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<b>Organization:</b>	Texas State Library & Archives Commission
<b>Project Name:</b>	Technology Expertise, Access, and Learning (TEAL)
<b>Project Type:</b>	Public Computer Center
<b>State:</b>	Texas
<b>Federal Award:</b>	\$7,955,941

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

To improve broadband access, encourage lifelong learning, provide workforce development, and support vulnerable populations in underserved regions of the state, the **Texas State Library & Archives Commission** intends to deploy the Technology Expertise, Access, and Learning for all Texans (TEAL) project, adding and upgrading public computer centers at libraries, community colleges, public schools, recreation centers, and health facilities across the state. TEAL plans to target youth groups, senior citizens, and English as a Second Language (ESL) residents in an area where more than 31 percent of persons speak a language other than English at home. TEAL proposes to facilitate statewide training for libraries on making existing software and computer centers more accessible to people with disabilities, as well as the unemployed, by providing staff to assist with finding and applying for jobs, maintaining contact with employers, training to find better jobs and other basic aspects of employment.

TEAL also proposes to:

- Upgrade approximately 125 public computer centers while creating approximately 30 new centers across the state, deploying over 2,200 new workstations and upgrading 480 more.
- Enable access for up to an additional 76,000 weekly users at public centers, increasing the average speeds at the centers by 5 Mbps and increasing the weekly hours of operation by up to 170 hours.
- Train as many as 7,000 residents with approximately 14,000 hours of teacher-led training per year.

## ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Texas State Library & Archives Commission's mission is to preserve government records for public scrutiny, to secure and make accessible historically significant records, to meet the reading needs of Texans with disabilities, to build and sustain statewide partnerships to improve library programs and services, and to enhance the capacity for achievement of individuals and institutions in the state. The Texas State Library & Archives Commission has been providing public access computers as a regular part of library services for over 10 years.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- Austin Public Library
- Arlington Public Library
- Harris County Public Library
- Houston Public Library
- San Antonio Public Library
- 33 auxiliary Library Partners

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa).

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