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Organization:	Fayetteville State University
Project Name:	Fayetteville State University/Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority Computer Center
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State(s):	North Carolina
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Fayetteville State University/Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority Computer Center will provide 30 new computer workstations, wireless Internet access, and training courses at a new public computer center for the Fayetteville, North Carolina, community, including residents of local public housing. Twenty workstations will be located in a "smart classroom" with a ceiling-mounted projector and whiteboard for classroom training courses, and the remaining 10 workstations will be placed in an open-use area. The project will include courses on Internet basics, personal finance and health, and basic job skills. The first 50 users to complete all of these courses will receive a laptop computer for home use. The center will serve an estimated 550 users per week and will be open to the general public. This project will be led by Fayetteville State University, an Historically Black University, in partnership with the Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority and other organizations that will provide training targeted to the needs of low-income persons.

The Fayetteville State University/Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority Computer Center project also proposes to:

- Partner with the Fayetteville Business Center and Cumberland County Workforce Development organizations to offer training in workforce and entrepreneurial skills. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service will also teach classes on money management, credit, and first-time home buying.
- Provide broadband Internet access to area high school, middle school, and elementary school children and offer access to online GED and college-level courses.
- Implement Braille software systems to assist people who are blind with navigating computers and the Internet.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Fayetteville State University is a public, Historically Black University founded in 1867 and a member of the University of North Carolina system. The university has a technical team experienced in implementing, training, and maintaining technical systems, and has a long history with economic development in the area where the public computer center will be located. The university develops and manages community redevelopment efforts, provides resources for economic transformation and community development, and supports efforts to increase opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Fayetteville
- Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center
- Fayetteville Area Vocational Rehabilitation Center
- Fayetteville Business Center
- Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Fayetteville State University Health Disparities Institute
- North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

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