The NT Government will contribute more than $2.6 million to an initiative which will see remote Territory students given access to Interactive Distance eLearning, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said it was announced today that Optus had successfully bid to implement the $17 million program across isolated areas of the Territory and rural NSW.

"The NT Government is proud to support this fantastic initiative with cash and in kind support," Mr Stirling said.

"It will see Interactive Distance eLearning teaching studios set up in Darwin and Alice Springs and two-way satellite communications infrastructure established for rural communities and isolated homesteads across the whole Territory.

"Distance education lessons will then be delivered via 150 two-way satellite sites across remote areas of the NT.

"While the final selection of sites is yet to be determined, students at Community Education Centres, rural communities and School of the Air will benefit enormously from this initiative.

"There will be primary, secondary and vocational courses available, including courses that are currently difficult or impossible to provide to remote students.

"TAFE courses on offer will be relevant to remote area students, while Indigenous education courses will focus on such things as literacy, numeracy and communication skills."

Mr Stirling said the NT program was a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and Territory Governments and would be delivered by Optus and the NT Department of Employment, Education and Training.