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Organization:	Professional Resources Management of Rabun, LLC
Project Name:	Technology Works!
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State:	Georgia
Federal Award:	\$1,097,091

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Struggling with rates of poverty, unemployment, high-school dropouts, disability, and persons lacking healthcare more acute than the national averages, Rabun County, Georgia would benefit greatly from the kind of enhanced services made possible by high-speed broadband access. The county's challenging terrain makes it difficult to deploy broadband services to many households and businesses. **Professional Resources Management of Rabun** proposes to deploy two public computer centers in Rabun County to improve workforce development, education, and healthcare services.

Project partner North Georgia Technical College will offer online courses to users at each computer center in multiple disciplines, including accounting, automotive maintenance, business management, health sciences, and other skilled trades. The computer center at the Mountain Lakes medical facility plans to offer classes in health education to the public, while launching a telehealth initiative via videoconferencing to allow healthcare providers to interact and share information with peers statewide.

Technology Works! also proposes to:

- Deploy as many as 30 new workstations in two new computer centers, increasing public access to computer centers by more than 120 hours per week.
- Train as many as 3,000 residents with up to 36,000 hours of teacher-led training annually over the three-year life of the project.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Professional Management Resources' mission is to assist companies of all sizes to develop their human resources capabilities, specializing in recruitment/placement, training and development, strategic planning, career development planning and implementation, survey formulation/data collection, policy and procedure development, and general human resources consulting. The group's management team has extensive experience with public-private initiatives.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- North Georgia Technical College
- Development Authority of Rabun County
- Rabun County Commissioners

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.

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