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March 15, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce Administrator  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
US Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20320  
RE: Support letter for Auburn University Proposal to the Broadband USA grant

Dear Honorable Larry Strickling,

As Director of the Alabama Public Library Service, I am delighted to write a letter of support for Auburn University's proposal, "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BROP)." The proposal will improve the broadband capabilities of approximately 80 rural public libraries in Alabama. Alabama has 219 separate public library systems and more than 75% are considered rural by the definition of the USDA.

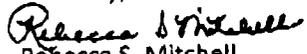
With the decrease in local and state funding with the down turn in the economy, Auburn's proposal will assist our public libraries in their ability to provide new and/or improved services to their patrons. The public libraries in Alabama mirror the nation in the increase of patron usage over the last 2 years. This is done with a reduction in funding. Public libraries are the "new" community hubs and Auburn's proposal will assist them as they provide services with diminished funds.

With Auburn and Tuskegee University being in close proximity to Montgomery, the state capital, work between the Alabama Public Library Service staff, Auburn and Tuskegee can be done with a minimum of effort. The use of students from Tuskegee to assist the Alabama Public Library Service staff will benefit from our being in the same geographic region.

The placement of computer centers and video conferencing equipment in the state will allow for ease of access to patrons as well as library staff to take advantage of webinars, distant learning, online resources, e-government and many other opportunities that are limited in Alabama at the present.

I appreciate Auburn University taking the lead on the broadband project to insure that our citizens have opportunities to progress in a very rapidly changing world.

Sincerely,



Rebecca S. Mitchell

Director

# Tuskegee University

*Founded by Booker T. Washington*



Department of Computer Science

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce Administrator  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
US Department of Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20320

RE: Support letter for Auburn University Proposal to the Broadband USA grant

Honorable Larry Strickling,

We are delighted to write this letter in support of AU's proposal titled "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)", concerning the enhancement of broadband capabilities of rural school libraries in several Alabama counties. As I understand, Tuskegee will participate in this project by providing consultative, training, and student support services to install/troubleshoot wireless networks to access rural school libraries resources and beyond.

We believe that the proposed project will provide an excellent platform for advancing our collaborations with Auburn University on research/education/training in wireless networks. Our students will benefit in gaining hands on experience which will help them understand wireless networks better. It will also help the faculty enhance their consultative expertise as well as developing contacts with schools for recruiting future students.

Due to the geographical closeness of our two schools, there are many opportunities for synergistic collaborations. For example, we jointly hosted the 1996 ACM Annual Southeast Conference, which was held on the Tuskegee Campus, while Auburn University was responsible for the technical program. We also have been successful in sending students to Auburn University for graduate study.

Tuskegee enrolls more than 3,000 students and employs approximately 900 faculty and support personnel. Physical facilities include more than 5,000 acres of forestry and a campus on which sits more than 100 major buildings and structures.

We strongly support this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. N. Narang', with a horizontal line underneath.

H. N. Narang, head



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March 12, 2010

Mr. Don-Terry Veal  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
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Dear Dr. Veal:

The Black Belt Community Foundation serves the following twelve Alabama Black Belt counties: Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Wilcox. By virtually all measures and indicators, this region of approximately 212,000 residents serves as home to some of the most economically distressed counties in the country--unemployment rates that are 20% or greater, median income levels that are 35% lower than the rest of the state, and over one third of all children living in poverty.

The current economic crisis has crippled this region and it will take years to recover. Access to the internet is limited to only those few who can afford it and in most areas, dial-up is the only option available. In many of the communities we serve where dial-up is the only option, it takes several hours to load updates or to download job/college applications. In many of our communities there are not public computers or there are old and outdated computers. In some instances, there is only one computer available and no one to provide assistance to the person using the computer. There are very few locations that can provide teleconferencing for the public.

Many business and companies now only post job openings and accept resumes online for their available jobs. This is a huge problem for many job applicants in this region who have no access to a computer or the internet. They must rely on others to gain computer access or have someone else apply for jobs and check their status, as this is now also online. One of our community volunteers is currently helping a local resident with a job application.

Throughout this region, there is limited WIFI in only a handful of communities and none in others. The citizens of the Black Belt region deserve access to the internet and thus the world in order to find jobs and provide for their families. The Black Belt region and its children will never reach their full potential unless there is an easier way to access the internet.

This Grant will produce jobs not only by putting people to work installing Broadband and WIFI access equipment and locations, but this Grant will also provide jobs in the area of operations training and equipment maintenance. It will also provide county specific locations throughout the region for the residents looking for employment, access to the jobs and training so desperately needed. Most importantly, it will provide access to the students of the region access to distance learning.

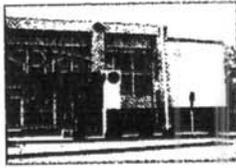
The Black Belt Community Foundation looks forward to participating in collaborative efforts with Auburn University to facilitate the success of bringing the Black Belt of Alabama into the digital age.

Humbly submitted,

Felecia L. Jones  
Executive Director

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# **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**ENTERPRISE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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11 March 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am writing this letter to express our support of Auburn University's BroadbandUSA proposal and to validate your commitment of providing over 80 Alabama libraries with improved and expanded public broadband access by submitting this grant application.

As one of only two libraries serving Coffee County, over 56 percent of our service population (38,000+) is categorized as being rural. Furthermore, surveys taken in Alabama high schools report that over 40 percent of their homes still did not have high speed internet access as of 2008.

The Enterprise Public Library provided 13 computers with free access to the internet and secure wireless access throughout the building to over 17,626 patrons in 2009 increasing our internet usage by 25 percent. However, lack of adequate state funding, decreased by 20 percent in Fiscal Year 2009, continues to limit our ability to update our current technology and to provide enough computers to meet our patrons' needs.

Your efforts to obtain funding through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to improve our existing technology and to expand our broadband services to serve our patrons would benefit our library in the following ways:

- Upgrade current broadband connection speeds
- Maintain, update, and expand the library's current technology foundation
- Implement additional security software (UnTangled) to safeguard patrons' information and all library's computer systems

- Purchase hardware and software essential to maintaining optimal levels of efficiency in both quality of available on-line services and the quantity of educational opportunities
- Partner with the City of Enterprise to construct a Public Computer Center adjacent to the library and equipped with state of the art instructional technology {i.e., webinar software, projection screen, SmartBoard, etc.,}. This media facility would be utilized by the schools, the local government, local industry, and other groups.

With the necessary funding to increase their internet connection speed and to improve their technology, public libraries in Alabama will be able to serve the internet access needs of a much broader continuum of the public. Thank you for your commitment to this project and for the opportunity to voice my support to strengthen your proposal.

Sincerely,



Denise Unruh-Kitch,  
Director, Enterprise Public Library

Mount Vernon Public Library

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12 March 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B. S. W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, Al 36849-5268

Mr. Rose

I am writing to express our support of Auburn University Broadband USA proposal and to thank you for your commitment of providing libraries all over Alabama with new and improved computers.

For this library it will be a blessing, we are the only library within 30 miles of the next town. We service two different counties Mobile as well as some of Washington county. To be able to supply more computer due to your help would be wonderful.

Right now Mt.Vernon Public Library has six computer that is available to the public and they are free of charge. I serve around 820 patrons in this town, in the city limits and some 500 more outside the city limits. Adding more computers will be increase the amount of ways I can assist our patrons.

Sincerely

Adrienne Breech  
Director, Mt.Vernon Public Library

## Patrick Rose - construction grant

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**From:** Emma Hicks <wbpliblibrary@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <parose@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/12/2010 5:43 PM  
**Subject:** construction grant

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The West Blocton Public Library is currently located in the West Blocton Municipal Building. Our space and time for using the building is limited by other users. We very much need this grant. Thank you for allowing us to apply for it.

With a small grant in 2008, we obtained an architect, cleared the land which we had already purchased, put down the concrete for a 50' by 80' building and started the plumbing work. We completed this work in the Summer of 2009. We need a much larger grant to complete the library. Our budget for finishing the building is currently \$214,000. This would include the architectural cost, the concrete base, the outer walls with a brick facade and the interior walls, doors and windows, a metal roof, and the electrical wiring. If the money is available, we would like to add 10 more feet to the width of the concrete and purchase the furnishings for the building. This would allow an increase in the size of the restrooms from one toilet fixture to two in each restroom. It would also allow us to include the following furnishings and equipment:

6-8 tables \$4000	kitchen appliances \$2500
4 computers (lap tops) \$4400 with internet connection	light fixtures
2 desk top computers \$2400	Library service desk
office desk and chair \$1000	air conditioning and heating
units \$10,000	
thirty-forty metal chairs \$1000	concrete parking area .
shelving \$25,000	Web cams \$150
printers 2(1 color)	LED projector and screen
\$1200	
copier 1	glass upper wall for the office

We would like you to please consider a request of \$300,000 in grant money to cover all of the above mentioned cost. A grant award of this amount will speed up the process of a library being built in West Blocton, Alabama by at least 5-10 years.

It will serve West Blocton and the surrounding rural communities well.

If you need further information or clarification, please notify me.

Thank you.

Emma Hicks

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**Patrick Rose - I hope this is not too late..... My letter**

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**From:** Marian Wynn <genevapubliclibrary@gmail.com>  
**To:** <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/12/2010 1:47 PM  
**Subject:** I hope this is not too late..... My letter

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Dear Mr. Rose,

I have been shocked at the usage increase in our library. I have calculated that between October 2005 and September 2009, the usage of our Public Access Computers went up 424%. Unfortunately, our funding has decreased over 25%.

Two and a half years ago, I received grant money to increase our Public Access Computers from three to five. I saved money by choosing Linux over Windows as an operating system. This has continued to save money. We also have free wireless access through our local cable company.

Our need is for more staff / money to maintain our current status. I have had to change my computer use policy so that more people can use our Public Access Computers each day. Patrons are limited to one hour only per day, unless they make special arrangements. Because of the extra work load to our staff and the cut in funding, we do not offer computer training to patrons. We have patrons that do not know anything about using a computer. Many, including myself, have lost internet access from home. These days many job applications must be done on line. It places staff and patrons in a very sad situation.

So many said that Google would kill the public library. That did not happen. The need is still there but the appreciation is not. I cannot imagine trying to get an idea like a public library through our congress today.

Sincerely,

Marian Wynn

Director, Geneva Public Library

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**From:** <tlooney@bham.lib.al.us>  
**To:** "Patrick Rose" <parose@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/12/2010 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** Grant request

Dear Mr. Rose,

We at the Graysville Public Library would like to ensure the access of information & resources that are adequate to meet the needs of our patrons. With the current recession that is upon everyone we have observed the growing number of people who come into the library to use our resources to enhance/further their lives/careers. Our patrons use our computers to look for jobs, type resumes and do all types of networking. So many of our patrons have had to discontinue their home internet service because of lack of personal funds. We feel our library is offering a very vital service to all who use it. Adults, children and even seniors use of laptops and desktop computers.

Our computer usage has dramatically increased over the last year. We have 4 laptops and 2 desktops that at any given time is in use. We hate to have to turn anyone away but as unfortunate as it is we have had to do this. The need we have for more computers & better broadband is at a crucial point. The Jefferson County Library System is always trying to improve and make every computer more accessible with faster speed and download time. We feel that our patrons deserve the best technology that can be found. We find it a pleasure to be able to serve each one who comes in our door.

Sincerely,

Tammy Looney  
Assistant Director

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11 March 2010

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Sincerely,

*Denise Unruh-Kitch*

Denise Unruh-Kitch,

Director, Enterprise Public Library

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Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
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Subject: Broadband USA Grant - Letter of Support

March 11, 2010

The Slocomb Public Library is in dire need of any type of financial assistance that can be awarded. The population of Slocomb stands at 2,100 people who in many ways are considered to be underserved. The vision of the library is to expand and complete a computer lab room that will provide better service to the citizens. Currently the library has 2 computers operating not to include the director's computer, all with internet capabilities. We have three new computers that are waiting to be installed; it is our desire to have at least 8 patron assessable computers.

The library is housed in a building that was partly renovated in 2008, but half of the building space is in need of completion. The un-finished area will be completed to open up a computer lab. Funds will also be used to install a system for teleconferences. Funding for the Slocomb Public Library is very scarce and this creates a problem for the director to close the facility down and travels 120 miles for required meetings. The teleconference system will also support training sessions to be used for other purposes.

The expansions into a computer lab will better serve the library due to the fact that many adults have lost their jobs and are coming in to use the current computers consistently and constantly on a daily basis. Computers are proven to be essential and beneficial to the Slocomb Public Library. The down turn in the economy forces more people to search for jobs. Area teens are studying for ACT, ASVAB and other free on line practice sites. The current uses of the existing computers have increases and the demanded is calling for us to expand.

We are requesting a grant in the amount of \$75,000. Below is a breakdown as to how each dollar will be spent: \$10,000 for computers, \$10,000 for furniture, installing technology training and support. \$5, 00 for teleconference equipment and the remaining \$50,000 for renovation to set up a compute lab to expand the total number of public internet terminals and installing teleconferencing equipment.

Thank you for your support and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,  


Lorri L. Bickers  
Slocomb Public Library - Director



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## Macon County - Tuskegee Public Library

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University  
Auburn, AL

Dear Mr. Rose:

As the Director of the Macon County – Tuskegee Public Library, I am writing to express my strong support for project "shovel-ready". We are delighted Auburn University is partnering with us in securing funding from BroadbandUSA to tackle the initiative of providing a broadband public computing center for the citizens of Macon County. Auburn University has always played a vital role in strengthening our communities.

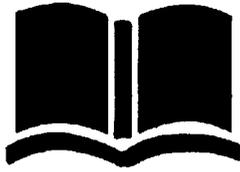
The Macon County – Tuskegee Public Library serves four incorporated areas: Tuskegee, Notasulga, Shorter and Franklin. The library provides a computer lab with eleven working computers for everyone to use. The current computers are over 3 years old and have had its share of use by the Macon County citizens. This library computer lab is the only place where citizens can use free internet and get access in the County.

If this project is funded, it will consist of expanding and updating the computing lab with new computers, printers, and other computer supplies such as paper and ink cartilages. The estimated cost of this project will be fifty thousand dollars.

I am grateful for the opportunity that BroadbandUSA is providing with this grant, and I again strongly recommend the awarding of this grant to Auburn University. If I may be of any other assistance, please contact me at 334-727-5192.

Sincerely,

Petre Bridges  
Director



# Russellville Public Library

March 10, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

My initial response to your kind offer of grant money for new computers and expanding the total number of public terminals was that we just don't have the staff to watch any more terminals, nor do we have the space. But then, I read on and saw that the grant could provide notebook computers that my patrons could access with WiFi if we had it installed in our library. This is the kind of system that would work in a small library staffed by only one person at a time.

Currently we have two terminals directly across from our checkout desk. A couple of years ago we had to move them from a back room because some of our patrons were misbehaving on the terminals back there. In a time of economic hardship, when people are looking for jobs and filing for unemployment at a much higher level than before, we need more access. And while we don't currently have any more room to install desks and terminals, we do have room to put patrons at our study desks with notebooks.

The need is certainly great and Russellville Library strives to give our patrons the kind of services it needs and we appreciate the opportunity to apply for this grant.

Sincerely,

Deborah Barnett  
Russellville Public Library

Dear Mr. Rose,

Ensuring access to information resources adequate to meet the professional and academic needs of our citizens has never been more important. The free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our patrons use the computer to create resumes, research the job market, apply for jobs, access online college courses, take online exams, do research for school assignments, and more. It is critical that people have quality access to the internet and our facility is the only free source for such. The majority of our patrons have no other internet or computer access at all. Consequently, demand for computer use and internet access has increased dramatically. We have more than tripled usage yearly for the last three years, and we still frequently have patrons waiting for a turn to use our units. Unfortunately, with only four public access computers, we often have people tire of waiting for a turn to use the computers and leave.

We have a large room on our second floor that is currently used for storage because of lack of handicap access. Ideally, we need to turn the second floor of our building from storage into a communications center. Renovating the space, providing an elevator to access the new communications center, adding necessary furniture, computers and printers, upgrading the internet speed, and providing staff to help patrons would benefit not only our existing patrons, but people countywide regardless of handicap.

The need has never been greater. Falkville Public Library is striving to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families and change lives for the better.

With your help, we can change lives.

Ever in your service,

Jennifer Asherbranner

Library Director

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## Patrick Rose - Letter of Support Request

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**From:** Juannita Powell <spl0031@bellsouth.net>  
**To:** Patrick Rose <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/10/2010 1:51 PM  
**Subject:** Letter of Support Request

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March 10, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
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Dear Mr. Rose,

Ensuring that we have enough computers, internet access, and ability to teach patrons to use these has never been more important. With the way the economy is today our library is being used more than ever. Patrons come in daily to search for jobs, make resumes, and fax resumes. Having internet access in the public library systems is more important now than ever before. Without it most people in our city would have nowhere else to go. A majority of the city of Stevenson can only get dial-up, so they don't even bother. And most couldn't afford it if it were available to them because of the closing of our largest industry, which caused the loss of almost 400 jobs in a population of less than 2,000.

Our computer usage has had a great increase over the last couple of years. In 2008 a typical month of computer usage would be on average 38 patrons, in 2009 an average of 75 patrons, and in 2010 we are still increasing even though it is early in the year. We have 5 patron computers at this time and there is almost always a waiting list to use them.

The need for increased broadband is greater now than ever before. It is necessary that we add more public access computers and add wireless internet services. And because we don't have any more places to put desktop computers we would also like to provide notebook computers so patrons can sit on the couch, tables, or anywhere else they may find that is comfortable.

The Stevenson Public Library is determined to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Monica Davis  
Director  
Stevenson Public Library

**Patrick Rose - broadband grant**

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**From:** "Polly King" <lepubli2@hiwaay.net>  
**To:** <parose@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/10/2010 4:09 PM  
**Subject:** broadband grant

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Dear Mr. Rose,

The Leighton Public Library is a small library in a small town with very limited financial resources. A large proportion of the citizens are low income Afro- Americans. Many of these citizens are not financially able to afford computers . The library computers are important to them so that the students are able to do their work on line. Others apply for jobs or for their unemployment compensation.

We are in need of better service

*Louisville Public Library*  
*P. O. Box 125*  
*Louisville, Alabama 36048*

March 10, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
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Dear Mr. Rose,

It is very important that our patrons have access to information resources adequate to meet the professional needs of our community. With the state of our nation's economic, free resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our patrons use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, apply for jobs, and keep in touch with family members in the armed services. It is vital that people have access to the internet and they turn to the library to provide this service.

The usage of our computers increased in 2009 by 20%. We have three public access computers.

We would like to upgrade our current wireless technology. We would also like to have wifi and provide notebook computers for use in the library. Also, offer technology training and support to our patrons.

The Louisville Public Library is determined to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families.

Sincerely,

Debra Vinson, Director

Hightower Memorial Library  
630 Ave. A  
York, Ala. 36925

Patrick Rose, M.S., B. S.W  
Survey RESEARCH LAB MANAGER  
CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

DEAR MR. ROSE:

OUR CITIZENS NEED ACCESS TO MORE COMPUTERS. WE HAVE THREE OLD ONE THAT DOES NOT HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION OUR PATRONS NEED. OUR PATRONS USE THEM FOR RESEARCH FOR SCHOOL WORK AND JOB MARKET. IT IS VITAL THAT WE ADD MORE COMPUTERS TO OUR LIBRARY. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING THE COMPUTERS HAS INCREASED 20 %, THE NEED HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER.

SINCERELY,  
THELMA MCCANN  
DIRECTOR

Patrick Rose  
Survey Research Center  
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Mr. Rose,

Along with many libraries throughout the state computer access has become a vital necessity in our community. According to the Birmingham News dated Nov. 29, 2009 the Tarrant School system currently has 90.7% of their enrollment on free or reduced meals, needless to say computers are only available to them at school or their public library. These students are faced with having to accomplish many daily tasks for school online. When these students go to college they will be faced with the fact that many courses require work and tests to be submitted online.

Many government services require the forms to be completed online and where do the agencies send them, the public library. Computer usage has risen greatly in the past year to the point that we usually have over 100 people a day online and have to turn away many others. We currently have two laptops that use our wifi network. The desktop models (4) currently use all of our available permanent space.

In today's society computer access is not a luxury it is a necessity. We are striving to meet the needs of our community but with the increase in demand our current number of computers is making it difficult. We believe that with the addition of two or three laptops we could meet their needs.



Patrick Coleman  
Director  
Tarrant Public Library

Dear Mr. Rose,

Our community depends on our computers. Everything from job searching , filing for unemployment and students having access to the internet to complete their school work.

We need to upgrade our current computers and wireless technology.

Please consider us for the grant. Our patrons are the reason we are here.

Michele Baldwin

Library Director



**MARTHA NOYES**  
Director

March 10, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
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Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for offering to make us a part of your proposed Public Computer Centers project. Communication through technology is so important and so many areas in Alabama either can afford only limited access or do not have broadband services at all. Much of Russell County is no exception to that. At the present time, the library has service due to the generosity of the cable company in town. If new owners take over the cable company, our access is not guaranteed. At that point, we would not need, but desperately need, assistance.

Five of the computers we have were provided almost five years ago through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. We are very thankful to have these five computers, but there is no assurance that those computers will be replaced as they age. We do not have notebook computers that patrons could use with WiFi, nor do we have teleconferencing equipment.

Our staff is limited and our funding has been cut by the county and the state. Any form of staff training is just not feasible for us unless funds from sources like this grant are available. Due to funding cuts, no additional or replacement computers, notebook computers or software will be purchased this year.

As the world moves forward in technology and the number of visits by patrons increase, the library will not be able to "keep up" due to lack of funding. I am hopeful that you will consider this area as one deserving this grant.

Sincerely,

Martha Noyes

**Patrick Rose - Re: BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request**

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**From:** "Ragland Library" <libby81@ragland.net>  
**To:** "Patrick Rose" <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/10/2010 11:16 AM  
**Subject:** Re: BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request

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March 10, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

The newest service synonymous with a library is providing reliable computers for research and web searching. People from communities all across the country have developed a dependency on their local public libraries. This is more so true in rural towns likened to the one in which we are located. Often in rural communities people are less likely to have the available funds needed to provide the adequate technology resources to complete necessary tasks. Students from less privileged homes rely solely on the availability and performance of the computers at our library. As the economic status in the country fluctuates, so increases our need for assistance. Although the funds are not as easy to obtain and are decreasing daily, the need for newer and better performing computers are increasing at an overwhelming rate. Homes across the nation have been stricken with financial hardship forcing them to turn to their community libraries for assistance. As a library it is our privilege to offer services to our struggling community, however, our need for computers has never been greater and what we have to offer is meeting a minimum standard. We would like to rise above the substandard label and be able to provide more computers for public access. Each day our computer stations stay consistently full of students, unemployed workers searching for jobs, and other patrons with very specific needs. Needs that are real and should not be overlooked because of a lack of computer availability. The Ragland Public Library is growing each and every day but with that growth also comes the increase in technological necessity. Our computers are no longer a time of leisure for our patrons, but instead a livelihood that they depend on to assist them in the search for the tools necessary to provide for their families. We are determined to provide ample resources for our community and we would like to thank you in advance for allowing us the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Patricia Poe  
Director  
Ragland Public Library



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**McGregor - McKinney Public Library**

101 E. Fulton Street  
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March 10, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

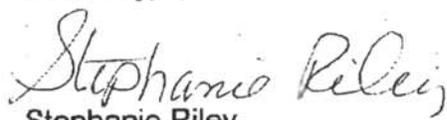
The mission of McGregor-McKinney Public Library is to provide the residents of the Hartford community materials, information, and services to meet their educational and cultural needs. Free access to computers and internet service for our patrons is vital to accomplishing this mission. Our patrons use computers to update resumes, research the job market and apply for jobs. They also use computers for advancing their education with the various distance learning options available to them.

In the past we have seen a dramatic increase in computer usage in our library. During 2007 we provided internet access to 3,605 patrons. In 2008 we provided internet access to 5,461. Because we only have four public access computers, our ability to provide more access has leveled off and we have to turn people away on some days.

The need for increased broadband is urgent. Our space is limited to provide desktop computers for our patrons and we need to be able to offer notebook computers for our patrons to use in the library. Our staff is also limited and we need a plan and funds to offer training and support to our patrons.

The need for computer and internet access has never been greater in our area. McGregor-McKinney Public Library is resolved to give our patrons the access to technology necessary to support them in meeting their needs and the needs of their families. We are thankful for the support we receive in providing these services.

Sincerely,

  
Stephanie Riley  
Director

**Patrick Rose - Broadband**

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**From:** "Paula Hensley" <prv\_library@charter.net>  
**To:** "Patrick Rose" <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/9/2010 4:17 PM  
**Subject:** Broadband

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Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

Ensuring access to information resources adequate to meet the professional needs of our citizens has never been more important. With the economic downturn our nation is experiencing, the free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our patrons use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, apply for jobs & students use them for school projects and research. It is vital that people have access to the internet and they turn to the library to provide this service.

We are a small library, but at times we have people waiting to use the computers or having to come back since we only have three public access computers.

The need has never been greater. The Priceville Public Library is determined to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Paula Hensley  
Director  
Priceville Public Library  
103 Faye Drive  
Decatur, AL 35603

## **Abbeville Memorial Library**

### USDA Broadband Project Award

We currently have 10 computers with public access. Most are running with older software that needs to be upgraded. Often students will be using our computers and need to save their files in a converted format so that they can view the files on the newer version of software that they are using at school. Some of the terminals do not have the capabilities to run Microsoft 07, so they will need replacing as well. Our Library has room for about 10 more public internet terminals. The new terminals are greatly needed as we often, especially after school, have people on a waiting list to use the computers. This past year we had to instigated a one hour restriction for patrons. Time can only be extended if patrons are testing, doing research, or job applications. Several times students would be in the middle of work and our computers have timed out on them.

Another issue is internet speed. I have been told that we have the fastest internet available for the area, but it really needs to be faster. Due to the downturn of our economy more and more people are having to cut their budgets at home and one of the first places is the internet. Therefore, more patrons are turning to the library for internet access. It would be nice to have 4 Lap Tops that could be used in the history, conference, and meeting rooms. Or they could just be used throughout the library instead of placing so many patrons on the waiting list.

With the addition of computers our staff would need additional technology training so that we can provide the support necessary for effective use of the computers.

With the addition of current up to date software more students would be able to complete computer labs outside of the school. Often students that begin online classes have computers at home for the basics but as they go into more advanced computer specific classes we need to be there to assist them because their software at home is not compatible.

I have checked around town with several businesses and they would most defiantly take advantage of advanced teleconferencing equipment if it were installed in our conference room. Our room is set up for after hours use by organizations and several companies felt that because they deal with corporations over seas they would need to hold a teleconference at an odd time of night. By having the equipment here at the library it would meet and be beneficial to their needs.

We need computers for the public to file unemployment, job placement, advancement of education and registering to vote.

Thank you,

Martha Sellers  
(334) 585-2818

**Patrick Rose - Re: Follow-up to BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request**

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**From:** Shirley Walker <gplibrary2003@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Patrick Rose <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/9/2010 3:17 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up to BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request

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Mr. Rose, please let me know if this will do. Thank you for this opportunity and I apologize for the delayed reply.

Thanks,  
Shirley Thompson

March 9, 2010  
Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Mr. Rose,

The library offers such a wide range of services and use of computers is one of the most used in our library. We are a small library with four old computers (from 2003) and two newer ones for the patrons to use. We can only use four of the six computers because we do not have proper electrical work for two of the computers. Most of the time there is a wait to use the computers. It would be wonderful to be able to replace the four old computers and have the proper connections to run all six computers. We have seen an increase of patrons using the computers for job search, job applications, unemployment compensation, and typing their resumes. We also have three to four of our patrons that do on line schooling here in the library and in the afternoons we have school students coming in to do research on the computers.

Most of our patrons that use the computers do not have computers in their homes. We are excited that we can provide public access to computers but an improvement would greatly benefit our patrons.

Sincerely,

Shirley Thompson  
Director

--- On Fri, 3/5/10, Patrick Rose <par0009@auburn.edu> wrote:

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## Patrick Rose - Follow-up to BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request

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**From:** D Zonker <loxleylibrary@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <par0009@auburn.edu>  
**Date:** 3/9/2010 3:30 PM  
**Subject:** Follow-up to BroadbandUSA Grant - Letter of Support Request

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Ensuring access to information resources adequate to meet the professional needs of our citizens has never been more important. With the economic downturn our nation is experiencing, the free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our patrons use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, and apply for jobs. It is vital that people have access to the internet and they turn to the library to provide this service.

The need for increased broadband has never been more urgent. It is vital that we add two more public access computers and upgrade our current wireless technology. We would also like to provide notebook computers for use in the library and see a need to offer technology training and support to our patrons.

The need has never been greater. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Zonker  
Loxley Public Library

## **Cheaha Regional Library**

935 Coleman Street  
Heflin, AL 36264

March 9, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S. W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

It has never been more important to ensure access to information resources to meet the professional needs of our citizens especially right now. Our country has and is experiencing an economic downturn. So many of our patrons are jobless and looking for jobs via the internet. The free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Patrons use our computers to update resumes, research the job market, as well as apply for jobs.

It is of great importance that people have access to the internet and they turn to the library to provide this service. We have seen a tremendous increase in computer use during 2009. Unfortunately we sometimes have to turn people away because we do not have enough computers for public use.

In addition the need for increased broadband is also very urgent. We see a need to also offer technology training and support to our patrons. The Cheaha Regional Library is determined to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families, the need has never been more important.

Sincerely,

Evi Jones  
Director

Ider Public Library  
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P.O. Box 202  
Ider AL 35981

March 9, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
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Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

Your communications to us concerning our needs for updating and expanding our information resources comes at a very appropriate time.

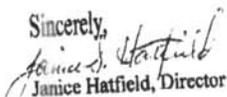
We are a very small library that serves a fairly large rural area. I took the numbers from January and February of 2007 and this year to compare the averages. Our patronage has increased by approximately 25% in this time, but our computer usage by patrons has almost doubled.

Unemployment in this area has increased with the closing of several plants. There has been an increase in people getting library cards just to be able to use the computers to file for unemployment, update their resumes, look for and apply for jobs. Many students in our area do not have internet access at their homes and come to us. More and more often, the need for WiFi is being requested.

We have three computers set up for the public at this time. One needs replacing and the other two need to be upgraded or replaced. We could use two more computers. If we were able to add a wireless connection, we could use up to three notebook computers. The broadband connection speed we have needs to be increased. We also see a need to offer technological training and support for our patrons and staff.

Thank you for taking the time to enquire about our needs. We hope that this project will be successful.

Sincerely,

  
Janice Hatfield, Director  
Ider Public Library

# HALE COUNTY LIBRARY

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March 5, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

Ensuring access to information resources to meet the needs of our patrons is essential. With the current economic downturn, the free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our adult patrons use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, apply for jobs, and upgrade job skills on-line. Children and young adults do school research. It is vital that people have access to the internet, and for many patrons, the library is their only point of access.

We have seen a steady increase in computer use beginning in 2009. Until last year, three on-line patron computers had been sufficient to meet patrons' needs. As the need began to increase, we were able to add a fourth computer bought with grant funds. Now, however, we have four computers busy much of the time, and three of those are aging and will need replacement or upgrades soon.

In addition, the need for increased broadband and upgraded wireless technology has become critical. Nearly every day, we have patrons needing wireless service for their own laptops. Unfortunately, our current wireless system does not allow them access.

It is vital that we replace or upgrade three public access computers and upgrade our wireless technology. We would also like to provide a computer solely for access to our catalog as we have received a grant for a web-based cataloging system. We also see a need to offer technology training and support to our patrons.

Hale County Library is anxious to give its patrons access to the technology necessary to find jobs, update skills, and do school and business research. We heartily support any effort which will help us achieve that goal.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Hemstreet  
Library Director

# The Baldwin County Library Cooperative, Inc.

A Charitable Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation  
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March 5, 2010

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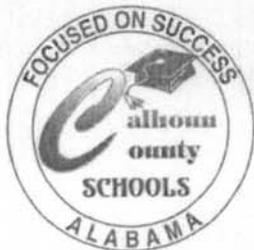
We are seeing a dramatic increase in computer usage in 2009. In January, 2008 we provided internet access to 1,459 patrons. The same period in 2009 saw the number rise to 2,072, an increase of an incredible 42%. Unfortunately, with only six public access computers, we often have to turn people away.

The need for increased broadband has never been more urgent. It is vital that we add two more public access computers and upgrade our current wireless technology. We would also like to provide notebook computers for use in the library and see a need to offer technology training and support to our patrons.

The need has never been greater. The Baldwin County Library Cooperative is determined to give our patrons access to the technology necessary to support their families. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Liz Reed  
Director



# Calhoun County Schools

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**JUDY STIEFEL, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*

March 12, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

RE: Broadband USA Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

Calhoun County's population is over 116,000 of which the Calhoun County School District serves approximately 64,000 (55%) residents within its school zones. The Calhoun County School District serves approximately 9,600 students. The county areas served by this school district are predominately rural in nature and over 50% of the students are considered as living in poverty households.

Our current goals for our district technology plan include the installation of distance learning equipment in each library as well as additional/replacement Internet computers to facilitate online learning for our students, parents and community members. Due to decreased funding for staff, course offerings are limited on campus. If funded for distance learning equipment in our libraries, students can take advantage of a wider range of courses because of the online opportunities through the state's ACCESS program and our school district's Moodle (Online Learning Management System) server. The school district's Career Technical School recently installed a Distance Learning Lab and can offer courses to each school library with the award of this grant. Students who cannot afford to drive or be away from campus to attend the Career Technical School could attend via distance learning equipment in their home school's library.

Currently, most of our schools offer evening, weekend and summer access to the school's library and Internet resources. With additional Internet computers, these libraries could offer more services to the community members for taking college courses or researching and applying for jobs.

Lisa Amerson  
Technology Director

Judy Stiefel, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## Sumter County Library System

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March 8, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL. 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose,

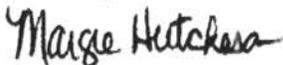
In rural west Alabama, public libraries play a vital role in helping residents meet their educational and recreational needs. Here in Sumter County, many residents rely on the public libraries to have computers for their use. More and more school children are being required to do homework that requires access to the Internet. With the economic downturn the country is experiencing, we are also having more patrons needing computers to search and apply for jobs.

There are two public libraries located in Sumter County, and each one has three public access computers. We would like to be able to upgrade the existing computers and add at least one more in each location. We do have wireless access available at one library, but it does need to be upgraded. We would also like to provide notebook computers for use in the library since neither library has much space to add additional desk computers. By having notebook computers, patrons could use the current seating we have at the libraries. This would eliminate the need for us to purchase additional computer desk furniture.

To be able to have teleconferencing capabilities would also be a great service to provide to our patrons as well as the staff at each library. This would be a wonderful way to provide additional technology training and support.

The goal of the Sumter County Library System is to provide quality library service to all residents of the county. This includes providing our patrons with the best possible access to the technology that is available today.

Sincerely,



Margie Hutcheson,  
Director

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March 5, 2010

We serve a rural area with a low income population. At the elementary school 72.7% of the students eat free or reduced lunches. At the high school the percentage is 50.5%. Many people depend upon the public library to have access to computers.

Currently we have nine public access computers and one public access for our card catalog. We recently had an older computer to quit working and it is not cost affective for us to fix it. We can have up to 40 patrons a day using these nine computers. We have to limit the time when they are in high demand. Replacing our four old computers and adding four more would be of great benefit. We have highspeed connectivity with wifi. Having two or three notebooks that could be used in different areas of the library would be of benefit to those needing privacy to work on personal taxes, school work, etc. Installing advanced teleconferencing equipment with training and support has been discussed for the past three years. The closest thing we have is a computer with a webcam.

We would love to be able to offer all of this for our community.

  
Kay Wilson

3/3/2010

*Uniontown Public Library*

108 Water Ave. P.O. Box 637  
Uniontown, Al. 36786

**Dear BroadbandUSA:**

I am in support of Auburn's proposal to BroadbandUSA. When hearing of the good news that Auburn University has plans to help Public libraries such as ours here in Perry Co., have access to broadband service, Upgraded computers, provide training, upgrade speed, add or upgrade wifi technology and much more. This was like music to my ears. What greater deed could be done for libraries? This will be a good project and I am hoping that Auburn will get the amount they need to successfully fulfill their mission.

The project will benefit all the libraries that were chosen, and also a great opportunity for the community to experience the new technology of today.

Yours Truly,



Joann Robinson  
Uniontown Public Library

Moundville Public Library

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To whom it may concern:

As director for the Moundville Public Library , I see daily the tremendous need for public access to broadband and its services. Servicing a community of a growing population with a limited tax base ,our need and desire is to make sure our patrons have access to the latest technology to fit their need for applying for jobs, on-line college work, resumes, filing for social security and signing for out of work benefits. Our library is the only public access to computers, copies and faxes for a distance of 20 miles. A proverty level of 20% in our town demands that we have public access to computers after business and school hours.

The library has 5 computers for public use, one new and 4 old ones. We desperately need computers for children and juveniles . We have limited space for computer stations but have wifi for notebooks. Using our reading tables and a conference table for notebooks would be our best option. We have no notebooks at this time, and cannot buy them in the near future because of budget restraints and proration. We have space for 16 notebooks if this grant is awarded. We do have charter cable but needs to be upgraded.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Davis, Director

# **SCHOOL SYSTEMS**

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn AL 36849

Dear Mr. Rose:

In the St. Clair County School District, our motto is Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today. We have gone to great lengths to provide the technology and training necessary to bring our staff, students, and communities into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Currently we serve nine communities that include eighteen schools. Our technology team has spent the last three years diligently working to increase the efficiency of our network, replace old equipment, and provide more access to technology. Our computer labs are constantly booked with classes and our distance learning labs are growing in popularity with our students. Here are our current and future needs that would be provided for through the Public Computer Center project proposed by Auburn University:

- We would have the capacity to replace old and outdated computers (some that still run Windows 2000) at each school. We estimate that at least 25 computers per school need to be replaced.
- Access is always a need because we have 45% of our students who receive free/reduced lunch. These students may not have access otherwise. If we could add at least 30 new computers per school, that would make a real impact.
- Our team has begun adding wireless to some schools. It is necessary to add WiFi technology to 11 of our schools to bring the entire district on board.
- Notebook computers are essential for use in mobile labs that can come to the classrooms and to training sessions with teachers. We need to add 50 per school so that all teachers would have access and could utilize these with a large class (increased class sizes in this economy will pose a real challenge when taking a class to a desktop lab).
- Through the state's ACCESS Distance Learning program, we have teleconferencing equipment in our five high schools. The problem is that many of those schools had a Dual Enrollment program partnership through Jefferson State Community College and many schools are using that lab to do double duty. If we could add 7 packages to enable high schools to have a designated lab for both programs and add distance learning to some of our middle schools for enrichment purposes, we would make a huge impact.
- Through an EETT grant we added a Technology Integration Specialist to our staff. She is responsible for training teachers at all 18 schools and providing connections between instruction and technology. When surveyed our staff members showed a real interest in more technology training. Increasing our capacity to train teachers and stakeholders in technology use and integration would help us reach our goal of technology proficiency.

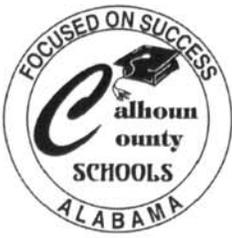
- Currently our enrollment is 8400 and we employ 1200 staff members. Because of the limited resources, we probably only serve 75% of our students and staff with technology during the school year on a regular basis. Some students may go all year only using technology resources the few times their class can get into the lab for an assessment or an occasional project. We strive for increased access for daily use.
- If we had the above additions to our technology network and programs, we could increase the numbers we serve by 25% at least. This would help us to achieve technology proficiency and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills at a much faster rate.
- According to Census data our county's population is 80,000. By serving our students, we not only increase their technology access and proficiency of each student, but we increase the possibility of them bringing these skills home and encouraging others to increase their skills in the home.

St. Clair County School District fully supports Auburn University's effort to expand public access to the necessary network and hardware resources to truly Prepare Tomorrow's Leaders Today.

Sincerely,



Russ Stewart  
Technology Coordinator  
St. Clair County Schools



# Calhoun County Schools

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March 11, 2010

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Lisa Amerson  
Technology Director

Dr. Judy Stiefel  
Superintendent

March 12, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Center  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5628

Dear Mr. Rose,

Ensuring access to information resources adequate to meet the needs of our students has never been more important. With the economic downturn our nation is experiencing, the free resources offered by our libraries and labs are more important than ever. It is vital that our students have access to the internet.

The need for increased broadband has never been more urgent. It is vital that we add more computers and upgrade our current wireless technology. We would also like to provide notebook computers for use in our labs and libraries.

The need has never been greater. The Crenshaw County Board of Education is determined to give our students access to the technology necessary to support their educational needs. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Kathi H. Wallace, Superintendent



# BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**TO:** Whom It May Concern

**FROM:** Derek S. Roh, Director of IT Services *DR*

**DATE:** 12 March 2010

**RE: Public Computer Centers Grant**

The attached spreadsheet contains computer replacement and/or addition requests for ten (10) Baldwin County public schools. Eight (8) of the schools are currently Title I schools (based on the socioeconomic standards of the students they serve). The two schools that are not currently Title I schools (Bay Minette Middle School and North Baldwin Center for Technology) serve students who have matriculated through Title I elementary schools in Bay Minette or the surrounding area.

Due to significant budget reductions prompted by state funding cuts through proration the last two years, the Baldwin County Public School System is not able to replace school lab and library computers once they reach and pass five (5) years of service. All computers listed on the spreadsheet as "Baldwin County Public Schools" are in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of service and will fall out of warranty this calendar year. We currently have no funding to replace these computers with new ones. This will result in students using outdated machines that do not meet modern computer specifications and no longer being covered under any level of service for repairs or fixes. Furthermore, all computers listed are either library computers or lab computers. (None are administrative or assigned to an individual classroom, thereby limiting their availability to students.)

Receiving funding for these requested computers will allow us to provide modern and adequate computers in the labs and libraries of these ten schools that serve some of our most economically challenged students. We are seeing steady progress made in instruction through the use of technology such as computers, so this funding would further serve to enhance the education of these students.

# Winston County Schools

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March 12, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached spreadsheet contains requests for laptops and wireless access points for the Winston County public schools. Five of the schools (the elementary schools and the middle school) are currently Title I schools and the high schools serve students who once attended the Title I elementary schools. It should also be mentioned that the Winston County School System enrolls 2,745 students with 64% of those students receiving free or reduced lunch.

It is obvious that due to significant budget reductions prompted by state funding cuts through proration the last two years, an anticipated third year of proration, and the financial strains of being from a small county with very little tax base to fund education, the Winston County School System is not always able to provide students, community members, or even teachers with access to the technology that will be so vital to success in the twenty-first century.

The Winston County School System, however, has in no way used lack of funding as an excuse to presenting our students with opportunities. In fact this school system is providing services for community members who range from pre-school to adult age. All Winston County Elementary Schools and the Middle School offer an afterschool program and a summer program through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant, school libraries are open every day and one day during the summer months, parent involvement is encouraged, AR Programs are used to their fullest extent, and our schools utilize Riverdeep math labs, and many other forms of technology on a daily basis. The Winston County School System also hosts Adult Education Classes taught through Wallace State Community College in the evenings. **Undoubtedly, fast and easy access to technology is very important in ensuring our entire educational day is productive; yet, this is one of our greatest challenges on a daily basis. It is almost impossible for 25 students in one classroom to share 2 or 3 computers and participate fully in any of the above programs.**

Our teachers are hungry to present our students with every opportunity to succeed; unfortunately, this is a challenge for them every day and will continue to be so without an improvement in our technology. The attached proposal is a request for laptops and for wireless access points to be used throughout the ten schools in our county. We most definitely possess the desire and enthusiasm to utilize our available technology and any improvements you may assist us with, please allow us to help our schools and communities succeed.

Jim Moore, Technology Coordinator  
JM: cth



# Cleburne County Board of Education

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March 11, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Cleburne County Schools is very much interested in participating in the BroadbandUSA Grant application being sought on our behalf by the Center for Governmental Services.

We are requesting laptop computers for our students, teachers and administrators in addition to additional bandwidth at three locations which currently receive T1 connections.

As a rural school district with limited technology funding, our desire to provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and training will be greatly enhanced by these request for computers and broadband assistance.

Sincerely,

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David Easley  
Superintendent

# **COUNTY COMMISSIONS**



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March 11, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Center for Governmental Services  
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Dear Mr. Rose:

Adequate access to information resources to meet the professional needs of our citizens has never been more important. With the economic downturn our nation is experiencing, the free community resources offered by libraries are more important than ever. Our citizens use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, and apply for jobs. It is vital that people have access to the internet and they turn to the library to provide this service due to the fact that not all households can afford the internet.

The need for broadband has never been more urgent. It is vital that funds be made available so that more public computers are made available for use by citizens researching jobs. Also the possibility of providing notebook computers for use in the library and offering technology training and support to our citizens would prove worthwhile.

The need has never been greater. The Colbert County Commission supports the determination to give our citizens access to technology necessary to support their families. We appreciate the opportunity to do just that.

Sincerely,

Donna K. Llewellyn, Administrator

Colbert County Commission

# Barbour County Commission

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March 11, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services  
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Mr. Rose:

We are writing you in support of the Broadband Grant. The Barbour County Commission feels that public libraries and public schools in our county would benefit. So many children in our rural county do not have the resources that are needed to be able to research and discover information that is needed to develop their minds. This Broadband Grant would give them the capabilities to learn and grow as children should.

The upgrade of Broadband would also help businesses widen their scope of business. The Barbour County Commission supports the Center for Governmental Services Auburn University in their attempt to acquire the BroadbandUSA Grant because we feel it will benefit our County.

Sincerely,



Kristy C. Stell  
Chief Administrative Officer

March 12, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services, Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose:

There are numerous libraries and schools located within Lauderdale County which could benefit greatly from upgrades in their technology resources. Patrons no longer use libraries for reading only. The demand for public access is growing continuously. Applying for jobs online is becoming the norm. Online classes are being taught to improve job skills. Students are using Homework Alabama every day and many are using the public library for that service. Economic conditions are forcing people to seek out the free services that a public library can provide.

Likewise, the need for connectivity and information access in our schools is vital to our children's education. Computer labs are provided to the earliest grades. There is a desperate need in Lauderdale County schools for new computers. The Lauderdale County school system needs 351 new computers to upgrade one lab in each school and 650 computers to provide for the teachers in lesson plans and student participation in the classroom. They also need to upgrade and move the network switches now just to accommodate the current system. One area of the county, Waterloo, cannot offer broadband technology to the schools for certain training opportunities. They desperately need broadband connectivity. Without it this area is at a distinct economic disadvantage.

Lauderdale County appreciates the opportunity to present this information.

Sincerely,

Dewey D. Mitchell  
Chairman

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# COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
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Dear Mr. Rose:

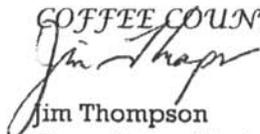
On behalf of the Coffee County Commission, I would like to express our support for the BroadbandUSA Grant proposal. This grant would benefit our local public schools as well as the public libraries in our area. The monies from this grant could be used to provide upgraded internet connections as well as replacing computers which are now damaged and in need of repair.

During this time when our economy is in a strain and luxuries are limited, the importance of the public schools and libraries is being revitalized. With an increased number of public internet terminals, upgraded broadband connection speeds and WIFI technology, and the provision of notebook computers, the learning process will continue to advance.

With the addition of computers in our classrooms and libraries, jobs will become available for training and technical support, as well as other areas.

Therefore, we ask that you please consider the request for an allocation of this grant.

Sincerely,

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION  
  
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March 12, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services  
5236 Haley Center  
Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am writing in support of the Center for Governmental Services, Auburn University's effort to secure grant monies from the USA Broadband grant. As more educational courses and programs move to web-based applications, it is absolutely critical that students -- as well as the general public-- have access to broadband, high speed internet in order to avail themselves to the many resources that will aid in the success in the classrooms as well as in the business sector.

Cherokee County is an agri-tourist county in North East Alabama which has attracted the relocation of retirees from across the nation. Many of these retirees are very computer savvy and make great use of our internet services at our library. With the help of the Broadband grant we could up grade our computers as well as add more terminals in order to serve the growing numbers of users.

With the increase of high speed internet, the general public, as well as our schools, could have better access to training and educational resources which would enhance workforce opportunities as well as provide greater preparation for academic excellence.

I am pleased to support this effort which can open doors that will provide greater benefits in the educational as well as the business community.

Sincerely,

Melvyn W. Salter  
Judge of Probate

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March 12, 2010

To: Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Auburn University

RE: Broadband Grant Request: Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University

Dear Mr. Rose:

This letter is to express support and commitment from the Franklin County Commission for the proposed grant application by the Center for Governmental Services, Auburn University.

The residents of Franklin County and other counties within the State of Alabama need and deserve the same access to broadband and the many peripherals of high-speed networking as their urban cousins just as they needed electricity in the 1930's. Our research informs us that the low density of residents in our county and many other counties makes it difficult for anyone to develop an economic model that will justify the expense of the infrastructure to support broadband and the many components needed without government funding.

Having the ability of providing additional broadband capacity and associated hardware components will mean greater economic development (new and better jobs) in our territory as well as other areas in the state. This grant will provide residents throughout the state with additional resources needed in our libraries and public education facilities to promote a higher learning environment with remote online classes, better resource and reference material, wireless technology, high-speed video and additional public terminals. These enhancements in technology will offer a greater retention of our young people to our area.

Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
March 12, 2010  
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As our residents complete their education, the hope is for them to remain in the area and work in jobs created by new technology rather than moving to more urban areas to achieve their goals. There are many other hidden benefits available that only access to high-speed broadband and the associated systems can provide.

We support his grant application of the Center for Governmental Services and strongly urge your department to act favorably thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Moore  
Judge of Probate and Chairman  
Franklin County Commission

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## MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION

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March 12, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
Auburn AL 36849

Dear Mr. Rose:

The Marshall County Commission supports your BroadbandUSA grant application. Ensuring access to information resources adequate to meet the professional needs of our citizens has never been more important. Improved and expanded public broadband access in our county would benefit public libraries and schools in our county and could create jobs.

With the economic downturn our nation is experiencing, the free community resources offered by the libraries in Marshall County are more important than ever. Patrons use the computer to update resumes, research the job market, and apply for jobs. It is vital that people have access to the internet and they often turn to the library to provide this service. Unfortunately, people are often turned away or have long waits due to the limited number and age of public internet terminals.

Additionally, our public schools are experiencing financial difficulties in today's economy. BroadbandUSA could provide funding to improve access to training and support and to upgrade outdated technology.

We applaud your efforts to secure funding for these improvements and look forward to working with you to achieve the project goals.

Sincerely,

Douglas D. Fleming  
Chairman

# Coosa County Commission

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March 11, 2010

Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W., Survey Research Lab Manager,  
Center for Governmental Services  
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Auburn, AL 36849-5268

Dear Mr. Rose;

Coosa County is a small rural county with one central School system and only 2 Public Libraries. The population of our county is approximately 12,200. The current economic crisis has hurt this county terribly, it will take years to recover. Access to the internet is limited to only those few who can afford it. In many areas the only option is dial-up. One of the Counties Nutrition Centers has a dial-up internet connection. It took 3 hours to load updates to the county computer software system, dial-up service is the only option. The only access at the two Public Libraries is on older computers. In some instances there is only one computer available and no one to assist the person using the computer. There is no location that is able to provide teleconferencing for the public. There is also no location that could provide technology training and support for the public. The 2 libraries are the only public access points for the internet in this county.

Many business and companies now only post job openings and accept resumes online for their available jobs. This is a huge problem for many job applicants in this county who have no access to a computer or the internet. They must rely on others to gain computer access or have someone else apply for jobs on their behalf. They also must rely on others for information about their unemployment payments and status, as this is now also online. Our County Administrator is currently helping her neighbor with just these very items.

To my knowledge there is no WIFI in this County. The people of Coosa County need access to the internet and thus the world in order to be able to find jobs and provide for their families. This county and its children will never be able to meet their full potential without an easier way to access the internet.

This Grant will produce jobs not only by putting people to work installing Broadband and WIFI access equipment and locations. This Grant will also provide jobs in the operations training and continued maintenance of the equipment. It will also provide locations for county residents looking for employment access to the jobs and training they so desperately need.

Thank you;

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Todd J. Adams  
Chairman  
Coosa County Commission

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
Center for Governmental Services  
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Dear Mr. Rose:

The Bibb County Commission is supportive of efforts to enhance the services to our citizens as well as those to generate additional revenue for the entities inside our jurisdiction. The county contains three (3) libraries, which are as follows:

Woodstock-Green Pond Library;  
West Blocton Library;  
Brent-Centreville Library.

We support your efforts of revenue generation through the Broadband program for the libraries located within Bibb County.

Sincerely,

AL Green, Chairman  
Bibb County Commission

**Patrick Rose - Fwd: Re: Letter of Support from Sumter County Commissioner DrucillaRuss-Jackson to Get Broadband Grant - by Friday the 12th**

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**From:** Patrick Rose

**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Letter of Support from Sumter County Commissioner DrucillaRuss-Jackson to Get Broadband Grant - by Friday the 12th

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Patrick Rose, M.S., B.S.W.  
Survey Research Lab Manager  
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Dear Mr. Patrick Rose:

This letter is in reference to the e-mail which was e-mailed to me by Mrs. Julian Heflin requesting a letter of support from me to include in your Broadband USA proposal. I believe all public, public school libraries, and county offices should have complete access to broadband. Through this technical mechanism people throughout this wonderful world en in the rural remote areas would be provided the capabilities to access a range of resources and services. This would enhance the lives and enrich the cultural educational services, resources, and products regardless to the geographical location such as, Panola, Gainesville, Geiger, Emelle, Summterville, Epps, and Warsaw, Alabama. Although these places are far away from the metropolitan areas, this is still home for many Americans.

There are many things that broadband can help facilitate especially in this unserved area where we do not have a hospital nearby. Broadband would be able to facilitate provisions of diagnosing and treating many neglected medical needs. As well as enhance economic development and revitalize this area through a wide range of ideas through promoting educational and economic development along the Tombigbee Waterways. This will help create many needed jobs because there is plenty of land to expand and spread out.

There are so many things and ideas that come to my mind as I sit down and start thinking about how jobs can be created through electronics. This is the twenty-first century it is time for Northern Sumter County to connect to the Real America by relaying services.

Sincerely yours,

Drucilla Russ-Jackson



# St. Clair County ALABAMA



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March 12, 2010

Mr. Patrick Rose  
Center for Governmental Services  
Auburn University  
2236 Haley Center  
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Dear Mr. Rose,

St. Clair County is host to a countywide library system with four municipal members and five locations, including the system's main branch in the county seat of Ashville, Alabama. Being a rural community creates challenges for the system not normally faced by more metropolitan areas.

The numbers show that even though they live in a rural community, residents do take advantage of the computer and Internet services offered free of charge through the county's public library system. In the past year there has been a dramatic increase in usage across the board for all libraries in the system. For example, in the very rural town of Ragland, Alabama Internet logons and usage grew from 12,705 in 2008 to 20,830 in 2009 and in the City of Springville usage increased from 14,055 to 18,230.

The countywide system is currently burdened by the tremendous usage and often residents experience lengthy waits to be able to use the Internet and computers. With the State of Alabama and St. Clair County reporting more than 11 percent unemployment, it is no surprise that research shows the vast majority of those accessing the Internet through the public libraries are using it for employment purposes including job searches, creating resumes, and filing for unemployment benefits. In this economy, offering and effectively maintaining these services is critical for our citizens.

In addition to usage by St. Clair's citizens, the library system itself utilizes the Internet for its web-based circulation software (Book Systems). This software puts additional stress on the member libraries' Internet capabilities and older computer equipment.

The Public Computer Center project proposed by Auburn University addresses the issues facing public libraries in their efforts to provide free public Internet and computer access. The project could provide two or more additional computers in each of the five library locations that would allow more users at a time decreasing the public's wait for Internet or computer access. It would also increase Internet access and

download speeds to accommodate both heavy usages by citizens while supporting the circulation software necessary to maintain the library itself.

The St. Clair County School System is also facing challenges created because there are simply not enough computers to serve more than 8,400 students in 18 schools across the county. Approximately 45 percent of students in the county school system are on free or reduced lunch indicating that a large number of these students are dependent on their school to provide access to technology they might not have otherwise. With computers currently in place, approximately 75 percent of students and staff have access to computer technology on a regular basis. To provide regular access to the remaining 25 percent, the St. Clair County Technology Co-Operative recommends at least an additional 30 new computers per school.

It is clear that St. Clair County is in need of improvements to public Internet access and computer usage. The St. Clair County Commission extends its full support to Auburn University's effort to expand and improve public Internet and computer usage through the BroadbandUSA grant.

Respectfully,

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Stanley D. Batemon, Chairman  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION

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## **BTOP Public Computer Center Detail Te**

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**BTOP Public Computer Centers Detail Template**

Title: **Equipment and Training for Rural Alabama Public Computer Centers**  
 Easy Grants ID: **6994**

Center Name	Organization	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip	Facility Type	Minority Serving Institution Type
ABBEVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	ABBEVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	301 KIRKLAND STREET	ABBEVILLE	AL	36310	Library	N/A
ADAMSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	ADAMSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	4825 MAIN STREET	ADAMSVILLE	AL	35005	Library	N/A
Addison Elementary School	Winston County School System	PO Box 660 16411 Co Rd 41	Addison	AL	35540	School (k-12)	N/A
Addison High School	Winston County School System	PO Box 241 151 School Rd	Addison	AL	35540	School (k-12)	N/A
AKRON PUBLIC LIBRARY	AKRON PUBLIC LIBRARY	207 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH	AKRON	AL	35441	Library	N/A
ALBERTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	ALBERTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	200 JACKSON STREET	ALBERTVILLE	AL	35950	Library	N/A
ARLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	ARLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	6788 COUNTY ROAD 41	ARLEY	AL	35541	Library	N/A
BALDWIN COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE,	BALDWIN COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE, INC.	22251 PALMER ST.	ROBERTSDALE	AL	36567	Library	N/A
BAY MINETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	800 BLACKBURN AVENUE	BAY MINETTE	AL	36507	School (k-12)	N/A
BAY MINETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BAY MINETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	205 WEST 2ND ST.	BAY MINETTE	AL	36507	Library	N/A
BOAZ PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOAZ PUBLIC LIBRARY	404 THOMAS AVE.	BOAZ	AL	35957	Library	N/A
BRANTLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BRANTLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	10 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR	BRANTLEY	AL	36009	Library	N/A
Brantley School	Crenshaw County Board of Education	8879 North Main	Brantley	AL	36009	School (K-12)	N/A
BRENT-CENTREVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BRENT-CENTREVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	20 LIBRARY STREET	CENTREVILLE	AL	35042	Library	N/A
BRIDGEPORT - LENA CAGLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BRIDGEPORT - LENA CAGLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	401 ALABAMA AVENUE	BRIDGEPORT	AL	35740	Library	N/A
BRUNDIDGE - TUPPER LIGHTFOOT MEMORIAL	BRUNDIDGE - TUPPER LIGHTFOOT MEMORIAL	164 SOUTH MAIN STREET	BRUNDIDGE	AL	36010	Library	N/A
CARBON HILL CITY LIBRARY	CARBON HILL CITY LIBRARY	215 NW 2ND STREET	CARBON HILL	AL	35549	Library	N/A
CARL ELLIOTT REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM	CARL ELLIOTT REGIONAL LIBRARY	98 18TH STREET EAST	JASPER	AL	35501	Library	N/A
CARROLLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	CARROLLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	225 COMMERCE AVENUE	CARROLLTON	AL	35447	Library	N/A
CHEAHA REGIONAL LIBRARY	CHEAHA REGIONAL LIBRARY	935 COLEMAN STREET	CLEBURNE	AL	36264	Library	N/A
CHEROKEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	CHEROKEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	310 MARY STREET	CENTRE	AL	35960	Library	N/A
CHEROKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	CHEROKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	118 CHURCH STREET	CHEROKEE	AL	35616	Library	N/A
CITRONELLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	CITRONELLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	7855 STATE STREET	CITRONELLE	AL	36522	Library	N/A

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ABBEVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	2987	10	5	14	24	1	6	40	40	3	3	141	634	11	48
ADAMSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	4965	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	45	45	0	0	61	182	0	0
Addison Elementary School	407	95	32	21	116	3	20	45	0	0	0	407	407	0	0
Addison High School	326	100	22	28	128	3	20	45	0	0	0	326	326	0	0
AKRON PUBLIC LIBRARY	2497	0	0	2	2	0	6	17	17	0	0	0	20	0	0
ALBERTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	17247	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	45	45	4	4	160	480	14	43
ARLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	290	4	2	2	6	1.5	6	20	20	0	0	12	20	0	0
BALDWIN COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE,	81370	6	0	5	11	1.5	6	45	45	0	0	112	224	0	0
BAY MINETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	586	3	3	1	4	40	40	40	40	0	0	586	586	0	0
BAY MINETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	7820	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	49	49	4	4	206	618	17	50
BOAZ PUBLIC LIBRARY	7411	10	5	5	15	1.5	6	46	46	0	0	193	386	0	0
BRANTLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	920	6	4	9	15	1.5	6	19	19	0	0	9	90	0	0
Brantley School	700	33	20	8	41	10	10	50	50	0	0	700	700	0	0
BRENT-CENTREVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	19454	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	44	44	0	0	300	900	0	0
BRIDGEPORT - LENA CAGLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2728	4	2	8	12	1.5	6	38	38	0	0	66	197	0	0
BRUNDIDGE - TUPPER LIGHTFOOT MEMORIAL	2341	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	40	40	3	3	56	167	4	13
CARBON HILL CITY LIBRARY	2071	1	2	8	9	1.5	6	16	16	0	0	19	96	0	0
CARL ELLIOTT REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM	66546	7	4	16	23	1	6	40	40	0	0	36	228	0	0
CARROLLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	987	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	27	27	0	0	23	68	0	0
CHEAHA REGIONAL LIBRARY	77645	4	2	4	8	1.5	6	40	40	0	0	31	80	0	0
CHEROKEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	23988	7	2	8	15	1	6	43	43	4	4	44	132	4	12
CHEROKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	5930	7	2	0	7	1.5	6	35	35	8	8	59	59	13	13
CITRONELLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	3659	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	31	31	0	0	92	277	0	0

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CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE PUBLIC LIBRARY	CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE PUBLIC LIBRARY	12747 PADGETT SWITCH ROAD	IRVINGTON	AL	36509	Library	N/A
Cleburne County Career/Technical	Cleburne County Schools	11200 Highway 46	Heflin	AL	36264	School (k-12)	N/A
Cleburne County Elementary	Cleburne County Schools	584 Evans Bridge Road	Heflin	AL	36264	School (k-12)	N/A
Cleburne County High	Cleburne County Schools	520 Evans Bridge Road	Heflin	AL	36264	School (k-12)	N/A
Cleburne County Middle	Cleburne County Schools	661 Duke Drive	Heflin	AL	36264	School (k-12)	N/A
CLIO - ELTON B. STEPHENS LIBRARY	CLIO - ELTON B. STEPHENS LIBRARY	17 SCHOOL STREET	CLIO	AL	36017	Library	N/A
CORDOVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	CORDOVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	87 MAIN STREET	CORDOVA	AL	35550	Library	N/A
COURTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	COURTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	215 COLLEGE STREET	COURTLAND	AL	35618	Library	N/A
CROSSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	CROSSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	80 GAINES STREET	CROSSVILLE	AL	35962	Library	N/A
DELTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	10251 WHITEHOUSE FORK ROAD EXTENSION	BAY MINETTE	AL	36507	School (k-12)	N/A
DORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	DORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	1485 SHARON BLVD	DORA	AL	35062	Library	N/A
Double Springs Elementary School	Winston County School System	PO Box 550 123 Old School R	Double Springs	AL	35553	School (k-12)	N/A
Double Springs Middle School	Winston County School System	PO Box 669 1218 Co Rd 24	Double Springs	AL	35553	School (k-12)	N/A
DOUBLE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	DOUBLE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	637 BLAKE DRIVE	DOUBLE SPRINGS	AL	35553	Library	N/A
ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY	ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY	101 EAST FULTON STREET	HARTFORD	AL	36344	Library	N/A
ENTERPRISE PUBLIC LIBRARY	ENTERPRISE PUBLIC LIBRARY	101 EAST GRUBBS STREET	ENTERPRISE	AL	36330	Library	N/A
EVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	EVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	4549 HIGHWAY 55 EAST	EVA	AL	35621	Library	N/A
FALKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	FALKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	7 NORTH 1ST AVE.	FALKVILLE	AL	35622	Library	N/A
FAYETTE COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	FAYETTE COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	326 TEMPLE AVENUE NORTH	FAYETTE	AL	35555	Library	N/A
GENEVA - EMMA KNOX KENAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	GENEVA - EMMA KNOX KENAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	312 SOUTH COMMERCE STREET	GENEVA	AL	36340	Library	N/A
GOODWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	GOODWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	36 WEOGUFKA STREET	GOODWATER	AL	35072	Library	N/A
GORDO - RUTH HOLIMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	GORDO - RUTH HOLIMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	287 MAIN STREET SOUTH	GORDO	AL	35466	Library	N/A
GRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	GRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	5379 MAIN ST.	GRANT	AL	35947	Library	N/A
GRAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	GRAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	315 SOUTH MAIN STREET	GRAYSVILLE	AL	35073	Library	N/A
HALE COUNTY LIBRARY	HALE COUNTY LIBRARY	1103 MAIN STREET	GREENSBORO	AL	36744	Library	N/A

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CITY OF BAYOU LA BATRE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2313	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	10	10	0	0	19	57	0	0
Cleburne County Career/Technical	700	45	0	22	67	30	50	0	10	0	0	260	275	0	0
Cleburne County Elementary	2000	66	0	30	96	50	50	0	10	0	0	375	400	0	0
Cleburne County High	2000	75	0	23	98	50	50	10	10	0	0	700	750	0	0
Cleburne County Middle	2000	36	0	22	58	50	50	10	10	0	0	300	310	0	0
CLIO - ELTON B. STEPHENS LIBRARY	2206	7	5	17	24	1.5	6	21	21	0	0	9	170	0	0
CORDOVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	2423	2	2	2	4	1.5	6	25	25	0	0	24	48	0	0
COURTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	769	2	2	4	6	1	6	40	40	0	0	58	136	0	0
CROSSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	1431	3	0	0	3	1	6	31	31	0	0	17	17	0	0
DELTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	285	14	14	0	14	40	40	40	40	0	0	285	285	0	0
DORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	2413	2	1	4	6	1.5	6	12	12	0	0	20	60	0	0
Double Springs Elementary School	11304	55	26	22	77	50	50	45	45	0	0	471	471	0	0
Double Springs Middle School	8712	47	23	30	77	10	20	45	45	0	0	363	363	0	0
DOUBLE SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	1003	3	2	6	9	1.5	6	45	45	0	0	19	58	0	0
ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY	12229	9	3	7	16	1	6	26	26	4	4	78	170	12	26
ENTERPRISE PUBLIC LIBRARY	31478	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	46	46	4	4	254	761	22	67
EVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	491	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	19	19	0	0	16	48	0	0
FALKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	1202	4	1	12	16	1	6	12	12	4	4	26	90	9	30
FAYETTE COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	18109	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	48	48	0	0	86	258	0	0
GENEVA - EMMA KNOX KENAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	4388	5	0	0	5	1.2	6	32	32	0	0	89	89	0	0
GOODWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	1633	6	4	8	14	1.5	6	40	40	0	0	61	184	0	0
GORDO - RUTH HOLIMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	1677	7	3	8	15	1	6	27	27	0	0	32	97	0	0
GRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	665	3	3	2	5	1	6	26	26	6	6	66	109	15	25
GRAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2344	6	3	8	14	1	6	40	40	0	0	50	150	0	0
HALE COUNTY LIBRARY	8660	6	2	8	14	1.2	6	20	20	3	3	45	166	7	25

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HALEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	HALEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	913 20TH STREET	HALEYVILLE	AL	35565	Library	N/A
HARTFORD / MCGREGOR-MCKINNEY PUBLIC	HARTFORD / MCGREGOR-MCKINNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	101 EAST FULTON STREET	HARTFORD	AL	36344	Library	N/A
HARTSELLE - WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE PUBLIC	HARTSELLE - WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE PUBLIC	152 SPARKMAN STREET NW	HARTSELLE	AL	35640	Library	N/A
HAYNEVILLE/LOWNDES CO. PUB. LIBRARY	HAYNEVILLE/LOWNDES CO. PUB. LIBRARY	4 WASHINGTON STREET	HAYNEVILLE	AL	36040	Library	N/A
HEADLAND - -BLANCHE R. SOLOMON MEMORIAL	HEADLAND - -BLANCHE R. SOLOMON MEMORIAL	17 PARK STREET	HEADLAND	AL	36345	Library	N/A
HORSESHOE BEND REGIONAL LIBRARY	HORSESHOE BEND REGIONAL LIBRARY	207 NORTH WEST ST.	DADEVILLE	AL	36853	Library	N/A
IDER PUBLIC LIBRARY	IDER PUBLIC LIBRARY	10808 ALABAMA HIGHWAY 79	IDER	AL	35981	Library	N/A
KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY	KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY	17885 HWY. 96	KENNEDY	AL	35574	Library	N/A
KILLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	KILLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	325 J. C. MAULDIN HIGHWAY	KILLEN	AL	35645	Library	N/A
LEIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	LEIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	8740 MAIN STREET	LEIGHTON	AL	35646	Library	N/A
LEXINGTON - BURCHELL CAMPBELL MEMORIAL	LEXINGTON - BURCHELL CAMPBELL MEMORIAL	11075 HIGHWAY 101	LEXINGTON	AL	35648	Library	N/A
LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY	LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY	49 COMPLEX DRIVE	LINCOLN	AL	35096	Library	N/A
LINEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LINEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	60119 HWY. 49	LINEVILLE	AL	36266	Library	N/A
LIVINGSTON - RUBY PICKENS TARTT PUBLIC	LIVINGSTON - RUBY PICKENS TARTT PUBLIC	206 MONROE STREET	SUMTER	AL	35470	Library	N/A
LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	1951 MAIN STREET	LOUISVILLE	AL	36048	Library	N/A
LOXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	LOXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	1001 LOXLEY AVENUE	BALDWIN	AL	36551	Library	N/A
MACON COUNTY - TUSKEGEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	MACON COUNTY - TUSKEGEE PUBLIC	302 SOUTH MAIN STREET	TUSKEGEE	AL	36083	Library	N/A
MARSHALL COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY	MARSHALL COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY	19352 HWY. 431 N.	GUNTERSVILLE	AL	35976	Library	N/A
Meek Elementary School	Winston County School System	PO Box 260 6615 Co Rd 41	Arley	AL	35541	School (k-12)	N/A
Meek High School	Winston County School System	PO Box 168 6615 Co Rd 41	Arley	AL	35541	School (k-12)	N/A
MIDLAND CITY - MARY BERRY BROWN MEMORIAL	MIDLAND CITY - MARY BERRY BROWN	1318 HINTON WATERS AVE	MIDLAND CITY	AL	36350	Library	N/A
MILLPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	MILLPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	920 BLACK STREET	MILLPORT	AL	35576	Library	N/A
MONTEVALLO - PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MONTEVALLO - PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	277 PARK DRIVE	MONTEVALLO	AL	35115	Library	N/A
MOODY - DORIS STANLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	MOODY - DORIS STANLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	1515 BOOKMARK LANE	MOODY	AL	35004	Library	N/A
MOUNDVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	MOUNDVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	410 MARKET STREET	MOUNDVILLE	AL	35474	Library	N/A

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HALEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	4182	3	2	2	5	1.5	6	40	40	3	3	27	45	2	3
HARTFORD / MCGREGOR-MCKINNEY PUBLIC	2369	4	4	12	16	1.5	6	58	58	6	6	52	157	5	16
HARTSELLE - WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE PUBLIC	12019	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	44	44	0	0	165	495	0	0
HAYNEVILLE/LOWNDES CO. PUB. LIBRARY	12459	7	2	4	11	1.5	6	26	26	3	3	6	36	1	4
HEADLAND - -BLANCHE R. SOLOMON MEMORIAL	3523	4	2	8	12	1.5	6	51	51	0	0	82	245	0	0
HORSESHOE BEND REGIONAL LIBRARY	125227	6	3	12	18	1.5	6	62	62	0	0	60	180	0	0
IDER PUBLIC LIBRARY	664	3	1	8	11	1.5	6	20	20	3	3	10	70	2	10
KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY	541	3	0	0	3	1.5	6	32	32	0	0	1	1	0	0
KILLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	1119	6	2	4	10	1.5	6	40	40	4	4	31	71	3	7
LEIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	5542	3	2	6	9	1.5	6	20	20	0	0	38	115	0	0
LEXINGTON - BURCHELL CAMPBELL MEMORIAL	840	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	21	21	0	0	25	76	0	0
LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY	4577	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	45	45	4	4	91	274	8	24
LINEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2401	3	0	0	3	1.5	6	35	35	0	0	4	4	0	0
LIVINGSTON - RUBY PICKENS TARTT PUBLIC	3297	6	6	6	12	1.5	6	35	35	3	3	33	88	3	8
LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	612	3	0	0	3	1.5	6	20	20	0	0	5	5	0	0
LOXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	1348	4	4	4	8	1.2	6	28	28	0	0	48	64	0	0
MACON COUNTY - TUSKEGEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	24105	10	4	4	14	1.2	6	44	44	0	0	387	442	0	0
MARSHALL COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY	44234	0	0	0	0	1.5	6	31	31	0	0	0	80	0	0
Meek Elementary School	8352	45	22	28	73	4.5	20	45	45	0	0	348	348	0	0
Meek High School	5856	42	17	13	55	4.5	20	45	45	0	0	244	244	0	0
MIDLAND CITY - MARY BERRY BROWN MEMORIAL	1703	9	0	6	15	1	6	39	39	2	2	8	53	0	3
MILLPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	1160	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	29	29	0	0	13	38	0	0
MONTEVALLO - PARNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	4825	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	44	44	0	0	92	277	0	0
MOODY - DORIS STANLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY	8053	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	47	47	0	0	179	538	0	0
MOUNDVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	6142	5	4	18	23	1	6	43	43	0	0	10	180	0	0

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MT. VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY	MT. VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY	1220 MILITARY ROAD	MT. VERNON	AL	36560	Library	N/A
NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	209 OATES DR.	NEWTON	AL	36352	Library	N/A
NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	P. O. BOX 1527	WINFIELD	AL	35594	Library	N/A
NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	185 ASHWOOD DRIVE	WINFIELD	AL	35594	Library	N/A
Ohatchee Elementary School Library	Calhoun County School District	100 CHEROKEE TRAIL	Ohatchee	AL	36271	School (k-12)	N/A
Ohatchee High School Library	Calhoun County School District	100 CHEROKEE TRAIL	Ohatchee	AL	36271	School (k-12)	N/A
OHATCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	OHATCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	7803 AL HIGHWAY 77	OHATCHEE	AL	36271	Library	N/A
OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	213 CHOCCOLOCCO STREET	OXFORD	AL	36203	Library	N/A
PHENIX CITY-RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PHENIX CITY-RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC	1501 17TH AVENUE	PHENIX CITY	AL	36867	Library	N/A
PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	43980 PINE GROVE ROAD	BAY MINETTE	AL	36507	School (k-12)	N/A
Pleasant Grove Elementary	Cleburne County Schools	9855 Highway 9	Heflin	AL	36264	School (k-12)	N/A
PRICEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	PRICEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	103 FAYE DRIVE	DECATUR	AL	35603	Library	N/A
RAGLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	RAGLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	738 MAIN STREET	RAGLAND	AL	35131	Library	N/A
RED BAY - WEATHERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	RED BAY - WEATHERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	307 4TH AVENUE SOUTH	RED BAY	AL	35582	Library	N/A
ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1 CUB DRIVE	ROBERTSDALE	AL	36567	School (k-12)	N/A
ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	110 MAIN STREET	ROCKFORD	AL	35136	Library	N/A
ROSINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	19757 COUNTY ROAD 64	ROBERTSDALE	AL	36567	School (k-12)	N/A
RUSSELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	RUSSELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	110 EAST LAWRENCE STREET	RUSSELLVILLE	AL	35653	Library	N/A
SAMSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	SAMSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	200 NORTH JOHNSON STREET	SAMSON	AL	36477	Library	N/A
SILVERHILL - OSCAR JOHNSON MEMORIAL	SILVERHILL - OSCAR JOHNSON MEMORIAL	15965 SILVERHILL AVE.	SILVERHILL	AL	36576	Library	N/A
SLOCOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY	SLOCOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY	132 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET	SLOCOMB	AL	36375	Library	N/A
SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	192 BROAD ST	SOMERVILLE	AL	35670	Library	N/A
SPRINGVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	SPRINGVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	6496 U.S. HIGHWAY 11	SPRINGVILLE	AL	35146	Library	N/A
STEVENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	STEVENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	102 WEST MAIN STREET	JACKSON	AL	35772	Library	N/A
SUMITON PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUMITON PUBLIC LIBRARY	416 STATE STREET	SUMITON	AL	35148	Library	N/A

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MT. VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY	844	10	0	14	24	1.5	6	30	30	4	4	100	200	25	50
NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	1708	3	0	0	3	1	6	39	39	0	0	9	9	0	0
NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	47029	3	1	4	7	0	6	32	32	0	0	0	40	0	0
NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY	47029	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	33	33	0	0	50	150	0	0
Ohatchee Elementary School Library	5622	32	30	0	32	10	20	43	43	0	0	500	800	0	0
Ohatchee High School Library	5622	20	7	10	30	10	20	40	40	0	0	500	750	0	0
OHATCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	1210	6	3	12	18	1.5	6	22	22	4	4	9	27	2	5
OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	14610	30	0	17	47	1.5	6	34	34	9	9	74	389	20	103
PHENIX CITY-RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	50746	26	0	10	36	1.5	6	40	40	9	9	30	90	7	20
PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	520	3	3	2	5	40	40	40	40	0	0	520	520	0	0
Pleasant Grove Elementary	700	36	0	24	60	1.5	50	0	10	0	0	260	275	0	0
PRICEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	1631	3	3	3	6	1.5	6	19	19	3	3	21	43	3	7
RAGLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	1918	8	0	0	8	1.5	6	43	43	0	0	69	69	0	0
RED BAY - WEATHERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	3374	6	3	12	18	1.5	6	25	25	0	0	58	174	0	0
ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1016	16	16	0	16	40	40	40	40	0	0	1016	1016	0	0
ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	428	2	0	1	3	1	6	50	50	0	0	35	52	0	0
ROSINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	322	17	17	0	17	40	40	40	40	0	0	322	322	0	0
RUSSELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	50746	5	10	5	15	1.2	6	40	40	9	9	30	90	7	20
SAMSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	2071	5	0	0	5	1.5	6	30	30	0	0	20	20	0	0
SILVERHILL - OSCAR JOHNSON MEMORIAL	616	3	0	5	8	1.5	6	10	10	0	0	4	50	0	0
SLOCOMB PUBLIC LIBRARY	2052	2	2	6	8	1.5	6	20	20	0	0	12	84	0	0
SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	470	3	0	4	7	1	6	35	35	3	3	11	37	1	3
SPRINGVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2521	6	3	12	18	1.5	6	49	49	0	0	68	203	0	0
STEVENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	1770	5	1	4	9	1.2	6	32	32	4	4	39	70	5	9
SUMITON PUBLIC LIBRARY	2663	3	0	3	6	1	6	41	41	4	4	33	66	3	6

Center Name	Organization	Address Line 1	City	State	Zip	Facility Type	Minority Serving Institution Type
TALLASSEE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	TALLASSEE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	99 FREEMAN AVENUE	TALLASSEE	AL	36078	Library	N/A
TARRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	TARRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	1143 FORD AVENUE	JEFFERSON	AL	35217	Library	N/A
TUSCUMBIA - HELEN KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	TUSCUMBIA - HELEN KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	511 N. MAIN ST.	TUSCUMBIA	AL	35674	Library	N/A
UNION SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	UNION SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	103 NORTH PRAIRIE STREET	UNION SPRINGS	AL	36089	Library	N/A
UNIONTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	UNIONTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	108 WATER STREET	UNIONTOWN	AL	36786	Library	N/A
VERNON - MARY WALLACE COBB MEMORIAL LIBRARY	VERNON - MARY WALLACE COBB MEMORIAL LIBRARY	110 FIRST AVE. W.	VERNON	AL	35592	Library	N/A
VINCENT - LALLOUISE F. MCGRAW LIBRARY	VINCENT - LALLOUISE F. MCGRAW LIBRARY	42860 HIGHWAY 25	VINCENT	AL	35178	Library	N/A
WARRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	WARRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	101 FIRST STREET	WARRIOR	AL	35180	Library	N/A
Weaver Elementary School Library	Calhoun County School District	444 SCHOOL DR	Weaver	AL	36271	School (k-12)	N/A
Weaver High School Library	Calhoun County School District	917 CLAIRMONT DR	Weaver	AL	36271	School (k-12)	N/A
WEST BLOCTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	WEST BLOCTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	62 WALTER OWENS DRIVE	WEST BLOCTON	AL	35184	Library	N/A
WESTSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WESTSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY	5151 WALNUT GROVE ROAD	WALNUT GROVE	AL	35990	Library	N/A
WHITE HALL PUBLIC LIBRARY	WHITE HALL PUBLIC LIBRARY	640 FREEDOM ROAD	WHITE HALL	AL	36040	Library	N/A
WILSONVILLE - VERNICE STOUDENMIRE LIBRARY	WILSONVILLE - VERNICE STOUDENMIRE	MAIN STREET	WILSONVILLE	AL	35186	Library	N/A
WINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	WINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	185 ASHWOOD DRIVE	WINFIELD	AL	35594	Library	N/A
WOODVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	WOODVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	26 VENSON STREET	WOODVILLE	AL	35776	Library	N/A
YORK - HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	YORK - HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	602 2ND AVENUE	YORK	AL	36925	Library	N/A

**Totals:**

Center Name	Estimated # of Total Persons in facility's Service Area	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	
		Number of Broadband Stations Available (CURRENT)	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)
TALLASSEE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	4943	5	3	10	15	1.5	6	28	28	7	7	46	139	12	35
TARRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY	7022	6	3	3	9	1.5	6	45	45	0	0	118	176	0	0
TUSCUMBIA - HELEN KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	12549	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	40	40	0	0	83	249	0	0
UNION SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	11714	9	0	7	16	1.5	6	34	34	4	4	21	97	3	11
UNIONTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	1636	12	3	6	18	1.5	6	42	42	0	0	2	60	0	0
VERNON - MARY WALLACE COBB MEMORIAL LIBRARY	2143	6	0	4	10	1.5	6	45	45	0	0	62	104	0	0
VINCENT - LALLOUISE F. MCGRAW LIBRARY	1853	3	2	9	12	1.2	6	24	24	4	4	23	91	4	15
WARRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	3169	4	0	4	8	1.2	6	28	28	3	3	69	208	7	22
Weaver Elementary School Library	7106	8	3	3	11	10	20	43	43	0	0	375	500	0	0
Weaver High School Library	7106	8	2	15	23	10	20	43	43	0	0	500	1095	0	0
WEST BLOCTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	1372	4	1	3	7	1.5	6	25	25	0	0	6	11	0	0
WESTSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY	710	4	2	8	12	1.5	6	20	20	0	0	40	120	0	0
WHITE HALL PUBLIC LIBRARY	1014	4	2	8	12	1.5	6	21	21	0	0	40	120	0	0
WILSONVILLE - VERNICE STOUDENMIRE LIBRARY	1551	4	4	12	16	1.2	6	18	18	0	0	2	120	0	0
WINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	4540	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	47	47	0	0	130	391	0	0
WOODVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	773	7	4	14	21	1.5	6	31	31	0	0	36	107	0	0
YORK - HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	2854	3	3	4	7	1.5	6	24	24	3	3	26	51	3	6

**Totals: 1E+06 1326 477 1007 2338 5.5 10.9 34 33 1 1.3 14690 25710 254 739**

## **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 cell 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 will 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 filling 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.*, for two 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 applicable to the position. For lines with more than one position, the Quarters Employed field should represent 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 line item, note the number of units and the unit cost. The multiple of these two factors will yield the total for that line item. For example, an Applicant planning to buy 100 laptops at \$500/laptop will have a total line item cost of \$50,000. Again, although unit costs may include cents, once multiplied by the number of units, the result must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Clearly separate 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 multiple 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 per trip.

**Supplies:** Separate supplies by item type, describing the program purpose or use. For each line item, note the number of units and the unit costs. The multiple of these two factors will yield the total for that line item. For example, an Applicant planning to buy 20 boxes of printer paper at \$30/box would have a total line item cost of \$600. Again, although unit costs may include cents, once multiplied by the number of units, the result must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

**Other:** Separate item types; for awareness program cost items, such as ads, separate ad types (radio, newspaper, etc) and include geography in which they will run.

**Contractual:** For each line item, identify the contractor and note the number of contracted hours of service.

and hourly rate, if applicable. For example, an Applicant planning to hire a technology consultant for 100 hours at a rate of \$40/hour would have a total line item cost of \$4,000.

Indirect: Provide the indirect rate and basis used. In the space provided at the bottom of the page, briefly explain the calculation used to derive the indirect costs (including the indirect rate and basis included in the basis). If a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement exists and is being used, please identify the cognizant agency.

The category subtotals for this Detailed Budget should correspond to the data provided in your SF-424A, and both the SF-424 budget and this Detailed Budget should match the Federal Grant Request and Total Match Amount provided on the Project Budget page of the application. Please review both budget uploads, the budget narrative in the application, and the Project Budget page for consistency before submitting the application. If you are submitting a PCC project with a SF-424C instead of an SF-424A, the sections of this Detailed Budget will not align directly with the categories of the SF-424C, but you should complete this Detailed Budget, allocating costs to the appropriate cost categories.

The data provided via this template will be subject to automated processing. Applicants are therefore required to provide this upload as an Excel file, and not to convert it to a PDF prior to upload. Additionally, applicants should not modify the format of this file.

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**BTOP Public Computer Center and Sustainable Broadband Adoption  
Detailed Budget Template**

Easy Grants ID: **6994**  
Applicant: Auburn University

Project Title: Equipment and Training for Rural Alabama Public Computer Centers

SF-424A Object Class Category	General			Detail					
	Position	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Positions	Salary	% Time Spent on Project	Quarters Employed	Total
<b>a. Personnel</b> - List position, number of staff, annual salaries, % time spent on project									
	Project director	\$120,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$150,000.00	1	\$100,000.00	50%	12.00	\$150,000.00
	Project manager	\$84,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$105,000.00	1	\$70,000.00	50%	12.00	\$105,000.00
	Tech installers	\$210,000.00	\$52,500.00	\$262,500.00	3	\$35,000.00	100%	10.00	\$262,500.00
	Library/PCC staff in-kind time	\$0.00	\$333,000.00	\$333,000.00	185	\$20,000.00	3%	12.00	\$333,000.00
	Training supervisor	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00	50%	8.00	\$50,000.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$454,000.00</b>	<b>\$446,500.00</b>	<b>\$900,500.00</b>					

b. Fringe Benefits - Include salaries and fringe rate.	Position	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Positions	Salary	% Time Spent on Project	Quarters Employed	Fringe Rate	Total
	Project director	\$41,952.00	\$10,488.00	\$52,440.00	1	\$100,000.00	50%	12.00	34.96%	\$52,440.00
	Project manager	\$29,366.00	\$7,342.00	\$36,708.00	1	\$70,000.00	50%	12.00	34.96%	\$36,708.00
	Tech installers	\$73,416.00	\$18,354.00	\$91,770.00	3	\$35,000.00	100%	10.00	34.96%	\$91,770.00
	Library/PCC staff in-kind time	\$0.00	\$116,417.00	\$116,417.00	185	\$20,000.00	3%	12.00	34.96%	\$116,417.00
	Training supervisor	\$13,984.00	\$3,496.00	\$17,480.00	1	\$50,000.00	50%	8.00	34.96%	\$17,480.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$158,718.00</b>	<b>\$156,097.00</b>	<b>\$314,815.00</b>						

c. Travel - For significant costs, include details such as number and purpose of trips, destinations.	Purpose of Trip	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# of Trips	Cost per Trip	Total
	Library on-site assessments	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00	150	\$200.00	\$30,000.00
	Library equipment installations	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00	150	\$200.00	\$30,000.00
	Other site consultant visits	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00	50	\$300.00	\$15,000.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>			\$0.00

d. Equipment Costs - List equipment with # of units and unit costs. Distinguish between equipment intended for applicant use versus equipment for the end user.	Equipment Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units	Unit Cost	Total
<b>Applicant Equipment</b>							
<b>User Equipment</b>							
	Workstations with Office suite & anti-virus/Internet security sw	\$2,843,758.00	\$458,142.00	\$3,301,900.00	1,484	\$2,225.00	\$3,301,900.00
	Wireless network routers	\$9,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$12,000.00	60	\$200.00	\$12,000.00
	RCP base station and extender units	\$48,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$60,000.00	30	\$2,000.00	\$60,000.00
	AV conference room	\$174,352.00	\$43,588.00	\$217,940.00	20	\$10,897.00	\$217,940.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,075,710.00</b>	<b>\$516,130.00</b>	<b>\$3,591,840.00</b>			

<b>e. Supplies</b> - List costs associated with materials/printing, curriculum, translations, and other supplies							
Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units (If Applicable)	Unit Cost (If Applicable)	Total	
Training manuals	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$11,250.00	150	\$75.00	\$11,250.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>	<b>\$11,250.00</b>				

<b>f. Contractual</b> - List contractors with purpose of contract, hourly rate or total fixed rate.							
Contractor	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	# Hours (If Applicable)	Hourly Rate (If Applicable)	Total Contract	
Alabama Public Library Service	\$9,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$12,000.00	160	75.00	\$12,000.00	
Wireless Engineering Research and Education Center	\$9,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$12,000.00	160	\$75.00	\$12,000.00	
Tuskegee University Department of Computer Science	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750.00	250	\$75.00	\$18,750.00	
Student intern stipends (100@\$300)	\$24,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58,200.00</b>	<b>\$14,550.00</b>	<b>\$72,750.00</b>				

<b>g. Construction</b> - If applicable, list construction costs			
Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>h. Other</b> - List costs associated with grant subrecipients as well as other costs not listed above such as rent, technology (website hosting, internet connection), advertising (TV, radio, online), etc.							
Description	Federal Support	Matching Support	Total	#Units (If Applicable)	Unit Cost (If Applicable)	Total	
Training tuition	\$48,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$60,000.00	800	\$75.00	\$60,000.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
			\$0.00			\$0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$48,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>				

<b>i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-h)</b>	<b>\$3,863,628.00</b>	<b>\$1,162,527.00</b>	<b>\$5,026,155.00</b>
<b>j. Indirect Charges</b>	<b>\$772,726.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$772,726.00</b>
<b>Total Eligible Project Costs</b>	<b>\$4,636,354.00</b>	<b>\$1,162,527.00</b>	<b>\$5,798,881.00</b>
<b>Match Percentage</b>	<b>20.0%</b>		

**Explanation of Indirect Charges**

Auburn University has a negotiated indirect rate of 20% for federal projects that are off-campus and involve no research.

**Additional Budget Notes**

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## BTOP Application Attachment Instructions

### SF-424A and SF-424C Budget Forms

Please complete either the SF-424A or SF-424C forms included in this file. Please refer to the instructions provided with each form. The SF-424A should be used unless the major purpose of your project is construction, in which case the SF-424C should be completed. Construction means the construction of new buildings, completion of shell space in existing buildings, renovation or rehabilitation of existing buildings, and construction or development of real property infrastructure improvements (e.g., site preparation; utilities; streets; curbs; sidewalks; parking lots; and other streetscaping improvements, etc.). In contrast, alteration of facilities incidental to a non-construction purpose is not considered construction. For example, if the major purpose of an award is to allow a recipient to conduct digital literacy training courses, the renovation of a computer lab area would not be considered construction under this chapter.

You need only provide the completed budget form, and not this page or the SF-424 instructions when submitting a copy of your application on an appropriate electronic medium, such as a DVD, CD-ROM, or flash drive.

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY			Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits				
c. Travel				
d. Equipment				
e. Supplies				
f. Contractual				
g. Construction				
h. Other				
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)				
j. Indirect Charges				
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	\$	\$	\$

7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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**SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES**

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.	\$	\$	\$	\$
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS**

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT**

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	\$	\$	\$	\$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION**

21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:
23. Remarks:	

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424A

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**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

### General Instructions

This form is designed so that application can be made for funds from one or more grant programs. In preparing the budget, adhere to any existing Federal grantor agency guidelines which prescribe how and whether budgeted amounts should be separately shown for different functions or activities within the program. For some programs, grantor agencies may require budgets to be separately shown by function or activity. For other programs, grantor agencies may require a breakdown by function or activity. Sections A, B, C, and D should include budget estimates for the whole project except when applying for assistance which requires Federal authorization in annual or other funding period increments. In the latter case, Sections A, B, C, and D should provide the budget for the first budget period (usually a year) and Section E should present the need for Federal assistance in the subsequent budget periods. All applications should contain a breakdown by the object class categories shown in Lines a-k of Section B.

### Section A. Budget Summary Lines 1-4 Columns (a) and (b)

For applications pertaining to a *single* Federal grant program (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number) and *not requiring* a functional or activity breakdown, enter on Line 1 under Column (a) the Catalog program title and the Catalog number in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to a *single* program *requiring* budget amounts by multiple functions or activities, enter the name of each activity or function on each line in Column (a), and enter the Catalog number in Column (b). For applications pertaining to multiple programs where none of the programs require a breakdown by function or activity, enter the Catalog program title on each line in *Column* (a) and the respective Catalog number on each line in Column (b).

For applications pertaining to *multiple* programs where one or more programs *require* a breakdown by function or activity, prepare a separate sheet for each program requiring the breakdown. Additional sheets should be used when one form does not provide adequate space for all breakdown of data required. However, when more than one sheet is used, the first page should provide the summary totals by programs.

### Lines 1-4, Columns (c) through (g)

*For new applications*, leave Column (c) and (d) blank. For each line entry in Columns (a) and (b), enter in Columns (e), (f), and (g) the appropriate amounts of funds needed to support the project for the first funding period (usually a year).

*For continuing grant program applications*, submit these forms before the end of each funding period as required by the grantor agency. Enter in Columns (c) and (d) the estimated amounts of funds which will remain unobligated at the end of the grant funding period only if the Federal grantor agency instructions provide for this. Otherwise, leave these columns blank. Enter in columns (e) and (f) the amounts of funds needed for the upcoming period. The amount(s) in Column (g) should be the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

*For supplemental grants and changes* to existing grants, do not use Columns (c) and (d). Enter in Column (e) the amount of the increase or decrease of Federal funds and enter in Column (f) the amount of the increase or decrease of non-Federal funds. In Column (g) enter the new total budgeted amount (Federal and non-Federal) which includes the total previous authorized budgeted amounts plus or minus, as appropriate, the amounts shown in Columns (e) and (f). The amount(s) in Column (g) should not equal the sum of amounts in Columns (e) and (f).

**Line 5** - Show the totals for all columns used.

### Section B Budget Categories

In the column headings (1) through (4), enter the titles of the same programs, functions, and activities shown on Lines 1-4, Column (a), Section A. When additional sheets are prepared for Section A, provide similar column headings on each sheet. For each program, function or activity, fill in the total requirements for funds (both Federal and non-Federal) by object class categories.

**Line 6a-i** - Show the totals of Lines 6a to 6h in each column.

**Line 6j** - Show the amount of indirect cost.

**Line 6k** - Enter the total of amounts on Lines 6i and 6j. For all applications for new grants and continuation grants the total amount in column (5), Line 6k, should be the same as the total amount shown in Section A, Column (g), Line 5. For supplemental grants and changes to grants, the total amount of the increase or decrease as shown in Columns (1)-(4), Line 6k should be the same as the sum of the amounts in Section A, Columns (e) and (f) on Line 5.

**Line 7** - Enter the estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project. Do not add or subtract this amount from the total project amount, Show under the program

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narrative statement the nature and source of income. The estimated amount of program income may be considered by the Federal grantor agency in determining the total amount of the grant.

### Section C. Non-Federal Resources

**Lines 8-11** Enter amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used on the grant. If in-kind contributions are included, provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet.

**Column (a)** - Enter the program titles identical to Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary.

**Column (b)** - Enter the contribution to be made by the applicant.

**Column (c)** - Enter the amount of the State's cash and in-kind contribution if the applicant is not a State or State agency. Applicants which are a State or State agencies should leave this column blank.

**Column (d)** - Enter the amount of cash and in-kind contributions to be made from all other sources.

**Column (e)** - Enter totals of Columns (b), (c), and (d).

**Line 12** - Enter the total for each of Columns (b)-(e). The amount in Column (e) should be equal to the amount on Line 5, Column (f), Section A.

### Section D. Forecasted Cash Needs

**Line 13** - Enter the amount of cash needed by quarter from the grantor agency during the first year.

**Line 14** - Enter the amount of cash from all other sources needed by quarter during the first year.

**Line 15** - Enter the totals of amounts on Lines 13 and 14.

### Section E. Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project

**Lines 16-19** - Enter in Column (a) the same grant program titles shown in Column (a), Section A. A breakdown by function or activity is not necessary. For new applications and continuation grant applications, enter in the proper columns amounts of Federal funds which will be needed to complete the program or project over the succeeding funding periods (usually in years). This section need not be completed for revisions (amendments, changes, or supplements) to funds for the current year of existing grants.

If more than four lines are needed to list the program titles, submit additional schedules as necessary.

**Line 20** - Enter the total for each of the Columns (b)-(e). When additional schedules are prepared for this Section, annotate accordingly and show the overall totals on this line.

### Section F. Other Budget Information

**Line 21** - Use this space to explain amounts for individual direct object class cost categories that may appear to be out of the ordinary or to explain the details as required by the Federal grantor agency.

**Line 22** - Enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period, the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.

**Line 23** - Provide any other explanations or comments deemed necessary.

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs**

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*NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.*

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
6. Project inspection fees	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
7. Site work	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
8. Demolition and removal	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
9. Construction	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
10. Equipment	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
11. Miscellaneous	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1- 11)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
13. Contingencies	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
14. SUBTOTAL	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
15. Project (program) income	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDING</b>			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X <input type="text"/> % Enter the resulting Federal share.			\$ <input type="text"/>

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424C

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**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.  
SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

This sheet is to be used for the following types of applications: (1) "New" (means a new [previously unfunded] assistance award); (2) "Continuation" (means funding in a succeeding budget period which stemmed from a prior agreement to fund); and (3) "Revised" (means any changes in the Federal Government's financial obligations or contingent liability from an existing obligation). If there is no change in the award amount, there is no need to complete this form. Certain Federal agencies may require only an explanatory letter to effect minor (no cost) changes. If you have questions, please contact the Federal agency.

*Column a.* - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter the total estimated cost of each of the items listed on lines 1 through 16 (as applicable) under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the eligible amounts *approved under the previous award* for the items under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

*Column b.* - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter that portion of the cost of each item in Column a. which is *not* allowable for Federal assistance. Contact the Federal agency for assistance in determining the allowability of specific costs.

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the adjustment [+ or (-)] to the previously approved costs (from column a.) reflected in this application.

*Column.* - This is the net of lines 1 through 16 in columns "a." and "b."

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Line 1 - Enter estimated amounts needed to cover administrative expenses. Do not include costs which are related to the normal functions of government. Allowable legal costs are generally only those associated with the purchases of land which is allowable for Federal participation and certain services in support of construction of the project.

Line 2 - Enter estimated site and right(s)-of-way acquisition costs (this includes purchase, lease, and/or easements).

Line 3 - Enter estimated costs related to relocation advisory assistance, replacement housing, relocation payments to displaced persons and businesses, etc.

Line 4 - Enter estimated basic engineering fees related to construction (this includes start-up services and preparation of project performance work plan).

Line 5 - Enter estimated engineering costs, such as surveys, tests, soil borings, etc.

Line 6 - Enter estimated engineering inspection costs.

Line 7 - Enter estimated costs of site preparation and restoration which are not included in the basic construction contract.

Line 9 - Enter estimated cost of the construction contract.

Line 10 - Enter estimated cost of office, shop, laboratory, safety equipment, etc. to be used at the facility, if such costs are not included in the construction contract.

Line 11 - Enter estimated miscellaneous costs.

Line 12 - Total of items 1 through 11.

Line 13 - Enter estimated contingency costs. (Consult the Federal agency for the percentage of the estimated construction cost to use.)

Line 14 - Enter the total of lines 12 and 13.

Line 15 - Enter estimated program income to be earned during the grant period, e.g., salvaged materials, etc.

Line 16 - Subtract line 15 from line 14.

Line 17 - This block is for the computation of the Federal share. Multiply the total allowable project costs from line 16, column "c." by the Federal percentage share (this may be up to 100 percent; consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share) and enter the product on line 17.