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<p>Organization: North Bend Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Aden, Sara Email: adensj@ci.north-platte.ne.us Address 1: 120 West 4th Street Address 2: Address 3: City: North Platte State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69101 Organization: North Platte Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Schmidt, Rosa Email: books@oakland-library.org Address 1: 110 East 3rd Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Oakland State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68045 Organization: Oakland Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Cemper, Rebecca Email: o'neilllibrary@telebeep.com Address 1: 601 East Douglas Address 2: Address 3: City: O'Neill State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68763</p>



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<p>Organization: O'Neill Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Johnson, Paula Email: osceolalibrary@windstream.net Address 1: 131 N Main Address 2: P.O. Box 448 Address 3: City: Osceola State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68651 Organization: Osceola Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Kyser, Carol Email: oshpublib@embarqmail.com Address 1: 307 West First Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Oshkosh State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69154 Organization: Oshkosh Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Gutz, Linda Email: ospuli@huntel.net Address 1: 412 N State St Address 2: Address 3: City: Osmond State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68765</p>



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<p>Organization: Osmond Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Burns, Danielle Email: dburns_69@msn.com Address 1: 411 Ogden St Address 2: Address 3: City: Oxford State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68967 Organization: Oxford Municipal Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Friedly, Maureen Email: plibrary@neb.rr.com Address 1: 730 G Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Pawnee City State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68420 Organization: Pawnee City Carnegie Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Jay, Dianne Email: paxtonlibrary@nebnet.net Address 1: 108 North Oak Address 2: PO Box 278 Address 3: City: Paxton State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69155</p>



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<p>Organization: Paxton Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Tobias, Elaine Email: pilgerlibrary@cableone.net Address 1: 120 North Main Address 2: Address 3: City: Pilger State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68768 Organization: Pilger Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Swan, Loydell Email: plibrary@plvwtelco.net Address 1: 102 Main Street Address 2: P.O. Box 728 Address 3: City: Plainview State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68769 Organization: Plainview Carnegie Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Brown, Marie Email: polklibrary@windstream.net Address 1: 180 North Main Address 2: Box 49 Address 3: City: Polk State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68654</p>



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<p>Organization: Polk Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Huryta, Karrie Email: ravennapubliclibrary@nctc.net Address 1: 121 W. Seneca St. Address 2: Address 3: City: Ravenna State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68869 Organization: Ravenna Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Kucera, Dixie Email: dkucera@tildenlibrary.org Address 1: 202 South Center Address 2: Address 3: City: Tilden State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68781 Organization: Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Ost, Evelyn Email: rockcolib@huntel.net Address 1: 400 State St. Address 2: PO Box 465 Address 3: City: Bassett State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68714</p>



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<p>Organization: Rock County Public Library Organization Type: County Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Whipple, Teri Email: rpublib@gpcom.net Address 1: 207 Sprague Street Address 2: P.O. Box 389 Address 3: City: Rushville State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69360 Organization: Rushville Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Mattox, Gayle Email: sargentlibrary@gmail.com Address 1: 504 Main Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Sargent State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68874 Organization: Sargent Township Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Smith, MeMe Email: schuylerpublib@yahoo.com Address 1: 1204 10th Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Schuyler State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68661</p>



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<p>Organization: Schuyler Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Cooper, Dianne Email: scribnerlibrary@yahoo.com Address 1: 504 Main Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Scribner State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68057 Organization: Scribner Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Alt, Laura Email: shelbyclibrary@yahoo.com Address 1: 255 N. Walnut Address 2: PO Box 146 Address 3: City: Shelby State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68662 Organization: Shelby Community Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Jensen, Doris Email: doris@sidneypubliclibrary.org Address 1: 1112 12th Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Sidney State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69162</p>



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<p>Organization: Sidney Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Mickells, Greg Email: g.mickells@lincolnlibraries.org Address 1: 2675 South Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Lincoln State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68502 Organization: South Branch Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Pountney, Norma Email: npountney@omahalibrary.org Address 1: 2808 Q St. Address 2: Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68107 Organization: South Omaha Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Mixdorf, David Email: dwmixdorf@southsiouxcity.org Address 1: 2121 Dakota Avenue Address 2: Address 3: City: South Sioux City State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68776</p>



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Organization: South Sioux City Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No
Project Role: Other Name: Martinsen, Laura Email: lmartins@esu10.org Address 1: 1301 Howard Ave. Address 2: Address 3: City: St. Paul State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68873 Organization: St. Paul Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No
Project Role: Other Name: Hess, Laure Email: laura55_68779@yahoo.com Address 1: 1009 Jackpine Address 2: Box 497 Address 3: City: Stanton State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68779 Organization: Stanton Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No
Project Role: Other Name: Johnson, Diana Email: stromsburgpl@windstream.net Address 1: 320 Cential Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Stromsburg State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68666



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Organization: Stromsburg Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Schwisow, Barbara
Email: bjs9@windstream.net
Address 1: 104 S. West Avenue
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Western Nebraska
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68464
Organization: Struckman-Baatz Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Perrie, Vicki
Email: superiorlibrary@hotmail.com
Address 1: 499 N. Kansas
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Superior
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68978
Organization: Superior Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Marrs, Patsy
Email: patsymarrs@yahoo.com
Address 1: 200 2nd Street
Address 2: Box 275
Address 3:
City: Sutherland
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 69165



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Organization: Sutherland Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Reed, Shelly
Email: memlibrary@telcoweb.net
Address 1: 201 South Saunders
Address 2: Box 433
Address 3:
City: Sutton
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68979
Organization: Sutton Memorial Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Grass, Joyce
Email: teklibrary@abbnebraska.com
Address 1: 204 South 13th Street
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Tekamah
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68061
Organization: Tekamah Carnegie Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Haumann, Ronda
Email: thomascolibrary@neb-sandhills.net
Address 1: 501 Main Street
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Thedford
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 69166



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<p>Organization: Thomas County Library Organization Type: County Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Evans, Larry Email: read2trenton@gpcom.net Address 1: 406 Main Street Address 2: Box 307 Address 3: City: Trenton State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69044 Organization: Trenton Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Bunstock, Kerin Email: ulysseslib@clarks.net Address 1: 410 C Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Ulysses State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68669 Organization: Ulysses Township Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Quigley, Anne Email: vallibrary@shwisp.net Address 1: 324 N Main Address 2: Address 3: City: Valentine State: Nebraska Zip Code: 69201</p>



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<p>Organization: Valentine Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Hamilton, Deb Email: vplibr2@gpcom.net Address 1: 101 East 4th Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Verdigre State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68783 Organization: Verdigre Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Watson, Sarah Email: swatson@omahalibrary.org Address 1: 215 S. 15 St. Address 2: Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68102 Organization: W. Dale Clark Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Lawver, Denise Email: denise@wahoo.ne.us Address 1: 637 N. Maple Address 2: Address 3: City: Wahoo State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68066</p>



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<p>Organization: Wahoo Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Briggs, Nola Email: briggsnola@yahoo.com Address 1: 222 Main Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Walthill State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68067 Organization: Walthill Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Lofgren, Laurant Email: llofgren@cityofwayne.org Address 1: 410 Pearl Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Wayne State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68787 Organization: Wayne Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Lewis, Lucy Email: llewis@omahalibrary.org Address 1: 1905 S. 44 St. Address 2: Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68105</p>



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Organization: Willa Cather Branch
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Yocom, Laurie
Email: wpublib@cozadtel.net
Address 1: 910 Meridian
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Cozad
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 69130
Organization: Wilson Public Library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Duncan, Carol
Email: director324@hotmail.com
Address 1: 1015 East E Street
Address 2: P.O. Box 547
Address 3:
City: Wisner
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68791
Organization: Wisner Public library
Organization Type: City or Township Government
Small business: No
Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Other
Name: Jewell, Susan
Email: sjewell@esu10.org
Address 1: 610 Kingston
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Wolbach
State: Nebraska
Zip Code: 68882



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<p>Organization: Wolbach Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Roberts, Janet Email: wymorelibrary@hotmail.com Address 1: 116 West F Street Address 2: Address 3: City: Wymore State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68466 Organization: Wymore Public Library Organization Type: City or Township Government Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Other Name: Nishi, Jill Email: jill.nishi@gatesfoundation.org Address 1: 1551 Eastlake Avenue East Address 2: PO Box 23350 Address 3: City: Seattle State: Washington Zip Code: 98102 Organization: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Organization Type: Non-profit Foundation Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Jones, Eric Email: ejones@cccneb.edu Address 1: 3134 W Highway 34 Address 2: PO Box 4903 Address 3: City: Grand Island State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68802-4903</p>

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Organization: Central Community College
 Organization Type: Non-profit Institution
 Small business: No
 Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor
 Name: Hassebrook, Chuck
 Email: chuckh@cfra.org
 Address 1: 145 Main St
 Address 2: PO Box 136
 Address 3:
 City: Lyons
 State: Nebraska
 Zip Code: 68038
 Organization: Center for Rural Affairs
 Organization Type: Non-profit Corporation
 Small business: No
 Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor
 Name: Linster, Dennis
 Email: DeLinst1@wsc.edu
 Address 1: 1111 Main
 Address 2:
 Address 3:
 City: Wayne
 State: Nebraska
 Zip Code: 68787
 Organization: Wayne State College
 Organization Type: State or State Agency
 Small business: No
 Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No

Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor
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 Address 2: Suite 305-D
 Address 3: P.O. Box 3107
 City: Lincoln
 State: Nebraska
 Zip Code: 68501-3107



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<p>Organization: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Rural Policy Research Institute Organization Type: Non-profit Corporation Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Walker, Janice Email: Janice.walker@nebraska.gov Address 1: Nebraska State Capitol Address 2: Room 1213 Address 3: P.O. Box 98910 City: Lincoln State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68509 Organization: Administrative Office of the Courts / Probation Organization Type: State or State Agency Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Lang, Catherine Email: Catherine.lang@nebraska.gov Address 1: 550 South 16th Street Address 2: P.O. Box 94600 Address 3: City: Lincoln State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68509-4600 Organization: Nebraska Department of Labor Organization Type: State or State Agency Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Champ-Blackwell, Siobhan Email: sionhan@creighton.edu Address 1: Creighton University Health Services Library Address 2: 2500 California Plaza Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68178</p>



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<p>Organization: National Network of Libraries of Medicine - MidContinental Region Organization Type: Other Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Magee, Martha Email: mmagee@unmc.edu Address 1: 986706 Nebraska Medical Center Address 2: Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68198-6706 Organization: National Network of Libraries of Medicine - MidContinental Region Organization Type: Other Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Yost, Jeff Email: jeffyost@nebcommfound.org Address 1: 650 J Street Address 2: Suite 305 Address 3: City: Lincoln State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68508 Organization: Nebraska Community Foundation Organization Type: Non-profit Foundation Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Koelsch, Rick Email: Rkoelsch1@unl.edu Address 1: 217 Agricultural Hall Address 2: P.O. Box 830703 Address 3: City: Lincoln State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68583-0703</p>



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<p>Organization: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Organization Type: State or State Agency Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>
<p>Project Role: Third party in-kind contributor Name: Woelf, Nancy Email: nwoelfl@unmc.edu Address 1: 986705 Nebraska Medical Center Address 2: Address 3: City: Omaha State: Nebraska Zip Code: 68198-6705 Organization: McGoogan Library of Medicine Organization Type: Other Small business: No Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern: No</p>

21. Description of the involvement of the partners listed above in the project.

The NLC’s key project partners will help to carry out project goals. Partners will offer valuable online and/or in-person content and training that leverage improvements in computers and broadband. These partners will engage with local libraries to create greater program awareness within communities and ensure online training and content are easily accessible to the public. Programs will be delivered by face-to-face, live and recorded webinars, online video and online interactive training.

Letters of commitment for all partners are included in the Supplemental Uploads section. (Note: the 140 library letters collected represent the management of all 147 library public computer centers.)

Project Goal: Enhance Internet and Computer Literacy

Library Public Computer Centers: all 147 local library public computing center partners will be trained by NLC staff to enable libraries to teach basic computer skills training to computer center users. Libraries will also be educated by other program partners so that they can better assist



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computer center users in accessing job training, business development, distance education, health and e-government content.

Central Community College (CCC): professors from CCC will create training programs with an emphasis on business software applications including such as spreadsheet, document management and financial management.

Omaha Public Library: to extend access of these public computing programs and technologies to English Language Learners, the NLC has partnered with the Omaha Public Library. The Omaha Public Library is developing online video content to educate Arabic, Sudanese, Karen, Spanish, Nuer, Dinka, Kiswahili, Swahili and Somali language speakers on how to use library computing center services.

Project Goal: Create opportunities to increase income status

Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL): will execute a job search and skills training programs for library customers throughout the state. Libraries benefiting from this grant will serve as “virtual workforce offices,” featuring content and programs covering topics such as online job search, resume writing and interview preparation. DOL staff will travel to libraries to offer in-person, computer-based assistance for computer center users and library staff.

Center for Rural Entrepreneurship: will provide in-person and virtual counsel on key business topics to rural small businesses, entrepreneurs and youth interested in business. The Center will hold workshops in local libraries and facilitate computer-based instruction to help community entrepreneurial groups.

Center for Rural Affairs: will provide training, consultation and resources through their Rural Enterprise Assistance Project, Women’s Business Center, and Hispanic Business Center (with Spanish-speaking trainers and consultants).

Project Goal: Increase educational access and opportunities

Central Community College and other Nebraska community colleges: will deliver higher education and adult education curricula directly to remotely located students via library public computer center facilities in this grant. Instead of having to travel long distances or relocate to



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enroll in community college programs, these students will take courses online at their local library.

Network Nebraska: This organization that manages Nebraska’s statewide telecommunications backbone, supporting a K-12 and higher education network, will work with Nebraska’s libraries to deliver distance learning content to libraries. Through this grant, selected libraries will have the opportunity to join Network Nebraska and provide access to instructional content created by teachers in Nebraska’s schools to students in libraries.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension: will increase usage of eXtension, an Internet-based educational partnership among 74 universities, and that delivers its online expertise on topics that matter most to Nebraska’s population, such as managing agricultural businesses.

Project Goal: Gain greater access to health information

The University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine: will expand the reach of its Consumer Health Information Resource Service (CHIRS), a unique program developed with the NLC 25 years ago, to deliver consumer health information from medical library experts through local, primarily rural, libraries. Health sciences librarians will virtually communicate with library customers and library staff to answer medical information requests.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine: will deliver webinar content on key health topics and in-person and online training to library staff on helping patrons navigate its comprehensive medlineplus.gov online information resource. Patrons will benefit from information on maintaining electronic health records and targeted information for seniors on how to better manage Medicaid/Medicare benefits.

Project Goal: Improve access to e-government information

Nebraska State Court Administrator and local Health and Human Service offices: these and other state agencies will instruct library staff on how to help their patrons access e-government content and understand how to fill out important forms, creating virtual government assistance centers.

Additional Support



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Nebraska Community Foundation: will provide services to libraries seeking to raise community funding for project sustainability purposes. Although libraries are well positioned to sustain the reasonable cost increases in monthly broadband service, the Nebraska Community Foundation can assist libraries in developing strategies to ensure long-term sustainability.

Local Community Partners: Local government, business development and other community organizations will continue to provide support and training to library computer centers. 300+ local organizations are committed to this project and have provided letters of support.

D. Congressional Districts

22. Applicant Headquarters

- Nebraska

23. Project Service States

Nebraska

24. Project Service Areas

Nebraska - 1

Nebraska - 2

Nebraska - 3

25. Will any portion of your proposed project serve federally recognized tribal entities?

- Yes

26. Indicate each federally recognized tribal entity your proposed project will serve.

Winnebago Tribal Council



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27. Have you consulted with each of the federally recognized tribal entities identified above?

> Yes

E. Demographics

Demographics

28. Will your proposed project be specifically directed to serve vulnerable population groups?

> Yes

If "Yes" which vulnerable population groups will your proposed project serve? Check as many as apply:

Native American or Native Alaskan

English as Second Language (ESL)

Disabled

Low Income

Unemployed

Senior Citizen (55 and over)

Youth

Other:

29. Vulnerable Populations

To determine vulnerable populations served, we have used demographic data from the US Census Bureau and conducted analysis to determine estimated population served for each group.



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Through several key programs and partnerships, this project strongly addresses the needs of several vulnerable populations in its service areas.

English Language Learners (est. population served: 37,376): Working in conjunction with the Omaha Public Library, this project will develop online video content in Arabic, Sudanese, Karen, Spanish, Nuer, Dinka, Kiswahili, Swahili and Somali to instruct and engage the ELL population on public computing center capabilities, making these populations more likely to utilize project services and programs.

Disabled (est. population served: 99,384): Nebraska’s libraries have long been committed to meeting the needs of people with disabilities, with 84 % currently providing handicap access and 36% currently providing ADA-compliant workstations. By adding 58 ADA-compliant workstations to those libraries that currently do not have them, the libraries will be able to provide one of the few options for Internet and computer skills access for people with disabilities.

Low income (est. population served: 477,999), or the number of people below the national median income, and Unemployed (est. population served: 41,484): The needs of these vulnerable populations are addressed through job search and skills training programs leveraging computers, as well as businesses development curricula, through partners such as the Nebraska Department of Labor and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.

Senior Citizens (est. population served: 333,249): Senior citizens also have low broadband and computer adoption. Basic training will be provided to create an inviting environment; this critical to overcoming adoption barriers since 80% of senior citizens that do not subscribe to broadband at home believe that the Internet is either not relevant or useable. Training will be provided on topics that are highly relevant to seniors, most notably online access to health information.

Youth (est. population served: 67,456): Nebraska’s youth increasingly requires access to K-12 and higher education distance learning content. This project’s proposal to upgrade broadband and computing assets will allow libraries to continue to fulfill this need. Through partnerships with Central Community College and Network Nebraska, and local schools voicing their commitment to the project (as evidenced by local letters of support in the Supplemental Information Uploads section), students will have a growing database of classroom curriculum.

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Additionally, key underserved broadband populations—which skew toward low income, unemployed, older aged and Native American groups—will benefit from the Internet and computing skills training to be provided by each library.

30. Accessibility

The NLC and its library partners are extremely focused on improving computer center accessibility for persons with disabilities. This is addressed by both enabling persons with disabilities to easily access the computing center premises and providing more libraries with well-equipped ADA-compliant workstations.

Premises

Library public computer center buildings are already nearly all accessible to persons with disabilities. Among the libraries selected for this application, most have access for persons with disabilities (84 %), with these libraries accounting for 97% of the estimated disabled population served.

Workstations

All library computer centers that serve persons with disabilities will have ADA-compliant workstations. To accomplish this, 59 ADA-compliant workstations will be provided to those libraries that need them.

These ADA-compliant workstations are designed to be used by people with a variety of disabilities, including people with visual or hearing impairments, wheelchair users, and those unable to operate a mouse or keyboard for physical reasons.

The desk itself can be raised by a hydraulic crank, permitting a wheelchair to fit beneath the work surface.

Over-the-ear headphones are provided so that people with partially impaired hearing can raise the volume to audible levels without disturbing others.

A 3-inch Trackball with two separate mouse connections can be set to low sensitivity and manipulated accurately by those who may be lacking in fine motor control, or have a weakness



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or disability affecting their arms. Those unable to manipulate a mouse or keyboard at all can control the operating system with the provided speech recognition software, which can also convert speech into text for word processing, email, Internet searching, etc.

For the partially sighted, we will include screen-reading software which can enlarge a portion of the screen and magnify one line at a time for reading. A large print keyboard has been provided, with a high visibility color scheme (e.g. yellow on black). The lettering on this keyboard is much more visible than on ordinary keyboards.

A scanner with OCR capability is included and, used in conjunction with the software package “Kurzweil 3000” (or equivalent), can translate scanned print into audio. Kurzweil also works with digital files, and provides dictionary access and various text manipulation tools to assist in reading.

To assist users with visual disabilities, we have included the JAWS software which, as well as synthesizing speech from text content, can also output to Braille displays. Users with visual disabilities can also use the variety of screen reading/vocalization, speech recognition and control, and character recognition functions available as described above.

31. Other Languages

Nebraska library programming in Spanish, the second most spoken language in the state, and other languages will be expanded with BTOP funding as follows:

- One of our programming partners, the Center for Rural Affairs under their Hispanic Business Center, will provide business development classes in libraries for Spanish-speaking businesspeople.
- Many libraries that serve Spanish-speaking populations will expand their offerings of classes, including computer classes, taught in Spanish.
- The Omaha Public Library will develop a “Welcome to Your Public Library” video for the expanding number of non-English speaking immigrants. This video/DVD will be developed with multi-language subtitles and expanded to help local libraries promote computer services and online resources to specific populations. Languages include Spanish, Arabic, Sudanese, Karen, Nuer, Dinka, Kiswahili, Swahili and Somali.
- Non-English speaking immigrants find help at libraries through programs for English Language Learners (ELL) and this will be expanded to additional libraries.



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- ELL software products are made available at some libraries, and this will be expanded to additional libraries.
- The University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine will have a Spanish-speaking nurse available to assist with medical/health information requests from customers or librarians.
- Marketing materials in Spanish and other languages will be made available to public computing centers.

Outreach

32. Public Computing Centers Outreach

The outreach strategy designed by NLC will maximize awareness and use of library public computer center resources by general and vulnerable populations while avoiding costly mass marketing techniques.

To create initial excitement about the grant award and the enhancement of library computing centers, a kick-off Convening funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will invite program partners and news media. This event will be the starting point for a media relations campaign to secure 15 news stories in media outlets throughout Nebraska. This campaign will reach a total of 694,338 people in the general population.

Libraries will reach out to key local organizations and institutions to provide information on public computing center capabilities to their constituents. This will take several forms. For example, libraries will receive customized brochures and “credit cards” for free computer resources providing an overview of library public computing center capabilities and the programmatic content available. Outreach will place particular emphasis on local organizations that serve target vulnerable populations, such as senior centers, community organizations and schools. Additionally, this material will be made available online.

Additionally, libraries will host special “Public Computing Center Learning Nights” with topical guest speakers, incorporating computer and Internet resources into the event. A primary goal of these events will be to attract non-broadband users (via radio Public Service Announcements and posters in community buildings) to the computing center with events on topics that may be of interest to them, and to illustrate the vast amounts of information available on the Internet.



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Each library will report on their outreach efforts, including how many people were reached with this information. It is expected that each library will create awareness among 25% of its service area over the three years of the project, for a total of 224,191 people. The primary target audiences would align with the demographics of each service area, primarily low income, aged and underserved populations.

Finally, the NLC will work directly with its K-12 and higher education partners to draw students into library public computing centers. Communications to students about the services will be delivered via e-mail marketing campaigns, or when necessary, print collateral. This effort will reach two-thirds of the population that our community college and K-12 and higher education partners serve.

These efforts will be supported by a total three-year marketing budget of \$75,000, which includes \$55,628 for print market materials, \$1632 for dissemination and postage, \$11,731 for graphic design services and \$6008 for newspaper ads.

33. How many total users do you expect to generate through the use of BTOP funds at your public computer center(s)?

➤ 74743

Training and Education

34. Peripherals and equipment

This project provides computer centers with desktops, laptops and ADA-compliant workstations, and peripherals and networking equipment.

Desktops include:

- Desktop PC (Dell Studio One 19 or equivalent)
- 18.5" Monitor
- Keyboard/mouse
- Headphones

Laptops include:



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- Laptop PC (Dell Vostro 1720 or equivalent)
- Headphones

ADA workstations include:

- Desktop workstation (as above)
- Variable-height hydraulic desk
- Large print high visibility keyboard
- Large trackball
- Headphones
- Various accessibility software (see “10.7 Software”)

Some libraries will receive mobile carts (Earthwalk Flexcart 16 or equivalent), including:

- Storage for 6 to 12 laptops
- WiFi access (802.11b/g)
- Power station laptops

Libraries will receive peripherals, including:

- Printer(s) (HP Laserjet P2030 or equivalent)
- OCR-capable scanner(s) (Epson WorkForce Pro GT-S50 or equivalent)
- Video projector(s) (ViewSonic PJD5111 2500 Lumens Portable DLP Projector or equivalent)

Libraries will receive networking equipment, including:

- Wireless Access Points (TRENDnet 300Mbps Wireless N Access Point or equivalent)
- 8-port switches (SMC 8508T EZSwitch 8-port 10/100/1000 Gigabit Switch or equivalent)
- 12-port switches (Enterasys D2 D2G124-12 12-port switch or equivalent)
- 48-port switches (HP ProCurve Switch 2510G-48 48-port switch or equivalent)
- Ethernet cable (Cat6 Ethernet Cables for each additional computer)
- Electrical updates (Wiring, sockets, etc.)

35. Workstation software

Each desktop and laptop PC will have of the following software:

- Windows 7 Home Premium or equivalent
- Microsoft Office 2007 Standard



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- Symantec Protection Suite Small Business Edition or equivalent
- Printer Management
- Adobe Acrobat Reader or equivalent
- Full text magazine and journal access through Wilson OmniFile and eLibrary, as well as several targeted journal and magazine search tools on specific topics
- Business information through Kiplinger Letter
- Image database access through OSAIster and Camio
- NebraskAccess, providing online full-text magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, biographical, business, and genealogical resources

Each ADA-compliant workstation will have the following software, intended to improve the usability of computing equipment for those library users who have impaired vision and hearing, or a physical disability.

- ZoomText or equivalent: Contains adaptive technologies for screen magnification and screen reading. ZoomText allows the user to see and hear everything on the computer screen.
- Kurzweil 3000 or equivalent: Kurzweil can convert scanned or digital files to audio and contains a reader.
- JAWS / Window-Eyes or equivalent: Speech synthesizer and screen reader which reads aloud from screens.
- Dragon Naturally Speaking or equivalent: Speech recognition software, which can also be used to control the majority of operating system functions.

36. Training and education programs

Nebraska libraries respond to needs in their communities by providing training to vulnerable populations through one-on-one interactions and classes taught by library staff, community college instructors, state agency trainers and community members. Some libraries rely heavily on part-time high school students for technology support and teaching customers to use computers.

Libraries offer help with online course work for GEDs, community college and university courses and programming. Organizations like Army Reserve and fire/rescue units look to libraries for resources for online training and testing.

People come to Nebraska libraries for help with resumes, job-searching, unemployment filing, and accessing other e-government sites. Thirty libraries currently offer some formal job skills and/or job search training. Senior citizens visit libraries for help using computers for the Internet,

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email, and social networking. They also seek help with health-related issues such as learning about Medicare options or completing health clinic forms.

Non-English speaking immigrants find help at some libraries through programs for English Language Learners (ELL), including computer classes taught in Spanish or ELL software products.

Libraries help people use electronic services such as tax filing, online banking, assistance from the Nebraska Health and Human Services System (DHHS), health information, public safety, tax preparation, and online research.

Better Internet connections and up-to-date equipment, combined with additional programming resources, will enable libraries to provide more educational programming and better access to online resources. The above activities will be expanded to 90% of public computing centers and it is expected that more than 40,000 new users will participate in library computer center training programs.

All program training will be executed by in-kind instruction time from key partners and coordinated by one full-time employee, the Project and Programs Coordinator.

NLC staff will provide train-the-trainer sessions for library staff to enable them to teach 21st century skills to customers (including technology, life and career skills), as well as advocacy and fund-raising training for library staff and supporters to ensure sustainability. NLC has secured letters of commitment from key partners to provide additional educational programming, consultation and online resources. These programs will be delivered via live and recorded webinars and online interactive training, leveraging the improved public computing center capabilities of libraries.

The Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL) will support job search and skills training for library customers. Library public computing centers will serve as “virtual workforce offices,” featuring programs on online job search, resume writing and interview preparation for potential employees and job/employee matching assistance for employers.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) McGoogan Library of Medicine and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will support a consumer health information program,



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expanding the impact of the Consumer Health Information Resource Service (CHIRS) and providing a Spanish-speaking nurse for consultation. Professional health sciences librarians specializing in adult education and community outreach to multicultural underserved populations will deliver Webinar training on electronic health records, targeted medical information for seniors, and video health resources for English Language Learners.

The Center for Rural Entrepreneurship will support youth entrepreneurship activities, using library centers to deliver Train-the-Trainer sessions on engaging young people in community economic development. Students will use library public computing facilities to demonstrate emerging technologies that local business owners can adapt to grow their businesses to create new wealth and local jobs. Energizing Entrepreneurs (e2) training will also be offered.

The Center for Rural Affairs will provide training, consultation and resources through their Rural Enterprise Assistance Project, Women’s Business Center, and Hispanic Business Center (with Spanish-speaking trainers and consultants).

Central Community College will provide extensive offerings of online video and Web-supported courses through library public computing centers. Other Nebraska community colleges have indicated an interest in offering additional educational programming.

University of Nebraska eXtension is an interactive, online, educational learning consortium of land grant universities. Web-based training on using library public computing centers to access program content from this repository of knowledge will be provided under the leadership of Dr. Rick Koelsch, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Assistant Dean.

Nebraska Court Administrator’s Office will provide training to library staff ensure that Nebraskans have access to electronic court document and filing options. Library public computing centers will serve as “virtual government assistance centers” featuring electronic access to information on topics such as child support, court-appointed guardians, tickets, fines, court pleadings, filings, small claims, etc.

Nebraska Community Foundation will help Nebraskans to integrate community philanthropy and community development, learning to use the tools of planned giving campaigns and donor visitation to build a broader donor base and secure long-term sustainability and support for library public computing centers.



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Omaha Public Library English Language Learners (ELL) Project will be used to develop video/DVDs with multi-language subtitles to help local libraries market and train specific populations on computer center services.

- 37. If you are providing educational or training programs, how many people in total will these programs reach on an annual basis?
 - > 42726
- 38. How many hours of training will be provided to each participant?
 - > 3
- 39. How many Full Time Employee (FTE) instructors or facilitators will you employ for these courses?
 - > 1

F. Project Budget

40. Project Budget	
Federal Grant Request	\$2,416,403
Total Match Amount	\$1,251,786
Total Budget	\$3,668,189
Match Percent	34.1%

- 41. Projects Outside Recommended Funding Range:
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42. Sustainability:

This project is structured to ensure public computing center services, broadband access and training programs will be sustained well beyond the grant period.



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While this grant provides a unique opportunity to enhance computer center capabilities, the NLC and libraries can successfully maintain operations through the use of annual local, state and federal funding. Library operating budgets total \$39 million in aggregate and the NLC receives \$5.29 million in state appropriations in the coming fiscal year.

Additionally, programs such as the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) State Program provides \$1.5 million federal funding for Nebraska library technology and services. The NLC has also partnered with the Nebraska Community Foundation, an organization with expertise in executing strategies to increase local funding.

New incremental costs for increased broadband speeds will also be sustained. Sustainability project planning for this project included collecting extensive survey data on service provider pricing and analysis of current library broadband service costs. Additionally, E-rate will significantly reduce recurring broadband service costs. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will provide \$146,260 for targeted E-rate application support for approximately 100 libraries that will be new to E-rate and do not have the resources to complete the application. As a result, the 40 libraries that will receive DSL upgrades will pay an average increase of \$7.39 per month once new E-rate discounts come into effect. While libraries will apply for e-rate to help sustain broadband speed increases, no duplicate funding for recurring Internet access services or other nonrecurring services for broadband infrastructure will occur.

Five libraries will receive new fiber broadband installations because of the proposed number of workstations in their computer centers. After assessing the benefits of a fiber connection, these libraries agreed to pay for the cost of a 10 Mbps dedicated fiber broadband connection (estimated \$1000/month before E-rate discounts). These libraries explicitly stated their ability to sustain this ongoing cost in their letters of commitment.

This project budget includes non-recurring broadband costs which libraries are not able to pay for and recurring incremental broadband costs for 1.5 years to provide libraries enough time to secure budgets funds and begin receive new E-rate discounts. This approach delivers new broadband service quickly while minimizing project costs.

Each library will receive training from both partners and IT professionals so that they can train library users on computer skills and using the Internet. Participating libraries all have at least one



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paid staff member dedicated to supporting the program and are open to the public an average of 37 hours/week.

Local community organizations, which provided 300+ letters of support, will continue to deliver training to library computer centers.

43. Matching Funds	
Applicant is providing matching funds of at least 20% towards the total eligible project costs?	Yes
Describe the matching contributions	<p>The NLC has secured a guaranteed grant cash match of 34.1%, i.e., \$1,251,786 of the \$3,668,189 project budget.</p> <p>The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is the sole party that is providing the match contribution. Their letter of commitment to provide this cash match is provided as an attachment.</p> <p>Match contributions break down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$146,260 (12% of the match) of this cash match will be directly applied to E-rate consulting services for assistance to libraries with their E-rate application, such as understanding E-rate rules and requirements through workshops and one-on-one counsel. This includes \$41,000 for E-rate support staff and \$105,260 for E-rate application support. • \$119,155 (10% of match) of this cash match will be directly applied to pre-application project development costs. • The remaining \$986,371 (78% of the match) will be allocated to personnel, travel, equipment, contractual and other project costs. Specifically, \$158,705 will be allocated to personnel, \$32,286 will be allocated to travel, \$648,921 will be allocated to equipment, \$15,363 will be allocated to contractual and \$131,095 will be allocated to other project costs.



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	The grant cash match is being provided on the conditions that the grant be used solely for BTOP eligible costs and that the NLC carry out the project as described in this application.
Unjust enrichment	No unjust enrichment will occur. While libraries will apply for e-rate to help sustain broadband speed increases, no duplicate funding for recurring Internet access services or other nonrecurring services for broadband infrastructure will occur.
Disclosure of federal and/or state funding sources	<p>The NLC annually administers \$1.5 million through federal Library Services and Technology Act State Program for Nebraska library and technology services.</p> <p>Some Nebraska libraries regularly participate in the Schools and Libraries E-rate discount program. In FY 2009-2010, public libraries received \$35,490 in discounts for Internet access.</p>

44. Budget Narrative	
Budget narrative	<p>The following provides a detailed description of each of the SF-424 A Object Categories. The total project budget is \$3668189.</p> <p>Personnel (\$588500)</p> <p>a. Support staff to assist libraries with their E-rate applications at \$20500/year for 2 years totaling \$41000. No duplicate funding for recurring Internet access services or other nonrecurring services for broadband infrastructure will occur.</p> <p>b. Project and Programs Coordinator (PC) at \$80000/year for 3 years totaling \$240000</p> <p>c. Compliance Officer (CO) at \$65,000/year for 3 years totaling \$195000</p> <p>d. Information Technology Manager (ITM) at \$75000/year for 1.5 years totaling \$112500</p> <p>Travel (\$111380)</p> <p>a. Yrs 1-2 ITM library travel 108 times, with mileage costs of</p>

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	<p>\$62.50/trip totaling \$6753</p> <p>b. Yrs 1-2 ITM hotel /meal cost of \$50/library visit over 108 visits totaling \$5402</p> <p>c. Yrs 1-3 PC library travel 441 times, with mileage costs of \$62.50/trip totaling \$27563</p> <p>d. Yrs 1-3 PC hotel/meal cost of \$50/library visit over 441 visits totaling \$22050</p> <p>e. Yrs 2-3 partner library travel 441 times with mileage costs of \$62.50/trip totaling \$27563</p> <p>f. Yrs 2-3 partner hotel/meal cost of \$50/library visit over 441 visits totaling \$22050</p> <p>Equipment (\$2238642)</p> <p>a. 33 mobile computing carts at \$4393 totaling \$144976</p> <p>b. 73 video projectors at \$500 totaling \$36500</p> <p>c. 143 wireless access points at \$80 totaling \$11440</p> <p>d. 97 8-port switches at \$100 totaling \$9700</p> <p>e. 28 12-port switches at \$905 totaling \$25340</p> <p>f. 20 48-port switches at \$1500 totaling \$30000</p> <p>g. 620 Ethernet cables at \$10 totaling \$6200</p> <p>h. 29 electrical updates at \$1500 totaling \$44100</p> <p>i. 634 desktops at \$700 totaling \$443800</p> <p>j. 462 laptops at \$1000 totaling \$462000</p> <p>k. 1096 service contracts for all desktops and laptops at \$150 totaling \$164400</p> <p>l. 59 ADA compliant workstations at \$4258 totaling \$251222</p> <p>m. 1096 office suite s/w units at \$150 totaling \$164400</p> <p>n. 1096 security s/w units at \$75 totaling \$82200</p> <p>o. 136 printers at \$429 totaling \$58344</p> <p>p. 95 scanners at \$350 totaling \$33250</p> <p>q. 1096 headphones at \$20 totaling \$21920</p> <p>r. 621 desks at \$350 totaling \$217350</p> <p>s. 630 chairs at \$50 totaling \$31500</p> <p>Contractual (\$53000)</p>
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	<p>a. 106 instances of installation support at \$100/hour for 5 hours totaling \$53000</p> <p>Other (\$676667)</p> <p>a. 40 DSL incremental recurring and non-recurring services totaling \$24013</p> <p>b. 5 Fiber incremental recurring and non-recurring service totaling \$268239</p> <p>c. Marketing costs of \$75000</p> <p>d. Training costs of \$85000</p> <p>e. E-rate application support, including a training workshop, of \$105260</p> <p>f. Pre-Application expenses of \$119155</p> <p>Approx. 50% of the project's match will be provided in Yr. 1 and approx. 50% will be provided in Yr. 2. In accordance with BTOP rules, the project will not spend federal project funds in a proportion greater than the available non-federal funds at any time. As a result, 1/2 of library equipment will be purchased in Yr. 1, and the 2nd half library equipment will be purchased in Yr. 2.</p>
<p>Budget reasonableness</p>	<p>Library computer center equipment allocations and cost assumptions were determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey: An extensive questionnaire was issued to the 147 participating libraries to understand their current broadband and computer capabilities, their future broadband and computer needs, and peripheral equipment needs. - Service Provider Non-Binding Request for Information (RFI): A non-binding RFI was issued to the top Nebraska Internet Service Providers to understand service availability. Additional web research was conducted to verify this information. - Online research: Reliable industry/vendor websites, such as Amazon.com and Dell.com, were used as sources of information on



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	<p>typical products used, product configurations, cost information and usage patterns. Several credible online sources, such as the University of Stanford's IT department, point to a four-year computer replacement cycle as optimal. This project therefore replaces computers that are four years or older.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expert Interviews: Technology experts were repeatedly interviewed to verify cost information and determine appropriate equipment configurations. <p>Information from these sources was used to determine personnel, travel, contractual, equipment and other costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Personnel Costs: Project personnel costs are based on State of Nebraska Personnel Classification and Compensation system pay grades and associated employee benefits.- Travel: The federal mileage rate (\$.50), local hotel/meal prices (\$50/library visit), and library distances (125 miles), estimated by mapping software, were used to establish travel costs.- Equipment: The project assumes a cost of \$700/desktop based on the current price of the Dell Studio One 19 and \$1000 based on the current price of the Dell Vostro 1720. These models were selected as benchmarks due to their combination of features and affordability. Similar benchmarks were used for peripherals such as printers and video projectors.- Contractual: Computer and networking installation support costs of \$100/hour for five hours are aligned with estimated local pricing and service time for this type of work.- Other: DSL and fiber broadband non-recurring and recurring charges are based on information from top service providers in Nebraska. This project only seeks to fund incremental recurring
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	<p>broadband costs above what libraries pay today for a period of 1.5 years to allow libraries to raise funding and apply for E-rate (no duplicate funding for recurring Internet access services or other nonrecurring services for broadband infrastructure will occur). Fiber broadband installation costs, which can range from \$10,000 - \$100,000 per location, were also determined through more detailed discussions with these service providers. Additional discussions with IT experts on equipment required for broadband access were also considered.</p> <p>- Marketing costs are based on the NLC’s past experience. Program costs were determined via partners.</p>
Demonstration of need	<p>The NLC and libraries throughout Nebraska face the unfortunate reality of tightening budgets from their key funding sources. As a result, implementing a project of this scope and delivering on the stated goals would not be possible without funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.</p> <p>The NLC’s state appropriation declined 1.8% (to \$5,384,854) in the FY 2009/2010 and is expected to decline an additional 1.8% (to \$5,287,631) in the upcoming FY 2010/2011. Overall, the Library Commission’s budget will be reduced approximately \$194,000 next year as compared to one year ago. This past year the Library Commission needed to leverage its cash funds – built up in prior years – in order to sustain operations and programs for libraries. This action reduced the Library Commission’s fund balance by \$102,112. This information is detailed in the attached “Historical Financial Uploads” section.</p> <p>These budget reductions may be even more severe as the state of Nebraska is faced with a \$30.7 million gap between its most updated revenue forecast and previously approved state spending. This shortfall is tied to the current economic environment in Nebraska as the government is not receiving projected revenues from sales and income tax.</p>

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	<p>Nebraska’s libraries rely more heavily on local funding and donations than their library counterparts in other states. Nebraska’s libraries receive 90% and 6% of their funding from local and donation sources respectively, versus 83% and 3%, nationally. While this points to the value Nebraska’s communities place on its libraries, funding from these sources has not kept pace with demand for Nebraska’s library services – from 2005-2008, local government funding to libraries declined slightly when adjusting for inflation (9% growth without inflation), whereas library visits have increased 11% over that time.</p>
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45. Funds to States/Territories

States	Amount of Federal Grant Request
Nebraska	

Funds to States/Territories Total: \$2,416,403

G. Historical Financials

46. Matching Funds			
	2007	2008	2009
Revenue	5,241,128	5,920,626	5,780,563
Expenditures	5,287,354	5,722,468	5,496,848
Net Assets	641,914	583,966	484,280
Change in Net Assets from Prior Year	46,958	-57,948	-99,686
Bond Rating (if applicable)			

H. Public Computer Center Summary



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47. Jobs	
How many direct jobs-years will be created from this project?	9
How many indirect jobs will be created from this project?	17
How many jobs will be induced from this project?	14

48. Methodology used to estimate jobs:

In estimating jobs for this project, we have adopted the approach recommended by the Council of Economic Advisor’s guide to job creation estimates.

1. Take total project spend (\$3,668,189) and divide by \$92,000 to determine “Total Job Years”: 40
2. Multiply total job years (40) by 36% to determine “Induced Job Years”: 14
3. The remainder (26) is the “sum of Direct Job Years and Indirect Job Years”.

We have elected to report the actual job years which will be created in this project, rather than identifying spending on what might be termed “Direct Jobs”, and then dividing by \$92,000. We believe this approach better reflects the manner in which this project will create jobs, and aligns with other reporting on job creation.

To calculate Direct Job Years, we multiply the following factors for each paid staff category, and sum the total:

1. Number of Employees and Contractors
2. Length of tenure
3. % FTE

This gives a final value 9 Direct Job Years.

Subtracting the “Direct Job Years” (9) from the “sum of Direct Job Years and Indirect Job Years” (26), gives us “Indirect Job Years” (17).

In summary, we estimate the following Job Years:

- Total Job Years: 40
- Direct Job Years: 9
- Indirect Job Years: 17



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- Induced Job Years: 14

49. Proposed # of Public Computer Centers	
Schools (k-12)	0
Libraries	147
Medical and Healthcare Providers	0
Public Safety Entities	0
Community Colleges	0
Public Housing	0
Other Institutions of Higher Education	0
Other Community Support Organization	0
Other Government Facilities	0

Total Proposed Public Computer Centers 147

Current Total Persons in Service Area 896763

50. Minority Serving Institutions	
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	0
Tribal Colleges and Universities	0
Alaska Native Serving Institutions	0
Hispanic Serving Institutions	0
Native Hawaiian Serving	0



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Institutions	
TOTAL MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS	0

51. Weekly Usage Summary	
Total Current # of Persons Served per 120-hour Business Week	27083
Total Proposed # of Persons Served per 120-hour Business Week	37408
Total Current # of Persons Served per 48-hour Weekend	5863
Total Proposed # of Persons Served per 48-hour Weekend	8906

52. Broadband Workstation Summary	
Number of Current Workstations proposed to be upgraded	476
Total Current # of Broadband Workstations	1210
Total Proposed # of Broadband Workstations	1830
Average Current Facility Broadband Connection Speed	4.60 Mbps
Average Proposed Facility Broadband Connection Speed	5.40 Mbps

I. Project Readiness



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53. Licenses and Regulatory Approvals

No local, state, or federal licenses and regulatory approvals are anticipated to be required to complete this project.

54. Organizational Readiness

The NLC has improved and supported Nebraska’s libraries since it was established in 1901. The current implementation and execution team, led by Rod Wagner, Director of the NLC since 1988, has extensive experience in the areas of project management, technology deployment, federal and state funded procurement and compliance, relevant federal and state programs such as E-rate, and marketing outreach. The team’s capabilities are further detailed in the management resume uploads section.

The NLC, as the state library agency, has extensive expertise in executing technology and public computer center projects with similar in size and scope. These include:

- Annually administers \$1.5 million through federal Library Services and Technology Act State Program for library technology and library services.
- Administered NEBASE (1976-2009), an affiliated network for the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) providing technical, administrative, and training support for online computer services and products to 141 network member libraries. Total annual invoicing for NEBASE was nearly \$1M.
- Administers Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation U.S. Library Program grants (2003-), including state coordination and administration of grant activities funded by this program. This included technology-related training sessions provided through a Gates Foundation Staying Connected Training grant in 2007. In 2009, 37 public libraries qualified to receive funding to purchase public computer workstations via the Opportunity Online Hardware Grant.
- Awarded Wi-Fi Connectivity Grants to 48 Nebraska public libraries funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The NLC staff designed and managed the project including technical support in placing and installing routers and laptops, and training.
- Administers Technology and Access Services programs for Nebraska libraries through training, webinars, consultation, support, and technology innovation. This department annually produces 300+ hours of training for these libraries. In FY09/10 coordinated group purchase of 180 databases for 193 academic, public and K-12 libraries totaling \$534,818; and coordinated group purchase of and access to downloadable audiobooks for 47 libraries totaling \$47,039.



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- Created and administers NebraskAccess, a digital library service for statewide use offering free 24/7 access to websites selected by librarians, full-text government publications and historical resources. This includes coordinating access to these resources via approximately 1,000 libraries and media centers.

The NLC has strong working relationships with all the partners included in this grant. For example, NLC worked with the Nebraska Community Foundation to increase library involvement in community collaborative efforts to build rural sustainability through grassroots philanthropy. NLC and Central Community College jointly designed a library information services certification program for training library technical staff.

55. Project Timeline and Challenges

Year 1 – Q1

- Initiate hiring or contracting with all personnel, including Project and Programs Coordinator (PC), Compliance Officer (CO), E-Rate assistance (ER) and IT support staff (ITs)
- Personnel and services firm(s) develop action plan based on deadlines set forth in this project timeline (PC, CO and ITs)
- Initiate RFPs for all broadband upgrades and Year 1 equipment purchases (ITs)
- Engage with all program partners to develop work plan (PC)
- Complete compliance management system and plan (CO)

Year 1 – Q2

- Visits to libraries for official project kick-off and introduction (PC)
- Purchase/install equipment in half of library public computer centers including in project (ITs)
- Program partners (PP) to complete work plan
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 1 – Q3

- Upgrade all broadband service, including deploying fiber broadband service (ITs)
- Initiate marketing campaign (PC)
- Complete launch of all online components of programmatic elements (PP)
- Complete video informational content for ELL library customers is completed (PC)
- Provide remote training to libraries on facilitating use of online program components (PP)
- Compliance activities (CO)
- Commence E-rate planning kick-off seminar (ER)



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Year 1 – Q4

- Conduct RFP for second half of equipment (ITs)
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 2 – Q1

- Purchase/install in remaining half of library public computer centers including in project (ITs)
- Partners travel to libraries for training (PP)
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 2 – Q2

- Partners travel to libraries for training (PP)
- Develop online computer training content (ITs)
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 2 – Q3 and Q4

- Conduct site visits to update libraries on new programming content and activities (PC)
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 3 – Q1 and Q2

- Partners travel to libraries for training (PP)
- Compliance activities (CO)

Year 3 – Q3 and Q4

- Project Coordinator conducts site visits to update libraries on new programming content and activities (PC)
- Compliance activities (CO)

There are three primary risks to the project timeline. The first is finding appropriate staff for each position needed to be filled in the timeframe provided. The NLC will mitigate this risk by conducting an extremely aggressive search for appropriate candidates and will initiate activities as needed if a given position has not been filled.

The second risk is the timing of the procurement of equipment and deployment of broadband services, in particular fiber deployments with existing service providers. To mitigate this risk, IT support staff will be instructed to prioritize RFPs accordingly and provide strict deadlines to vendors and services providers bidding for these services.



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The final risk is partners delaying the fulfillment of their commitments to programmatic elements. The Project Coordinator will engage these partners early in the process to reduce any potential delays in program development.

56. SPIN Number

J. Environmental Questionnaire

57. Does this PCC application have construction or ground disturbing activities?

Yes

If no, please answer the questions below. If yes, please do not answer the questions below and instead proceed to the next page to answer the expanded environmental questionnaire.

58. Does the proposed action involve the procurement of materials? If so, will the materials be installed, stored or operated in an existing building or structure? If yes, please click "Add" to include the list of equipment and peripherals to be procured.

59. Does the proposed action involve procurement of electronic equipment? If yes, will the equipment be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner at the end of its useful life?

60. Does the proposed action involve construction, remodeling, or renovation? If so, will these activities be limited to only minor interior renovations to a structure, facility, or installation? If yes, click "Add" to include a description of the proposed renovations with your project summary.



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61. Does the proposed action involve the production and/or distribution of informational materials, brochures, or newsletter?
62. Does the proposed action involve training, teaching, or meeting facilitation at an existing facility or structure? If yes, click "Add" to explain.
63. Does the proposed action involve ground or surface disturbance to accommodate new fiber optic cable? If yes, please click "Add" to include a description of the extent of service upgrade, a list of the permits required, and linear footage of underground fiber optic cabling required.
64. Does the proposed action involve an upgrade of broadband service to an existing facility or structure? If yes, please include a description of the extent of service upgrade, a list of the permits required, and linear footage of underground fiber optic cabling required?

K. Environmental Questionnaire – Part 2

65. Project Description

Only five locations have potential for minor construction activities: Charles B. Washington Branch Library (Omaha, NE), South Omaha Library (Omaha, NE), W. Dale Clark Library (Omaha, NE), Grand Island Public Library, (Grand Island, NE), and John A. Stahl Library (West Point, NE). Each location is an existing community library already with copper/HFC lines for broadband service.



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For each of these libraries, Nebraska Library Commission/local library will contract with existing broadband service providers who provide services in the local area to install new fiber optic cabling to enhance broadband speeds at these libraries. Service providers will be selected based strongly on ability to leverage existing rights of way such as existing telephone / electrical poles or conduits to avoid any need for installation of buried cable.

We do not believe that there will be any installation of prefabricated buildings, internal/external modifications of existing structures, or any other significant construction.

66. Property Changes

Nebraska Library Commission/local library will contract with existing broadband service providers who provide services in the local area to install new fiber optic cabling to enhance broadband speeds at these five libraries. Service providers will be selected based strongly on ability to leverage existing rights of way such as existing telephone / electrical poles or conduits to avoid any need for installation of buried cable.

No property changes are planned or expected, nor is it anticipated that there will be any property cleared, excavated, fenced or otherwise disturbed by the project. No portion of this project is proposed to be on public land owned or managed by the federal government.

67. Buildings

No buildings or other structures are expected to be constructed or modified. Further, all fiber optic cabling installed as part of this project is expected to be placed on existing rights of way such as existing telephone / electrical poles or conduits.

68. Wetlands

No wetlands are present or near project sites affected by construction.

69. Critical Habitats

Based on our assessment, no project sites will directly or indirectly affect any threatened, endangered or candidate species or are within or near critical habitats. Please see below for list of endangered/threatened species in counties with construction, based on US Fish and Wildlife Service's website.



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Curning County (John A. Stahl Library)

- Interior Least Tern (endangered)
- Piping Plover (threatened)
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (threatened)

Douglas County (Charles B. Washington Branch Library, South Omaha Library, W. Dale Clark Library)

- Interior Least Tern (endangered)
- Pallid Sturgeon (endangered)
- Piping Plover (threatened)
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (threatened)

Hall County (Grand Island Public Library)

- Interior Least Tern (endangered)
- Piping Plover (threatened)
- Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (threatened)
- Whooping Crane (endangered)

70. Floodplain

No project-related construction activities are within floodplains for this project.

71. Protected Land

No protected lands will be disturbed as a part of this project. In addition, the proposed project will not impact, use, or alter a building/structure that was constructed more than 50 years ago. Based on initial discussions with the Nebraska SHPO, they saw no concerns with intended project activities.

Four locations – Charles B. Washington Branch Library (Omaha, NE), South Omaha Library (Omaha, NE), W. Dale Clark Library (Omaha, NE) and Grand Island Public Library, (Grand Island, NE) – with potential for minor construction activities as part of this project are within 1-mile of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. However, no impact on identified protected lands will occur.

Please refer to Environmental Questionnaire Supplemental Attachment to view lists of National Historic Landmarks within 1-mile of locations with potential for minor construction as well as maps indicating relationship.



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72. Coastal Area

No coastal areas are present or near the project.

73. Brownfield

No brownfield areas are present or near the project.

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