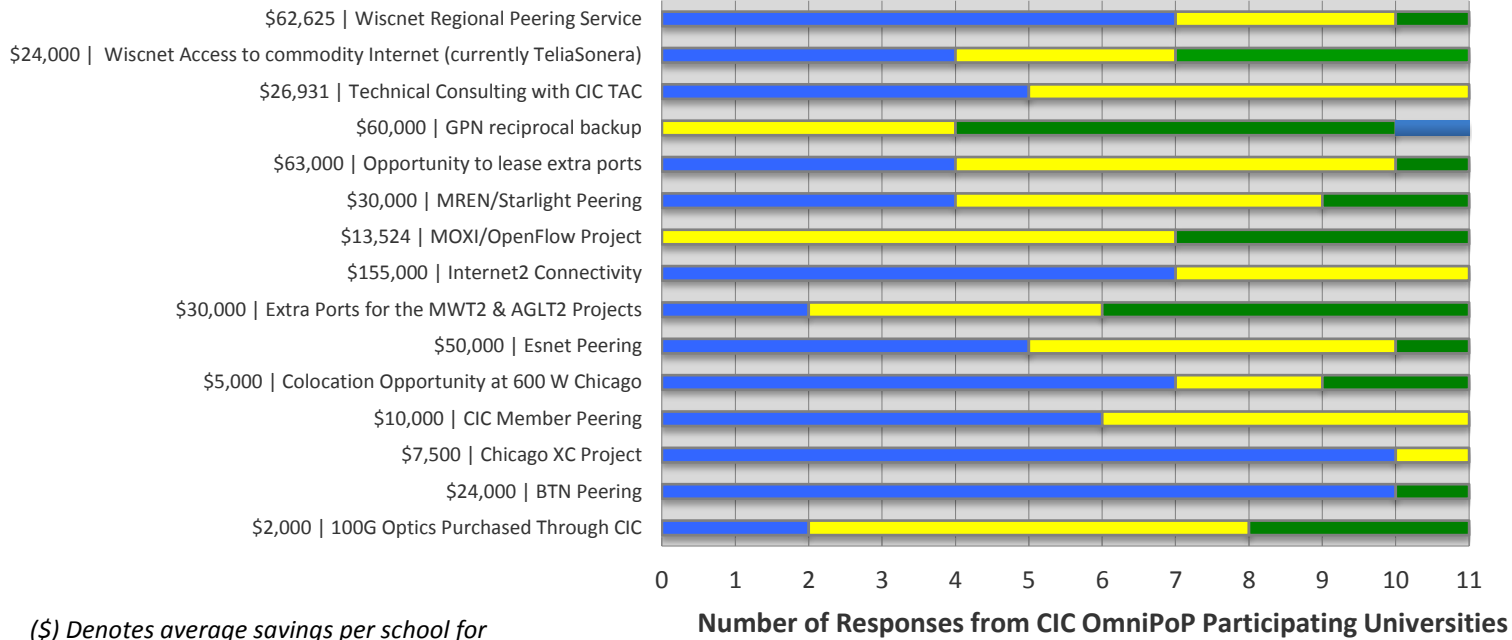


# OmniPoP Value to CIC Members FY14-15



## Rating Scale:

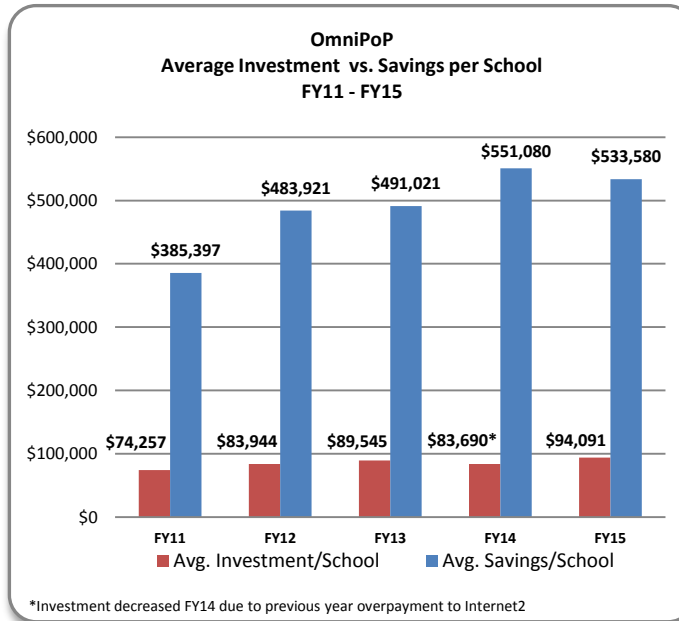
- Essential Service:** Would need to be replaced or otherwise secured if not for OmniPoP
- Value-added Service:** Adds value, redundancy, capacity, etc. and/or may reduce overall campus networking costs; However, if not for OmniPoP, this service may not be replaced unless very cost-effective or otherwise attractive alternative was available.
- Currently Unneeded Service:** This service is not being used by some members because it is not yet needed.
- Could find more affordable option:** Essential or Value-added service that could be found more affordably than OmniPoP if service needed to be replaced.

"OmniPoP provides a lot of value and makes service acquisition much easier and more affordable. We greatly appreciate all the effort and thoughtfulness that goes into the operation and the spirit of collaboration."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member

"[Our] connection to the CIC OmniPoP service provides us with high speed access to regional, national, and global network resources that would be extremely expensive should we have to pursue direct connections on our own. The CIC Colocation space at 600W Chicago Ave will provide us with a resilient point of presence in downtown Chicago. Purchasing colocation services from an outside vendor would likely have been cost prohibitive."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member

"...OmniPoP is in the center of all of [our] collaborations. It facilitates the technical interconnections, cost sharing, and people networking necessary for us to accomplish much more than we could alone. Without OmniPoP, [we] would have to co-locate [our] own equipment in Chicago..."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member

"The OmniPoP resources continue to be a highly valued asset, critical in maintaining cost-effective connections to regional and national networks."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member



"The CIC OmniPoP provides the organizational, technical, & physical underpinnings for our primary connectivity to the world. We'd be hard-pressed to get similar functionality outside of the OmniPoP."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member

"CIC OmniPoP provides us with peering options that would be difficult to build and sustain on our own. It also gives us opportunities to build a robust network infrastructure to provide highly available services to our customers. Through CIC OmniPoP collaboration we are able to facilitate high speed research networking, such as connectivity to partner US-ATLAS Midwest Tier 2 institutions. We are in the process of taking advantage of the colocation opportunity at 600 W Chicago and 100 Gbps ports to provide world-class networking to the high performance computing resources that our campus has to offer. Access to Internet2 CPS and WiscNet RPS services have been a cost-effective way for us to meet the rising Internet traffic demands of our students, faculty, and staff."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member

"The CIC fiber and location at 600 W.Chicago was essential in allowing us to build a diverse pathway out of our campus at a very reasonable cost. WRIPS and backup Internet2 connectivity are an important part of our diverse connectivity planning in terms of minimizing noticeable impact in the event of failure."  
-CIC OmniPoP TAC Member