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<b>Organization:</b>	Technology for All, Inc.
<b>Project Name:</b>	Texas Connects Coalition
<b>Project Type:</b>	Public Computer Center
<b>State:</b>	Texas
<b>Federal Award:</b>	\$ 9,588,279

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

With more than a dozen years of experience providing social services via technology to low-income and non-English-speaking residents, **Technology for All** proposes a significant enhancement of its public computer centers across Texas. The project plans to provide computer access, technical support, digital literacy, workforce development, and other services to low-income and vulnerable populations via more than 60 centers across southwest Texas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Duval County, and small rural communities in the Texas Brazos Valley. Centers will be located in both urban and rural areas of Texas at libraries, workforce development centers, public housing facilities, and other community locations. The applicant hopes to use this project to lay the groundwork for a future statewide broadband access program.

The Texas Connects Coalition also proposes to:

- Deploy approximately 500 new workstations and upgrade up to 780 more computers in approximately 70 computer centers—eight of which will be entirely new.
- Increase public access to computer centers by up to 530 hours per week and accommodate an estimated 17,000 additional weekly users.
- Train as many as 6,000 residents with up to 73,000 hours of teacher-led training annually over the 27-month life of the grant.

## ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Technology For All, established in 1997, is a nonprofit community organization whose mission is to empower under-resourced communities through technology tools. By working together and partnering with local community-based organizations, corporations, foundations, technology providers, and public entities, Technology for All creates educational, economic, and personal opportunities for low-income communities through training, online content, consulting, and social enterprises in Houston and 56 other U.S. cities.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- Metropolitan Austin Interactive Network
- Austin Free-Net

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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