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Organization:	University of Hawaii System
Project Name:	Access for All: Hawaii Statewide Public Computer Centers
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State:	Hawaii
Federal Award:	\$1,949,360

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The University of Hawaii System, in partnership with the Hawaii State Public Library System, the Hawaii State Department of Education, and the State of Hawaii Executive Branch, proposes to provide 693 new public access broadband-connected computers in over 60 public facilities including every public library and community college and their remote education centers on the six major islands of the state of Hawaii. The project will serve vulnerable populations by increasing capacity and usage at public computer centers, including facilities at community colleges not previously open to non-students and facilities which have experienced long wait times and bandwidth constraints due to increased demand for broadband access.

Included in the project are plans to provide service to Hawaii's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), which was created to serve the blind population of Hawaii and the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands and serves as a regional library for the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The project intends to provide LBPH patrons with public broadband workstations tailored for people with disabilities.

Access for All also proposes to:

- Deploy almost 700 new workstations in 54 new and 12 upgraded computer centers, increasing public access to computer centers by more than 80 hours per week and accommodating approximately 10,000 additional weekly users.
- Provide up to 3,000 hours of broadband training and education annually over the two years of the project.
- Serve a diverse population of residents from the Hispanic, African American, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander communities.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The University of Hawaii System, comprising all public higher education in the state, includes 10 campuses and dozens of educational, training, and research centers across the Hawaiian Islands. Its academic offerings range from certificate and vocational through doctoral programs. A state government entity, the University of Hawaii System was established in 1964 and has significant experience with federal funding rules and compliance.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Hawaii State Public Library System
- Hawaii State Department of Education
- Hawaii Executive Branch

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

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