Organization:	**City of Boston**
Project Name:	**Boston Sustainable Broadband Adoption (BSBA)**
Project Type:	**Sustainable Broadband Adoption**
State:	**Massachusetts**
Federal Award:	**$4,312,476**

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **City of Boston's** Department of Information Technology proposes a partnership with city nonprofit foundations and agencies to increase broadband adoption in low-income areas. The project proposes to focus on public middle and high school students and their families, senior housing residents, and the unemployed by making subsidized computer equipment and training available to increase broadband adoption. The project intends to implement three broadband-adoption programs: (1) Technology Goes Home, a school-based family computer distribution and education program that will provide 15 hours of digital literacy training to students and their families across 52 public middle and high schools; (2) Connected Living, a computer education program tailored toward seniors living in public housing developments including specialized content, group classes, and peer training; (3) Online Learning Readiness, an intensive 12-week, 240-hour digital workforce skills training program for unemployed residents.

The Boston Sustainable Broadband Adoption project also proposes to:

- Provide computer skills and broadband training to as many as 4,200 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 110,000 training hours focusing on online connectivity, career building, community resources, and education.

- Leverage the City's Round One BTOP Public Computer Center award to expand computer and Internet capacity at the city's main library and 25 branches, 16 community centers, and 11 public housing sites.

- Enable Technology Goes Home and Online Learning Readiness participants to purchase subsidized netbooks for $50 after successfully completing their training programs. Connected Living participants will be afforded the opportunity to obtain free desktop workstations with adaptive equipment to facilitate computer use for seniors.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Boston Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) provides hardware and software information systems and technologies to enable city agencies to accomplish their respective missions. DoIT and partners have provided technology training and computer access in Boston public schools, public housing developments, and community centers for 11 years.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Timothy Smith Network
- Boston Public Schools
- Citizens Bank
- Children's Hospital
- Digital Bridge Foundation
- Intel Corp.

- Project RIGHT
- The Barr Foundation
- Microsoft Corporation
- MyWay Village, Inc.
- Boston Housing Authority