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Organization:	Louisville-Jefferson County Metro
Project Name:	Metro Louisville Public Library Computing Centers Expansion
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State:	Kentucky
Federal Award:	\$743,741

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government**, in partnership with the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation, proposes a countywide project to upgrade 18 public computer centers with approximately 130 workstations. The project intends to serve economically and socially vulnerable populations in the area, including the unemployed and underemployed, youth, and those generally facing the challenges associated with lack of affordable broadband access and training.

The project plans to hire professional librarians to provide training services. These include the deployment of a Youth & Technology Librarian to develop training programs targeting the unique needs of young people, and a Business Technology Librarian to supervise the program's JobShop workforce development centers and develop specific training curricula for the unemployed and the underemployed.

Metro Louisville also proposes to:

- Accommodate an estimated 5,700 additional weekly users.
- Train as many as 3,900 students with up to 7,800 hours of teacher-led training annually over the three years of the project.
- Expand services offered at the public computer centers by the Jefferson County Public Schools Adult Education Department, Kentukiana Works, CREW Career Centers, the Bellarmine University School of Business, and Spalding University.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Louisville, Kentucky, "Possibility City," is engaging in massive urban revitalization, including one of the nation's largest parks expansions, adding 4,000 new acres of park land and the 100-mile Louisville Loop trail encircling the entire community. The Louisville Free Public Library has been providing public access computers as a regular part of its services since 1997.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Louisville Free Public Library Foundation

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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