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Organization:	Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
Project Name:	@CCESS CENTER: The Public Library of the Future
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State:	Ohio
Federal Award:	\$2,163,655

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The **Toledo-Lucas County Public Library**, in partnership with a wide array of community-serving institutions in the region, proposes a much-needed expansion of public computer access for Toledo residents through its @CCESS CENTER project. The @CCESS Center project plans to renovate and expand an existing library computer center and add a mobile unit to provide broadband access and training.

Both the expanded library computer center and the mobile unit plan to provide one-on-one instruction in basic computer skills, Internet use, job search, e-mail account management, and healthcare and preventative care awareness. The library also proposes to provide classes for small business owners and those interested in starting a small business. Proposed class topics include writing a business plan, business finances, health and safety regulations, and starting your own small business, as well as a key course: Retooling Your Life, which plans to teach patrons about job searches, interviewing skills, educational opportunities, and public benefits.

The @CCESS CENTER project also proposes to:

- Deploy approximately 110 new workstations and upgrade approximately 20 more computers at two public locations, increasing public access to computer centers by up to 36 hours per week.
- Train as many as 18,000 residents with up to 36,000 hours of teacher-led training annually over the life of the project.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Home to the fifth largest book collection in the state of Ohio, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library offers a wide range of resources to the public, including classes for children and adults, computer training and Internet access, and space for community meetings. It has provided public access computers as part of its services since 1986.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- City of Toledo
- Lucas County, Ohio
- Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.
- Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc.
- Lucas County Workforce Development Agency
- Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Neighborhood Health Association, Inc.
- Owens Community College
- Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering Inc.
- St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
- ProMedica Health System
- The Andersons
- Continental Security
- Brooks Insurance Company
- Buckeye Cable System
- Fifth Third Bank
- KeyBank
- Library Legacy Foundation
- Torrence Sound Equipment Co.
- Library Design

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