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<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>viNGN Sustainable Broadband Adoption Program</b>
<b>Project Type:</b>	<b>Sustainable Broadband Adoption</b>
<b>State:</b>	<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>
<b>Federal Award:</b>	<b>\$2,535,082</b>

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The **Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority** has formed a public-private partnership with a wide range of broadband-related entities as part of its viNGN network. This comprehensive effort intends to provide digital literacy and job skills training, launch a telework program, and conduct a multifaceted outreach campaign to increase broadband subscribership and stimulate job growth in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Project partner BetterWorld Telecom plans to establish a virtual call center for use by large companies throughout the United States that will recruit teleworkers in the Virgin Islands. The project also proposes to maintain an electronic database and job bank that would be available to local and national employers, documenting key information about program participants who wish to be included, including courses taken, class-hours spent, tests passed, and certifications achieved.

The viNGN project also proposes to:

- Provide computer skills and broadband training to as many as 2,000 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 500,000 teacher-led training hours highlighting online skills, career building and job-hunting, community resource development, and education.
- Leverage two additional BTOP awards, one for public computer centers and the other for comprehensive community infrastructure, to expand and enhance connectivity and access and to demonstrate the value of broadband to Virgin Islands residents.
- Partner with the U.S. Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research to measure and report upon changes in subscribership and business uptake centered around infrastructure or skillset improvements resulting from BTOP-funded projects.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

The Virgin Island Public Finance Authority was created in 1988 by the US Virgin Islands Legislature and is a public corporation and autonomous government instrument for the purposes of aiding the territorial government in the performance of its fiscal duties. The Virgin Islands libraries, in coordination with the territory's Housing Authority, will implement, manage, and operate the program stemming from this award.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Virgin Islands Division of Libraries
- University of the Virgin Islands
- National Education Foundation/CyberLearning
- VI Technical Services, LLC
- Alliance Data Services
- BetterWorld Telecom, LLC

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa).

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