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Organization:	Missouri Department of Higher Education
Project Name:	Pathways to Broadband Access and Technology Education at Missouri's Community Colleges
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **Missouri Department of Higher Education**, in collaboration with seven of the state's community colleges, plans to expand a network of public computer centers in key areas across Missouri. Each center will be tailored to address the unique needs of the community, emphasizing community college students and economically disadvantaged residents. The centers will be "one stop" locations from which individuals can access resources to help them in the job market, utilize new and upgraded broadband workstations, and obtain training. Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City plans to use a mobile public computer center to deliver broadband access throughout the service area.

The Pathways to Broadband Access and Technology Education project also proposes to:

- Deploy approximately 600 new workstations and approximately 130 upgraded computers in 19 new computer centers and four upgraded centers, increasing public access to computer centers by up to 720 hours per week and accommodating over 3,000 additional weekly users.
- Train as many as 2,900 students with up to 47,000 hours of teacher-led training annually over the two years of the project. Training will focus on digital literacy and workforce development skills.
- Serve an entire community college population of over 78,000 students in Missouri.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) administers the Missouri state system of higher education, which serves more than 448,000 students through 10 public four-year universities with 13 campuses, 14 public two-year institutions with 21 campuses, 25 independent colleges and universities, and 163 proprietary schools. MDHE also conducts outreach initiatives to raise awareness among Missourians regarding opportunities for postsecondary education and student financial assistance.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Jefferson College
- Mineral Area College
- Moberly Area Community College
- St. Louis Community College
- Ozarks Technical Community College
- Three Rivers Community College
- Metropolitan Community College

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