

CHAPEL HILL, February 18, 2011–With funds from the GENI Project Office (GPO) distributed through Stanford University, RENCi and its Triangle area university partners recently received five OpenFlow-enabled network switches valued at \$3,000 per unit.

The donation is meant to help campuses create or expand their OpenFlow networks for both research and production uses.

The switches will be deployed on campuses and in the Points of Presence of RENCi's Breakable Experimental Network (BEN), a regional optical network test bed used for experiments with disruptive networking technologies.

The OpenFlow switches will be connected to BEN and will enable new cutting-edge networking research and educational opportunities at UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University and Duke University. They will be installed over the next few weeks at the BEN PoPs at RENCi and UNC Chapel Hill and in laboratories and facilities of the computer science departments at Duke, UNC Chapel Hill and NC State.

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