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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property aquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- 4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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| The Hunger | Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager |
| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION | DATE SUBMITTED |
| City of Brownsville | March 12, 2010 |

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| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION | DATE SUBMITTED |
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U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Authentication and Certifications

- 1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
- 2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
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- 5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receive under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
- 6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

| March 12, 2010 Date | Authorized Organization Representative Signature |
|------------------------|---|
| | Pete Gonzalez Print Name |
| | Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager Title |

BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Adoption Detailed Budget Template

Easy Grants ID: 6524 Applicant: Brownsville Public Library System Project Title: Connect Brownsville

| SF-424A Object Class Category | General | | | | Detail | | | • | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--------|
| | Position | i | Matching Support | Total | # of | Salary | % Time Spent | Quarters Employed | Total | |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0. | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | • | | |

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|---|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| b. Fringe Benefits - Include s and fringe rate. | alaries Position | Federal Support | Matching Support | Total | # of Positions | Salary | % Time Spent on Project | Fringe Rate | Total |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.0 | | | | \$0 | | | |
| | | | | \$0.0 | ю | | | 9.007.0 | \$0.0 |
| | | | | \$0.0 | 10 | | | | \$0.0 |
| | | | | \$0.0 | 10 | 1 | | | \$0.0 |
| S | ubtotal | ¢n c | 0 00 00 | | | | | | |

| c. Travel - For significant costs, | | | | | ī | I | | 1 | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| include details such as number and | | Federal | | Matching | | | | ! | - 1 |
| purpose of trips, destinations. | Purpose of Trip | Support | | Support | Total | # of Trips | Cost per Trip | Total | - 1 |
| N/A | N/A | | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 | | | · | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | 1 | | | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | ! | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | |

| d. Equipment Costs - List | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|------------|--------------|
| equipment with # of units and unit | | | | | | | |
| costs. Distinguish between | | | | | | | |
| equipment intended for applicant use | | Federal | Matching | | | | |
| versus equipment for the end user. | Equipment Description | 1 | | Total | #Units | Unit Cost | Total |
| Applicant Equipment | | | | | | | . 01.01 |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <u></u> | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| User Equipment | | | | | 100 | 16.1% | |
| Computers | Wireless Broadband Connection, Computers, Mobile Cart | \$266,561.00 | \$114,240.00 | \$380,801.00 | 230 | \$1,500.00 | \$380,801.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | \$266,561.00 | \$114,240.00 | \$380,801.00 | | | |

| e. Supplies - List costs associated with materials/printing, curriculum, translations, and other supplies | Description | | Federal Support | | Matching Support | T-4-1 | | | Unit Cost (if | | |
|---|-------------|------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| | N/A | | Support | \$0.00 | | Total 0.00 | \$0.00 | Applicable) 0 | Applicable) \$0.00 | Total | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> | | | | | | \$0.00 | | | | \$0.00 |

| | | | | \$0.00 | | 1 | \$0.00 |
|--|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Subtota | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| f. Contractual - List contractors with | | | | | T | 1 | |
| purpose of contract, hourly rate or | | Federal | Matching | | # Hours (If | Hourly Rate (If | |
| total fixed rate. | Contractor | Support | Support | Total | | Applicable) | Total Contract |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | <u> </u> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | Ī | | 1 | | |
| g. Construction - if applicable, list | | Federal | Matching | ! | | | |
| construction costs | Description | Support | Support | Total | | | |
| Remodeling | Expansion of Public Computer Center | \$571,369.40 | | | | | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | 1 | | |
| | | | | \$0.00 |] | | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | |
| Subtotal | | \$571,369.40 | \$244,872.60 | \$816,242.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| h. Other - List costs associated with | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| grant subrecipients as well as other | | | | | ļ | | i |
| costs not listed above such as rent, | | | | | | | |
| technology (website hosting, internet | | | | į | | i | |
| connection), advertising (TV, radio, | | Federal | Matching | | #Units (If | Unit Cost (If | |
| online), etc. | Description | | Support | Total | | Applicable) | Total |
| | | | | \$60,775.00 | , | | |
| Software and Training | Software and Training will be used for job placement, literacy, etc. | \$42,543.00 | \$18,232.00 | | | | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | \$0.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | \$42,543.00 | \$18,232.00 | \$60,775.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h) | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344,60 | \$1,257,818.00 | | | |
| | • | 3000,473.40 | | | | | |
| | | \$680,473.40 | | <u> </u> | | | |
| | | \$080,473.40 | | V1,201,810.05 | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges | | \$080,473.40 | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | \$080,473.40 | | | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges | | | | \$0.00 | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs | | | \$377,344.60 | \$0.00 | | | |
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| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$0.00 | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs Match Percentage | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$0.00 | | | |
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| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs Match Percentage Explanation of Indirect Charges | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$0.00 | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges Total Eligible Project Costs Match Percentage | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$0.00 | | | |
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BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Detailed Budget

Please complete the Detailed Budget, breaking out individual line items under each category heading (add rows to each section as necessary to accommodate your line items). Please ensure line item total columns in the "General" and "Detail" sections are equal for each line item (a ce with a yellow highlight indicates an inconsistency). Also, you may utilize the provided space for additional notes, if desired (there is also a Budget Narrative question in the application in which you w provide narrative detail on this budget).

Specifics needed for each cost category line item:

- Personnel: For each position, list the number of positions, the location or geography of position, the job/task responsibilities for the position, the annual salary, and the percent of time a person fil the position will spend working on the proposed BTOP project. For lines with more than one position, the Quarters Employed field should represent number of quarters per person (e.g., fc employees each working for one year, Quarters Employed should be 4 rather than 8).
- Fringe: For each position, note the number of positions, the annual salary, the percent of time a person filling this position will spend working on the proposed BTOP project, and the fringe rate applies the position. For lines with more than one position, the Quarters Employed field should represe number of quarters per person (e.g. for two employees each working for one year, Quarters Employed should be 4 rather than 8).
- Equipment: List all equipment units required for the project and provide program purpose. For each I item, note the number of units and the unit cost. The multiple of these two factors will yield th total for that line item. For example, an Applicant planning to buy 100 laptops at \$500/laptop whave a total line item cost of \$50,000. Again, although unit costs may include cents, once multiply the number of units, the result must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Clearly separa Applicant equipment and user equipment, as indicated in the detailed budget template. When providing the unit cost indicate whether the unit cost has been impacted by a discount and for software equipment list specific package names.
- Travel: For each trip list the program purpose of the trip, destination city and the number of people traveling. For each line item (e.g., trip), note the number of trips and the cost per trip. The multiplication of these two factors will yield the total for that line item. For example, if the Applicant was accounting for 10 trips at \$25 per trip, the total cost would be \$250. The cost per trip should be justified on its own, not derived by dividing the line item total by the number of trips. Such a calculation will prompt further inquiry from the reviewers about justification for the trip cost. Rather, the total trip cost should be derived from the number of trips times the justifiable cost trip.
- Supplies: Separate supplies by item type, describing the program purpose or use. For each line item, n the number of units and the nit costs. The multiple of these two factors will yield the total for t line item. For example, an Applicant planning to buy 20 boxes of printer paper at \$30/box wou have a total line item cost of \$600. Again, although unit costs may include cents, once multiplie the number of units, the result must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
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BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Adoption Detailed Budget Template

Easy Grants ID: Applicant: Project Title:

| SF-424A Object Class Category | General | | | | Detail | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| a. Personnel - List position, number of staff, annual salaries, % time spent on project | Position | | Matching Support | Total | # of Positions | | % Time Spent on Project | Quarters Employed | Total |
| | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0% | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
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| Subtotal | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | |

| b. Fringe Benefits - Include salaries and fringe rate. | Position | | Matching Support | | # of Positions | | % Time Spent | | Fringe Rate | Total |
|---|----------|--------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------|------|-------------|--------|
| | N/A | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | 0% | 0.00 | 0.00% | |
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| Subtotal | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | |

| c. Travel - For significant costs, include details such as number and | | Federal | | Matching | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|-----|----------|--------|------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| | Purpose of Trip | Support | | | Total | # of Trips | Cost per Trip | Total | |
| N/A | N/A | \$0. | .00 | \$0.00 | \$0 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
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| d. Equipment Costs - List equipment | | | | | | | |
| with # of units and unit costs. | | | | | | | |
| Distinguish between equipment | | | | | | | |
| intended for applicant use versus | | Federal | Matching | | | | |
| equipment for the end user. | Equipment Description | Support | Support | Total | #Units | Unit Cost | Total |
| Applicant Equipment | | | | | | | |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
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| User Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Computers | Wireless Broadband Connection, Computers, Mobile Cart | \$266,561.00 | \$114,240.00 | \$380,801 00 | 230 | \$1,500.00 | \$380,801.00 |
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| e. Supplies - List costs associated | | | | | | | | |
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| with materials/printing, curriculum, | | Federal | Matching | | #Units (If | Unit Cost (If | | |
| translations and other supplies | Description | Support | Support | Total | Applicable) | Applicable) | Total | |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |

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| f. Contractual - List contractors with purpose of contract, hourly rate or | | Federal | Matching | | # Hours (If | Hourly Rate (If | |
| total fixed rate. | Contractor | Support | Support | Total | Applicable) | Applicable) | Total Contract |
| N/A | N/A | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | 0 | \$0.00 |
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| g. Construction - If applicable, list construction costs | Description | Federal Support | Matching Support | Total | | | |
| Remodeling | Expansion of Public Computer Center | \$571,369.40 | | \$816,242 00 | 1 | | |
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| connection), advertising (TV, radio, | | Federal | Matching | | #Units (If | Unit Cost (If | |
| online), etc. | Description | Support | Support | Total | Applicable) | Applicable) | Total |
| | | | | \$60,775 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$60,775.00 |
| Software and Training | Software and Training will be used for job placement, literacy, etc. | \$42,543.00 | \$18,232.00 | | | | |
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| Subtotal | | \$42,543.00 | \$18,232.00 | \$60,775.00 | | | |
| | | | | | - | | |
| i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h) | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$1,257,818.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| j. Indirect Charges | | | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Eligible Project Costs | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$1,257,818.00 | | | |
| Match Percentage | | 30.0% | | | _ | | |
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| Explanation of Indirect Charges | | | | | | | |
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BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Detailed Budget

Please complete the Detailed Budget, breaking out individual line items under each category heading (add rows to each section as necessary to accommodate your line items). Please ensure line item total columns in the "General" and "Detail" sections are equal for each line item (a ce with a yellow highlight indicates an inconsistency). Also, you may utilize the provided space for additional notes, if desired (there is also a Budget Narrative question in the application in which you w provide narrative detail on this budget).

Specifics needed for each cost category line item:

- Personnel: For each position, list the number of positions, the location or geography of position, the job/task responsibilities for the position, the annual salary, and the percent of time a person fil the position will spend working on the proposed BTOP project. For lines with more than one position, the Quarters Employed field should represent number of quarters per person (e.g., fc employees each working for one year, Quarters Employed should be 4 rather than 8).
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- Travel: For each trip list the program purpose of the trip, destination city and the number of people traveling. For each line item (e.g., trip), note the number of trips and the cost per trip. The multiplication of these two factors will yield the total for that line item. For example, if the Applicant was accounting for 10 trips at \$25 per trip, the total cost would be \$250. The cost per trip should be justified on its own, not derived by dividing the line item total by the number of trips. Such a calculation will prompt further inquiry from the reviewers about justification for the trip cost. Rather, the total trip cost should be derived from the number of trips times the justifiable cost trip.
- Supplies: Separate supplies by item type, describing the program purpose or use. For each line item, n the number of units and the nit costs. The multiple of these two factors will yield the total for t line item. For example, an Applicant planning to buy 20 boxes of printer paper at \$30/box wou have a total line item cost of \$600. Again, although unit costs may include cents, once multiplie the number of units, the result must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
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BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Adoption Detailed Budget Template

Easy Grants ID: Applicant: Project Title:

| SF-424A Object Class Category | General | | | | Detail | | | | |
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| Personnel - List position, number of staff, annual salaries, % time spent on project | Position | | Matching Support | Total | # of Positions | | % Time Spent on Project | Quarters Employed | Total |
| | N/A | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0 00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0% | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
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| Subtotal | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | |

| b. Fringe Benefits - Include salaries | | Federal | Matching | | # of | | % Time Spent | Quarters | | |
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| and fringe rate. | Position | Support | Support | Total | Positions | Salary | on Project | Employed | Fringe Rate | Total |
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| intended for applicant use versus | | Federal | Matching | | | | |
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| online), etc. | Description | Support | Support | Total | Applicable) | Applicable) | Total |
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| Total Eligible Project Costs | | \$880,473.40 | \$377,344.60 | \$1,257,818.00 | | | |
| Match Percentage | | 30.0% | | | _ | | |
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March 11, 2010

Ref. No. GL:047:09/10

Secretary Gary Locke
United States Secretary of Commerce
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

Workforce Solutions – Cameron (Workforce) is committed to creating economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for citizens of Cameron County. As part of this endeavor, Workforce offers such services as work registration, job search info and career planning throughout four Workforce Center locations, two of which are located in Brownsville. Additionally, the Center provides outreach services through its Mobile Lab that services those living in the hardest-to-serve, remote areas rarely served through other career resource efforts.

We fully support the City of Brownsville's Public Library System efforts to submit an application requesting American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Federal Stimulus Funds that would enhance public computer and Internet access to a community struggling with historically high unemployment and poverty rates.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Gaylen Lange Executive Director

Workforce Solutions Cameron

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August 5, 2009

Secretary Gary Locke United States Secretary of Commerce Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230

RE: Certification of Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)

The City of Brownsville has reviewed the Public Computing Center Grant Application as prepared by the Brownsville Public Library System and accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

The Expansion of the Public Computing Center, purchase of new equipment, and the collaboration with United Way and the Brownsville Literacy Center will provide the necessary resources to assist the residents of Brownsville in enhancing their education, Broadband awareness and job skills required to obtain employment in this competitive job market.

The City of Brownsville Public Library System has In-Kind and budget funds allocated for the 20% or \$189,800.00 match as required by the BTOP.

Sincerely,

Charlie Cabler

City Manager

SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

March 10, 2010

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The Honorable Gary Locke Secretary United States Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230

RE: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Dear Secretary Locke:

I write in support of the City of Brownsville Public Library System's proposal for funds through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. If successful, the monies will be utilized to provide wireless data services that will establish connectivity between the Brownsville Public Library System Central Branch, the United Way of Southern Cameron County, the Mobile Literacy Center Bus and the Southmost Branch Library.

The City of Brownsville's Public Library System and their respective partners have provided quality services to thousands of residents in the area for many years and I commend them for taking the initiative to provide broadband technology which would spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth. I am confident that the City of Brownsville will manage a very successful program.

I wholeheartedly support the City of Brownsville in their commitment to provide broadband technology to residents in the region. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Solomon P. Ortiz Member of Congress

SPO:jm



March 12, 2010

James McCoy Assistant Director Public Information Services Department 2600 Ctrl Blvd Brownsville, TX 78520

Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building Dear Mr. McCoy:

P.O. Box 12927 Austin, Texas 78711-2927 The Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSALC) is pleased to support the Brownsville Public Library's Connect Brownsville application (EasyGrants ID# 6526) for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program Public Computer Center grant (BTOP PCC).

1201 Brazos Street Austin, Texas 78701 As we described in our BTOP application, the Commission will work very closely with the other Texas applicants of BTOP PCC grants to coordinate training of end-users and library staff, utilization of existing resources, and sharing of best practices. The agency will take on a convening role for Texas BTOP PCC grantees by hosting monthly online weblnars focused on sharing knowledge among the project participants and other entities that would benefit from such interaction.

www.tsl.state.tx.us

Commission Chairman Sandra J. Pickett

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Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd

Assistant State Librarian Edward Seidenberg Each of these applications has unique strengths and focuses on addressing needs by leveraging local or regional organizational capacity and partnerships in the most appropriate manner. TSLAC seeks to capitalize on working with each of the projects to draw on those unique strengths while also allowing each project to address needs in the manner determined locally. As awards are made, TSLAC will work with each of these organizations to further solidify the plans and coordinate efforts among participants to the greatest degree possible.

We look forward to working with you and supporting the Connect Brownsville project in the future.

Regards -

Peggy Rudd

Director and Librarian

Making information work



Brownsville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.

1235 E. Jefferson St. >> Brownsville, Texas 78520 >>

Literacy is the gateway to opportunity.

March 03, 2010

Gary Locke, Secretary
United States Secretary of Commerce
Office of the Secretary
U. S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Locke.

The Brownsville Literacy Center is committed to expanding adult literacy efforts and furthering the goal of bringing adult education to the public. As part of this endeavor, the Center has established a literacy classroom on wheels; which in essence, is a mobile lab built into a bus which houses twelve networked computer workstations equipped to take advantage of multimedia based curriculum. The mobile lab provides classes which reach the hardest-to-serve, remote areas rarely served through other educational efforts. Classes meet twice a week at neighborhoods throughout the city. Businesses, churches, schools and government organizations collaborate with the Center by referring adults in need of some of the following provided services: Resume Building, Job Search, Basic Math & Reading, GED Preparation, Keyboarding, and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes.

In the past, the Brownsville Literacy Center received grant funding that established the Mobile Literacy Lab — an outstanding service that has helped many in desperate need of reading and writing skills. Unfortunately, given the recession, funds are no longer available to maintain the equipment used in the Mobile Lab; and, the Center is facing having to discontinue services due to aging equipment that is in need of being replaced.

In continuation efforts, the Brownsville Literacy Center has partnered with the Brownsville Public Library System to submit an application requesting American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Federal Stimulus Funds that would enhance public computer and Internet access, improve literacy in measurable ways, teach English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes to serve students who are literate in their native language (Spanish for most students), and who wish to become literate in English to make them more competitive in the job marketplace.

If these funds are awarded, the Brownsville Literacy Center will receive 12 new computers, and upgraded broadband access, so that all of our community members can benefit from the services that most Americans need, such as easily searchable jobs resources, expansive health information, increasingly accessible government websites, Basic Math & Reading, GED Preparation, Keyboarding, and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate contact me at your earliest convenience.

Victor Rivera
Executive Director



Website: www.brownsvilleliteracycenter.org



Thursday, March 04, 2010

Secretary Gary Locke United States Secretary of Commerce Office of the Secretary U. S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Locke,

The Public Library Board is writing in full support of the Public Computing Center application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) submitted by the City of Brownsville Public Library System.

We acknowledge the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the Public Library Board desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program that will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers and access to Broadband, the Brownsville Public Library System will follow our goal of sustaining computing center services and programs, including maintaining or enhancing broadband service. The Public Library Board certifies that each library's public computing center will be free to the public, fully complying with all BTOP reporting requirements.

The Public Library Board is in full support of City of Brownsville Public Library System efforts to close the digital divide through adoption of broadband, and appreciates the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program's full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Rosie Gorena

Public Library Board President

Brownsville Public Library System



March 11, 2010

Ref. No. GL:047:09/10

Secretary Gary Locke
United States Secretary of Commerce
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

Workforce Solutions – Cameron (Workforce) is committed to creating economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for citizens of Cameron County. As part of this endeavor, Workforce offers such services as work registration, job search info and career planning throughout four Workforce Center locations, two of which are located in Brownsville. Additionally, the Center provides outreach services through its Mobile Lab that services those living in the hardest-to-serve, remote areas rarely served through other career resource efforts.

We fully support the City of Brownsville's Public Library System efforts to submit an application requesting American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Federal Stimulus Funds that would enhance public computer and Internet access to a community struggling with historically high unemployment and poverty rates.

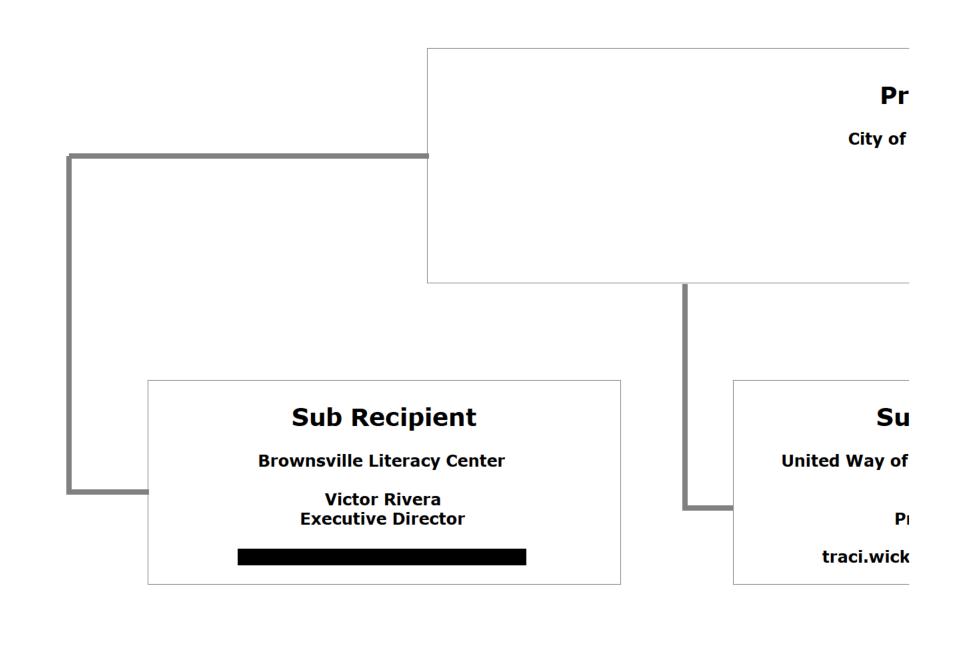
If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Gaylen Lange Executive Director

Workforce Solutions Cameron

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Recipient

Brownsville Public Library

James McCoy Assistant Director

b Recipient

Southern Cameron County

Traci Wickett resident & CEO

Sub Recipient

Texas Southmost College

John Hawthorne Assistant Director

3rd Party In-Kind Contributor

Workforce Solutions-Cameron

Nelda Najera Contract Manager

BTOP Public Computer Center Detail Template

Please complete the Public Computer Center Details worksheet. Add rows as necessa accomodate all of the Public Computer Centers that will benefit from this project. All should be given a type from the specified list. A Community Anchor Institution is conside serving institution if it is a post-secondary educational institution with enrollment of minority exceeding 50% of its total enrollment. Note that the calculated totals in bold will be need complete the PCC Capacity page of the application.

The data provided via this template will be subject to automated processing. Applic therefore required to provide this upload as an Excel file, and not to convert it to a I upload. Additionally, applicants should not modify the format of this file (e.g. by ad removing worksheets).

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BTOP Public Computer Centers Detail Template

| Title: | Connect Brownsville | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Easy Grants ID: | | |

| Center Name | Organization | Address Line 1 | City | State | Zip | Facility Type | Minority Serving Institution Type |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Central Blvd. Library Public | City of Brownsville | | | | | | |
| Computer Center | | | | | | | Hispan c Serving |
| | | 2600 Central Blvd. | Brownsville | TX | 78520 | Library | Institution |
| University Blvd. Library | Texas Southmost | | | | | | |
| Mobile Computer Center | College | | | | | | Hispan c Serving |
| Lab | | 80 Fort Brown | Brownsville | TX | 78520 | Mobile | Institution |
| Brownsville Adult Literacy | Brownsville Adult | | | | | | |
| Center Mobile Learning | L teracy Center | | | | | | Hispan c Serving |
| Lab | | 1235 E. Jefferson | Brownsville | TX | 78520 | Mobile | Institution |
| United Way Public | United Way of Southern | | | | | Other Commun ty | Hispan c Serving |
| Computer Center | Cameron County | 634 E. Levee | Brownsville | TX | 78520 | Support Organization | Institution |
| | | | | | | | - |
| | | | | | | | |

Totals:

| | | Broadband Workstations | | | Facility Broadband Connection Speed (MBps) | | Weekday Hours Open to the Public | | Weekend Hours Open to the Public | | Weekday Number of Persons Served | | Weekend Number of Persons Served | | |
|---|------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Center Name | Persons in | Number of Broadban d Stations Available (CURREN T) | Number of Broadband Stations to be Replaced (PROPOSED) | Number of Broadband Stations to be Added (PROPOSED) | Number of Broadband Workstations Available (PROPOSED) | Facility Broadband Connection Speed (CURRENT MBps) | Facility Broadband Connection Speed (PROPOSED MBps) | Average Hours Open to Public Per 120- hour Business Week (CURRENT) | Average Hours Open to Public Per 120-hour Business Week (PROPOSED) | Average Hours Open to Public Per 48-hour Weekend (CURRENT) | Average Hours Open to Public Per 48-hour Weekend (PROPOSED) | Proposed # persons served per 120-hour business week (CURRENT) | Proposed # persons served per 120-hour business week (PROPOSED) | Proposed # persons served per 48-hour weekend (CURRENT) | Proposed # persons served per 48-hour weekend (PROPOSED) |
| Central Blvd. Library Public Computer Center | 172,437 | 24 | 0 | 100 | 124 | 70 | 70 | 48 | 48 | 16 | 16 | 992 | 3968 | 396 | 1584 |
| University Blvd. Library Mobile Computer Center Lab | 15000 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 70 | 68 | 68 | 19 | 19 | 13000 | 13000 | 4600 | 4600 |
| Brownsville Adult Literacy Center Mobile Learning Lab | 172,437 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 70 | 70 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 0 | 0 |
| United Way Public Computer Center | 172,437 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 70 | 70 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals: | 532311 | 24 | 12 | 135 | 171 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 13992 | 17456 | 4996 | 6184 |

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

| | | | SECT | ION | A - BUDGET SUM | | RY | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|----|--------------|--|--|--|
| Grant Program Function | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance | Estimated Unobligated Funds | | | | | New or Revised Budget | | | | | | | |
| or Activity | ctivity Number | | Federal | | Non-Federal | | Federal | Non-Federal | | | Total | | | |
| (a) | (b) | | (c) | | (d) | | (e) | | (f) | | (g) | | | |
| 1. Connect Brownsville | 11.557 | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | | | |
| 2. | | | · · · - | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| 3. | | | | | . , | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| 5. Totals | , | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | | | |
| | | | SECTIO | N B | - BUDGET CATE | GOI | RIES | | | | | | | |
| 6. Object Class Categori | ies | | | | GRANT PROGRAM, FL | | TION OR ACTIVITY | | | | Total | | | |
| | | (1) \$ | Connect Brownsville | (2) | | (3) | <u> </u> | ۵ | | Φ. | (5) | | | |
| a. Personnel | | Þ | 0.00 | Þ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 0.00 | | | |
| b. Fringe Benefits | S | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| c. Travel | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| d. Equipment | | | 380,801.00 | | | | | | | | 380,801.00 | | | |
| e. Supplies | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| f. Contractual | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| g. Construction | | | 816,242.00 | | | | | | | | 816,242.00 | | | |
| h. Other | | | 60,775.00 | | | | | | | | 60,775.00 | | | |
| i. Total Direct Cha | arges <i>(sum of 6a-6h)</i> | | 1,257,818.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 1,257,818.00 | | | |
| j. Indirect Charge | S | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | | |
| k. TOTALS <i>(sum</i> | of 6i and 6j) | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | | | |
| 7. Program Income | · | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | | \$ | · | \$ | | \$ | 0.00 | | | |
| | | Ľ | 0.00 | | | " | | Ľ | | Ψ | 0.00 | | | |

| | | SECTION | CN | ON-FEDERAL RE | SO | URCES | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---|-------|-----------------------|----|----------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| (a) Grant Program | | | | (b) Applicant | | (c) State | (d) Other Sources | | (e) TOTALS | |
| 8. Connect Brownsville | | | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | |
| 9. | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 10. | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 11. | | | - | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11) | | • | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | |
| | | SECTION | D - F | ORECASTED CA | SH | NEEDS | | 1 | | |
| | | Total for 1st Year | | 1st Quarter | | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | Τ | 4th Quarter | |
| 13. Federal | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 14. Non-Federal | | 377,345.00 | | 377,345.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| 15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14) | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| SECTION E - E | UDGET | ESTIMATES OF | FEDE | RAL FUNDS NEE | DE | D FOR BALANCE | OF THE PROJECT | - | | |
| (a) Grant Program | | | | | | FUTURE FUNDING | | | | |
| | | | - | (b) First | | (c) Second | (d) Third | <u> </u> | (e) Fourth | |
| 16.Connect Brownsville | | | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 17. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. | | | | | t | | | | | |
| 19. | | , | | | | | | | | |
| 20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19) | | | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| | | SECTION F | - OTI | HER BUDGET INF | OR | MATION | | <u> </u> | | |
| 21. Direct Charges: | | | | 22. Indirect Charges: | | | | | | |
| 23. Remarks: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | A - BUDGET SUN | | | | | | - | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|-----|-----------------------|------|-------------|----|--------------|--|
| Grant Program Catalog of Federal Function Domestic Assistance | | | Estimated Unobligated Funds | | | | New or Revised Budget | | | | | |
| or Activity | Number | | Federal | | Non-Federal | | Federal | T | Non-Federal | | Total | |
| (a) | (b) | | (c) | <u> </u> | (d) | | (e) | | (f) | | (g) | |
| 1. Connect Brownsville | 11.557 | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | |
| 2. | | | | | ·- | | · ··· | | | | 0.00 | |
| 3. | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 4. | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 5. Totals | | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | |
| | | | SECTIO |)N B | - BUDGET CATE | GOF | | | | | | |
| 6. Object Class Categories | 5 | | | | GRANT PROGRAM, F | | | | | | Total | |
| | <u></u> | (1) \$ | Connect Brownsville | | | (3) | | T.A. | | | (5) | |
| a. Personnel | | Φ | 0.00 | \$ | - | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 0.00 | |
| b. Fringe Benefits | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| c. Travel | | | 0.00 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| d. Equipment | | | 380,801.00 | | | | | | | | 380,801.00 | |
| e. Supplies | | | 0.00 | | | | <u> </u> | | | | 0.00 | |
| f. Contractual | | | 0.00 | | | - | | | · · · · · · | | 0.00 | |
| g. Construction | | | 816,242.00 | | | | | | - | | 816,242.00 | |
| h. Other | | | 60,775.00 | | | | | | | | 60,775.00 | |
| i. Total Direct Charg | ges (sum of 6a-6h) | | 1,257,818.00 | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | | 1,257,818.00 | |
| j. Indirect Charges | | _ | 0.00 | | <u> </u> | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| k. TOTALS (sum of | 6i and 6j) | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | · · | | | | |
| 7. Program Income | | \$ | 0.00 | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 0.00 | |

| | | SECTION | C - N | ION-FEDERAL RE | so | URCES | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| (a) Grant Program | | | | (b) Applicant | | (c) State | (d) Other Sources | | (e) TOTALS | |
| 8. Connect Brownsville | | | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | |
| 9. | *11 | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 10. | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 11. | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | |
| 12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11) | | | \$ | 377,345.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 377,345.00 | |
| | | SECTION | D - F | ORECASTED CAS | SH | NEEDS | | - | | |
| | | Total for 1st Year | | 1st Quarter | | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | Τ | 4th Quarter | |
| 13. Federal | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 880,473.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 14. Non-Federal | | 377,345.00 | | 377,345.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| 15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14) | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| SECTION E - BU | JDGET | ESTIMATES OF | FEDE | RAL FUNDS NEE | DE | D FOR BALANCE (| OF THE PROJECT | <u>. </u> | | |
| (a) Grant Program | | | | | | FUTURE FUNDING | | | <u> </u> | |
| | | | | (b) First | | (c) Second | (d) Third | | (e) Fourth | |
| 16.Connect Brownsville | 16.Connect Brownsville | | | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 17. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19) | | | \$ | 1,257,818.00 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ | 0.00 | |
| | | SECTION F | - OT | HER BUDGET INF | OR | MATION | | <u>. </u> | | |
| 21. Direct Charges: | | | | 22. Indirect | Cha | arges: | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | |
| 23. Remarks: | | | | <u> </u> | | | | | | |
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John Hawthorne

University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College

| Education: |
|--|
| M.A. Major: |
| B.A. Major: History Minor: Government, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78705 |
| Information Experience |
| Assistant Director for the Oliveira Library June 1999 to present <u>The University of Texas</u> at Brownsville and <u>Texas Southmost College</u> Arnulfo Oliveira Memorial Library |
| Duties include: Running a university library. Building a university archives. Beginning a digitization program and building a server/historical database of information. Managing the entire library on a rotating basis. Supervising employees. Helping researchers. Teaching information literacy and university experience courses. Writing books including one on Sports History and Ghost Folklore. Writing finding guides to historical source materials. Organizing, maintaining, and describing archival materials. Assisting the Records Management Program. Collecting oral/video history interviews. Community outreach work in obtaining donations of materials and funds for the library. Founding and running a Friends of the Library group. Many other duties not mentioned. |
| Honors: Exceptional Merit 3 different years, letters of recognition from supervisors and other administrators |
| Prison Librarian March 1997 to May 1999 Wackenhut Corrections Corporation Willacy County State Jail Raymondville, Texas Supervisor |
| Duties: Served as a prison librarian for both the legal and recreational libraries. Met legal needs of inmates. Assisted with Records Management program. Administered Texas Department of Corrections censorship policy. Controlled information flow to the inmates. Converted the library catalog to a digital format. Greatly expanded the library. Supervised paid and inmate workers. |
| Honors: Exceptional Merit |
| August 1996 to May 1997 Santa Maria Independent School District, Santa Maria High |

Duties: Taught 5 Social Studies subjects while also assisting the school library. Coached academic enrichment activities such as UIL.

Publications:

Books

2006 John Hawthorne <u>The Ghosts of Fort Brown Volume Three</u> Arnulfo L. Oliveira Literary Society Press

2004 Javier Garcia and John Hawthorne <u>The Ghosts of Fort Brown: Another Informal Study of Brownsville Folklore and Parapsychology Volume Two</u> Arnulfo L. Oliveira Literary Society Press

2003 John Hawthorne, Javier Garcia, and Justin Lawrence <u>The Ghosts of Fort Brown: An Informal Study of Brownsville Folklore And Parapsychology</u> Arnulfo L. Olveira Literary Society Press

2002 John Hawthorne and Marco DeLeon <u>A Scorpion Sports Legacy</u> University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Press

Articles

2005 The Menton Murray Family of Harlingen: A Legacy of Public Service published in Stories of Rio Grande Valley History ed. Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, and Antonio Zavaleta. University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Press

Other

Many grant applications and archival finding-aides as needed in current position

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

The following items represent a short summary of qualifications and experience that provides an outline of my skills, abilities, and accomplishments:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide professional management with adherence to policy, goals and objectives.
- More than ten years of experience in managing, implementing, and supervising library services.
- Proven track record in grant writing with successful grant awards for the Brownsville Public Library in excess of \$8,486,000.00 (includes Federal, State of Texas, corporate and private foundation grants).
- Proven track record of accurately managing budgets, creating reports, information management, customer service, and library development efforts.
- * Experience in developing and managing television program production and broadcasting on City of Brownsville's cable access channel.
- Knowledge and experience with broadcast equipment, computer based video systems, cameras, etc.
- Founding of the Valley Information Alliance consortium of public libraries located here in the Rio Grande valley which provides annual funding in underwriting our Internet and Library automation programs and services.
- Adept at developing and planning library expansion and growth such as the Southmost Branch Library which was completed under budget.
- * Experience in graphic design and developing print publications, specialty graphic products such as posters, banners, plaques and other publicity materials.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in high level computer networking, computer applications, wireless networking, and general computer technology.
- Demonstrated experience in managing and supervising staff at all levels of library organization.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

INTERIM LIBRARY DIRECTOR - Brownsville Public Library System September 2005 to Present

Responsible for all administrative management of the Brownsville Public Library System including staffing, budget, and library services, etc. Provide administrative oversight on all day-to-day operations of the library system. Library System representative to Brownsville Public Library Advisory Board, representative to Cameron County Library System, South Texas Library System, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Valley Information Alliance (VIA), developed seventh ERATE grant in conjunction with the Library's System

Analyst which was awarded \$700,384.21 for wireless network equipment, IP video delivery equipment, switches, core switch upgrades, servers, equipment, additional cabling, Internet services, servers, routers, switches, wireless networking equipment, etc.

ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR - BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM 2003 to Sept. 2005

Served as assistant library director for the Library System responsible for library services in the absence of the Library Director, the design and development of the Southmost Branch Library, grant development and management, development of new library services and overseeing reference services, designed, coordinated, and managed the Southmost Branch Library project, administered and managed Internet and data services provided by our library for members of the Valley Information Alliance Consortium, these services include: Internet, union catalog, and historical database services, developed, managed and implemented grants including federal, state and private grant funding, implement and manage City of Brownsville's cable access channel, developed fifth ERATE grant which was awarded \$875,633.27 and our sixth ERATE grant which was awarded \$374,678.02 for network infrastructure equipment, network maintenance, Internet services, servers, switches, wireless networking equipment, etc.

ACTING LIBRARY DIRECTOR - BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2002 to 2003

Responsible for day-to-day administrative management of library departments including staffing, budget, and library services, etc. Provide administrative oversight on all day-to-day operations of the library system. Library System representative to Brownsville Public Library Advisory Board, representative to Cameron County Library System, South Texas Library System, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Valley Information Alliance (VIA), developed fourth ERATE grant which was awarded \$1,555,168.28 for network infrastructure equipment, additional cabling, Internet services, servers, routers, switches, wireless networking equipment, etc.

HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES/SYSTEM ANALYST – Brownsville Public Library 2000 to 2002

Supervised the staff of the Technical Services Department, managed all cataloging and acquisitions of library books and materials, supervised the physical processing of all library materials, developed and maintained standards and procedural manual for the processes of the Technical Services Department, manage grant project and funds from the State of Texas, write, manage grant application and award from the SBC Foundation for equipment for video program development for airing on channel 12, Implement and manage the Library's network Internet services to the members of the Valley Information Alliance Consortium (VIA), supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of Brownsville's Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for funding for library projects, developed third ERATE grant which was awarded \$1,175,807.51 for

network infrastructure equipment, additional cabling, Internet services, servers, routers, switches, wireless networking equipment, etc.

ACTING HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - Brownsville Public Library

1999 to 2000

Supervised the staff of the Technical Services Department, managed all cataloging and acquisitions of library books and materials, supervised the physical processing of all library materials, developed and maintained standards and procedural manual for the processes of the Technical Services Department, manage grant project and funds from the State of Texas, write, manage grant application and award from the SBC Foundation for equipment for video program development for airing on channel 12, Implement and manage the Library's network Internet services to the members of the Valley Information Alliance Consortium (VIA), supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of Brownsville's Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for funding for library projects, developed second ERATE grant which was awarded \$1,945,145.62 for network infrastructure equipment, cabling, Internet services, servers, etc.

SYSTEM ANALYST – Brownsville Public Library

1999

Supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server, LANtastic and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of Brownsville's original Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for grant funding for library projects, manage the Library's network Internet services to the members of the Valley Information Alliance Consortium (VIA), produce video programming for airing on channel 12 for the City of Brownsville, provide training workshops for the City of Brownsville on Internet and Email use, manage and provide Internet services for City Departments, establish first dedicated communication lines to City Hall and City Departments for Email and Internet access, developed first ERATE grant which was awarded \$348,999.26 for network infrastructure.

ACTING HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - Brownsville Public Library

1998 to 1999

Supervised the staff of the Technical Services Department, managed all cataloging and acquisitions of library books and materials, supervised the physical processing of all library materials, developed and maintained standards and procedural manual for the processes of the Technical Services Department, manage grant project and funds from the State of Texas, write, manage grant application and award from the SBC Foundation for equipment for video program development for airing on channel 12, Implement and manage the Library's network Internet services to the members of the Valley Information Alliance Consortium (VIA), supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of

Brownsville's Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for funding for library projects.

SYSTEM ANALYST - Brownsville Public Library

1997

Supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server, LANtastic and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of Brownsville's original Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for network grant funding, plan and implement a dial-up data service for City Departments for Internet and Email access.

ACTING ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR - Brownsville Public Library

1996 to 1997

Responsible for Library operations in absence of Library Director, responsible for the daily supervision of library departments, supervise library secretary and reference staff, oversee the acquisition of library materials, create reports, create and publish all library informational materials, responsible for library automation system, network and supervision of the Automation Technologist, write, develop and manage grant applications, manage grant awarded fund and project from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

System Analyst - Brownsville Public Library

1996

Supervise the library's Automation Technologist, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server, LANtastic and Windows based servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, plan, implement and manage the library's and the City of Brownsville's original Web sites on the Internet, develop, write grant applications for network grant funding.

AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIST - Brownsville Public Library

1996

Responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server, LANtastic and Novel servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services, Plan, implement and manage the library's first high speed connection to the Internet.

ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - Brownsville Public Library

1995 to 1996

Responsible for Library operations in absence of Library Director, responsible for the daily supervision of library departments, supervise library secretary and reference staff, oversee the acquisition of library materials, create reports, create and publish all library informational materials, responsible for library automation system, network and duties of the Automation Technologist position.

AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIST - Brownsville Public Library

1994 to 1995

Responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of library network, SIRSI library automation system, computer workstations, Unix server, LANtastic and Novel servers, training of library staff on automation system and library services.

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN - Brownsville Public Library

1993 to 1994

Responsible for the design, development and implementation of the library's original data network including Unix server, network Hubs, data cabling, application development and deployment, acquisition and deployment of library's original SIRSI library automation system, management of library materials database and deployment of LANtastic and Novel server systems.

VICE-PRESIDENT - PRIMA PUBLISHING SERVICES, INC.

1993 to 1994

Directed day-to-day office operations, accounting, public relations, customer service, and product development, managed and implemented corporate network and computer systems including commercial digital typesetting equipment and printing services, responsible for graphic design services.

AUTOMATION LIBRARIAN - ETHEL WHIPPLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1991 to 1993

Responsible for analyzing library needs, selecting software, hardware, and implementing library automation project to fit defined requirements, installed local area network, personal computers, and specialized library equipment, installed and maintained Bibliofile MARC record cataloging system, installed and managed library WIZARD Circulation system and network, assisted patrons with reference materials.

SALES/SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - PRIMA TECH COMPUTER SYSTEMS

1988 to 1993

Responsible for sales and service on client computer systems, software training of clients, traveled extensively in South Texas area servicing computer equipment, produced special packaging for in-house produced software, training and installation of Artisoft Lantastic network system, produced computer video animation for custom software, multi-media programming, installation and configuring of Bibliofile cataloging systems for library customers, training on APC LAN system.

PERIODICAL LIBRARIAN (PARAPROFESSIONAL) – HARLINGEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

1986 to 1991

Public relations, patron assistance, supervised employees and summer youth workers. Arranged, planned, implemented programs for Library patrons, editor of library news letter, responsible for reviewing and selecting AV equipment and computer hardware and software for library, responsible for servicing and configuring Bibliofile catalog system, evaluating and selecting AV materials for collection, maintaining library historical file collection, responsible for selecting and evaluating materials for rebinding, supervisor for Periodical Department, responsible for selecting, ordering and maintaining periodical collection and supervising department employees, responsible for library security.

GRANT EXPERIENCE:

The following is a list of some of the successful grant awards for the Brownsville Public Library that I have written, co-written and implemented:

ERATE:

2005, \$700,384.21 (co-written with Mr. James McCov)

2004, \$374,678.02 (co-written with Mr. James McCov)

2003, \$875,633.27 2002, \$1,555,168.28 2001, \$1,175,807.51

2000, \$1,945,145.62

1999, \$348,999.26

The above ERATE grants have been for network equipment, cabling, wireless equipments, servers, switches, IP Telephone system, communications, Internet, etc.

• Texas Infrastructure Fund:

\$500,000.00 for video conferencing equipment and computers

\$175,000.00 for computer equipment

\$100,000.00 for digital history project equipment

\$75,000.00 for public computer workstations

The above grants provided computer workstations, scanners, digital cameras, printers, video conferencing equipment, etc.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC): 1997-98, \$350,000,00

Connection Grant: provided funding that allowed Brownsville Public Library to building the original wide-area-network connecting all of the public libraries in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties back to our Library for Internet and library data services. This grant allowed Brownsville Public Library to create the VIA consortium.

• SBC/TSLAC Grant: 1998, \$29,890.00

This grant provided funding for the original video editing equipment that the library used to begin video production for programming for Channel 12.

• Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation PACHUG Grant (In partnership with TSLAC):

2006-07, \$26,250.00

This grant provided funding for public access computers for Internet and data services.

• Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" Grants (In partnership with TSLAC):

2005-06, \$9,222.00

This grant provided funding for public access computers for the Children's Department at the Main Library.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grants (In partnership with TSLAC):

1998-99, \$50,300.00

This grant provided funding for public access computers, printers, and equipment for Internet and data services.

CDBG Grant:

2003, \$150,000.00

This grant provided funding for computer workstations for the Southmost Branch Library.

CDBG Grant:

2004, \$45,000.00

This grant provided funding for furniture for the Southmost Branch Library.

EDUCATION:



WORK HISTORY

2008 - Present

Executive Director, Brownsville Literacy Center

Assist the Board of Directors in whatever ways necessary; oversee the maintenance and operation of the Center; supervise employees as needed; maintain accurate statistics and service reports.

2007

Education Coordinator, Brownsville Literacy Center

Coordinated planning and implementation of the educational programs; supervised the recruitment, training and performance of community volunteers to serve the best interests of the program and the students.

2005 - 2007

Purchasing Assistant, Los Fresnos CISD

Processed and modified purchase orders for departments and campuses throughout the district; prepared annual bids with local and out-of-state vendors; assisted with the training of the procurement process to new purchasing clerks.

1997 - 2005

GED Computer Lab Instructor, Community Development Corporation of Brownsville - YouthBuild Brownsville Program - Instructed youth in skills to attain GED; prepared weekly, quarterly and yearly performance reports as required for documentation of student progress and evaluation of program effectiveness; submitted a semiannual progress report to AmeriCorp using the Web Based Reporting System (WBRS).

1997 - 1998

Mobile Lab Instructor, Brownsville Literacy Center

Assisted with recruitment, placement, and instruction of adult learners, testing to ascertain level of language proficiency and math grade levels. Maintained up-to-date student files containing appropriate documentation, including attendance records, test results, anecdotal records; prepared final report on learners' progress.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2009 - Present

Healthy Communities of Brownsville, Inc., Board Treasurer/Education TrendBender Chair – As a board of director, it is my duty to make a difference through creativity, diversity, accountability, collaboration, and leadership while promoting the well being of our community so that we may live in a healthy, clean and beautiful city.

2007-Present

Public Utilities Board Consumer Advisory Panel (PUBCAP)

Express community concerns to enable the PUB to improve communications and services to its customers.

2005 - 2008

President of UTB Alumni Association

Provided written reports at each board meeting regarding the financial status of the Association and served as chair of the Finance Committee; served as Board of Director and Treasurer.

2000 - 2005

E.S.L. Instructor, Brownsville Literacy Center

and 1996 - 1997

Provided basic English language skills to adult learners; administered unit tests; maintained student files, attendance records and test results; completed approximately 500+ volunteer hours serving the literacy needs of underserved individuals in the greater Brownsville area.

EDUCATION

Profile

- Assistant Public Information Services Director for the City of Brownsville
- Ten years of experience with the Library.
- Ability to direct complex projects from concept to fully operational status.
- Goal-oriented individual with strong leadership capabilities.
- Organized, highly motivated, and detail-directed problem solver.
- Proven ability to work in unison with staff, volunteers, and senior management.

Relevant Experience & Accomplishments

Working for the Public Information Services/Library Department for the past 10 years has given me the opportunity to hold several different positions within the departments and I feel this makes me uniquely qualified for this position. As the Automation Specialist I acquired extensive knowledge of the computer network ranging from workstation configurations to the Wide Area Network that Brownsville operates. As the System Analyst I furthered the knowledge gained as the Automation Specialist and managed the implantation of the network and computer system for the Southmost Branch Library. As the Technical Services Supervisor I acquired knowledge about the inner workings of the Library. I have been successful in acquiring numerous grants for the Library and overseen the implementation of those grants. I have managed the operation of Channel 12 and seen it grow from a text based system to the successful channel that it has evolved into. For the past 14 months I have held the position of Acting Assistant Public Information Services Director. I have called upon my 9 years of experience with the department to assist the Department Director in preparing Budget documents, preparing grant documents, public presentations, city presentations and the day to day operation of the department.

Employment

Assistant Department Director

2007-present

City of Brownsville, Texas

• Assists the Director supervise and evaluate the staff of the department, including the Library System division, Channel 12 Media Services division, and grant and library planning division. Assists the Director develop and implement the department's annual budget. Assists in the preparation of and review of funding allocations for the departments through applications of grants and awards from state and national funding agencies. Prepares long range goals and objectives for continuous improvement of the services rendered by the department including the Library System division and the City's cable access channel services under the Media Services division.

System Analyst/Technical Services Supervisor

2003/2007

City of Brownsville, Texas

- Responsible for the operations Valley information Alliance Wide Area Network.
- Managed the City of Brownsville E-mail, Internet Access and Document storage requirements.
- Implemented Southmost Branch Library Computer Network from conception to completion.
- Management and implementation of State and Federal grants in excess of \$5,000,000.
- Management and supervision of the Library Technical Service Department.
- Management and supervision of channel 12 programming and staff.

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Automation Specialist

1999-2003

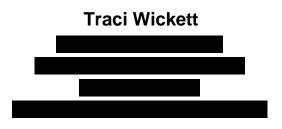
City of Brownsville, Texas

- Assisted the System Analyst in the operation of the Library computer network.
- Maintained computers and network hardware.
- Maintained computer and server operating systems.

Community Involvement

Texas Sate Technical College, Advisory Committee Member Arroyo Youth Soccer Association, Assistant Coach Honors & Awards

City of Brownsville, Employee of the month



EDUCATION



MARCH 1, 1996 TO PRESENT - PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CAMERON COUNTY. MANAGE UNITED WAY SERVING SOUTHERN PORTION OF CAMERON COUNTY, INCLUDING BROWNSVILLE, LOS FRESNOS, PORT ISABEL AND SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. ORGANIZE ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS RAISING UP TO \$1.75 MILLION TO FUND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS. INCREASED CAMPAIGN PRODUCTION BY 26% IN FIRST YEAR AND EXCEEDED EACH YEAR'S CAMPAIGN GOAL FOR EIGHT YEARS. COORDINATED OVER 200 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING IN CAMPAIGN.

DEVELOPED SUCCESS BY 6 INITIATIVE BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS TO FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 6, AND SECURED GRANT FUNDING FOR THREE YEARS. THIS INITIATIVE WAS RECENTLY NAMED ONE OF THE TOP FIVE SUCCESS BY 6 INITIATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES BY UNITED WAY OF AMERICA.

Address national conference audiences regularly on issues of united ways' changing roles in community. Member of United Way of America's faculty for courses in funding system redesign, community impact, and creating Success By 6 initiatives.

EXPANDED THE UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN CAMERON COUNTY'S MISSION TO GO BEYOND RAISING AND DISTRIBUTING FUNDS. ORGANIZATION IS NOW FOCUSED ON ACTIVITIES ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS, AND WORKS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE MOST PROFOUND ISSUES IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY.

COLLABORATED WITH BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAMERON WORKS, NINOS HEAD START AND LOCAL DAY CARE PROVIDERS AS A PILOT SITE FOR THE TEXAS EARLY EDUCATION MODEL. SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES OF THE PILOT LED GOVERNOR RICK PERRY TO SIGN SB23, AN EXTENSION OF THE TEEM PROJECT, IN BROWNSVILLE ON JULY 9, 2005.

SEPTEMBER 1981 TO MARCH 1996 - VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGER OF TECHNOLOGY, MERCANTILE BANK, N.A. PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED DATA PROCESSING STRATEGIES FOR EFFICIENT BANK OPERATIONS. DESIGNED AND INSTALLED WIDE AREA NETWORK LINKING SIXTEEN BANK LOCATIONS AND OVER SIX HUNDRED WORKSTATIONS. SERVED ON PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND CHAIRED TECHNOLOGY PLANNING GROUP. RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA SECURITY, USER TRAINING, SOFTWARE EVAULATION AND SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULING. BEGAN CAREER IN BANKING AS SECRETARY TO DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT IN 1980 AT CORPUS CHRISTI BANK & TRUST AND WORKED UP THROUGH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL POSITIONS UNTIL BECOMING DEPARTMENT HEAD IN 1985.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

PAST CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE FOUNDATION

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STATE EMPLOYEE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN, APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK PERRY IN 2003. CURRENTLY SERVING SECOND TERM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TEXAS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COALITION IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN, UNITED WAYS OF TEXAS

MEMBER, UNITED WAY OF AMERICA NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2003-2004

TEXAS CHALLENGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONER, CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 1999-2001

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNITED WAYS OF TEXAS (1998 - CURRENT)

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL CHAIR, UNITED WAYS OF TEXAS (2000 AND CURRENT)

PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF BROWNSVILLE - SUNRISE (1994-95)

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5930 (1995-97)

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR, 1990

SUSTAINING MEMBER, BROWNSVILLE JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

TREASURER, BROWNSVILLE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (1990-93)

MEMBER OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BROWNSVILLE

GRADUATE AND CLASS SPOKESPERSON, LEADERSHIP BROWNSVILLE CLASS V

H.O.S.T.S. VOLUNTEER, VILLARREAL ELEMENTARY, OLMITO, TEXAS (1996-2001)

TREASURER, LAKEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

YOUTH MENTOR,

WINNER: WARREN GOODWIN MEMORIAL AWARD, UNITED WAYS OF TEXAS (2000)

Woman of the Year, Zonta Club of Brownsville, 2006