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Organization:	City of Los Angeles, California
Project Name:	Los Angeles Computer Access Network
Project Type:	Public Computer Centers
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Federal Award:	\$7,496,157

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Los Angeles Computer Access Network project proposes to expand and upgrade 188 public computer centers at libraries, workforce centers, parks, and youth and family centers in low-income and non-English-speaking communities in the city of Los Angeles. The city expects to purchase 2,741 new computers, including 2,609 workstations and 132 laptops. The majority of the 188 proposed centers will be located in or within three miles of federal and state designated "Enterprise Zones."

The Los Angeles Computer Access Network project proposes to:

- Connect 35 youth and senior centers to broadband Internet service for the first time.
- Expand broadband Internet access to vulnerable populations - 128 of the proposed centers are located in or near areas where 50 percent of the households are non-English speaking.
- Expand broadband Internet access to low income communities - 158 of the proposed centers are located in areas where 50 percent of the households are at low or moderate income levels.
- Ensure that all residents of Los Angeles have public computer centers close to their residence.
- Provide city residents with access to job and computer training and online search engines, including the library's recently developed Job Hunting Guide.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The City of Los Angeles has brought together several of its departments to plan and manage this project. The Los Angeles Information Technology Agency's mission includes overseeing the researching, testing, and implementation of new technologies to serve the city's more than 4 million residents. The Los Angeles Public Library supports 72 libraries throughout the city and currently provides free Internet access through 2,300 public computers. The Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department maintains and operates more than 390 recreational sites, including centers and programs for youth and seniors. The Los Angeles Community Development Department provides social and supportive services to low and moderate income city residents, including counseling and crisis intervention, child and youth-focused activities, health services, case management, legal aid, and information and referrals for individuals and families in need.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency
- Los Angeles Community Development Department
- Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department
- Los Angeles Public Library
- Los Angeles Unified School District

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.broadbandusa.gov.

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