

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Telstar Cablevision Inc.

Project Title: QCRB-PCC (Quad County Rural Broadband Public Computer Center

Project Type: Public Computer Center

Executive Summary

This project is a companion project to infrastructure project QCRB and sustainable adoption project QCRB-SA. Two anchor institutions are partnering with Telstar Cablevision Inc. to provide education, training, and access to the general public and public school children.

The public library in Eureka, Illinois has limited funds to provide Internet access to meet the public demand. The public demand has increased steadily and the economic recession has made access critical. The Library serves as a community center for 6,231 residents with needs ranging from secondary education to doctorate degree candidates.

Illinois District 140 schools have limited funds to increase the availability of computer access and training to public school students. Expanded hours and access and the addition of new terminals is a high priority for the district. District 140 has schools located in rural Eureka, Goodfield and Congerville, Illinois. The population of the district's area is six thousand twenty-three residents. The student population that needs computer access is 1,720.

The District 140 schools will be provided fifty computers under this project for \$40,000. The Eureka Public Library will be provided twenty computers, a computer/projector for training and software and firewall installation for \$29,000.

The total cost of the QCRB-PCC project will be \$69,000.