a. Noble County is located in the southeastern part of Ohio and is a part of the Appalachian region. This County lacks and wants access to the methods of communication and volumes of information now available on the Internet. With the overwhelming need for Internet, GMN became inspired to expand the Monroe County Wireless Broadband Program to communities in Noble County, Ohio. In this sparsely populated rural county, lack of internet resources causes the residents to be in an environment of isolation. This environment of isolation in Noble County and the surrounding area causes residents to be cut off from any involvement with family and community due to the lack of communication the Broadband can provide. This technological isolation often leads to poor life and loneliness causing physiological and psychological illness.

b. This Public Computer Center Broadband project can break the barrier of isolation by providing technological opportunities free of charge to the residents of the area at the Computer Center that otherwise would be unavailable for. This Public Computer Center Broadband USA proposal will offer a state of the art Community Center equipped with a minimum of 40 terminal stations, black and white printers, color laser jet printers, laser jet copiers and jet scanners, and fax machines. With this Community Center GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. hopes to break the barriers of remoteness and bring modern technology to this county. The use of the Community Center and the Broadband service will also allow critical checkpoints in the areas of Community Building, Community Economic Development, Health and Education. Our mission is to stimulate and encourage the provision of services and assistance toward developing employment and economic opportunities that betters conditions under which people live, learn and work. GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. is working with Con Wilson Construction to build a 100% LEED Certified Computer Center built with 85% recycled material, a prototype that produces enough energy to supply extra energy to the Grid. This facility will be built on land donated by the Noble County CIC at the former Mahle manufacturing plant that closed last year. The CIC is purchasing this property and the first tenant will be Con Wilson Construction, building LEED certified homes with 85% recycled material. The Computer Center while serving the Public as the internet link will also be used as a training facility for the Incubator site at the former Mahle plant in Caldwell, Ohio. We are also working with two State Universities to provide higher educational opportunities to the residents of the area.

c. For the first time in their lives, many people during this current economic crisis have faced unemployment and financial insecurity. Noble County continues to be effected by these financial crises. Noble County is a rural area comprised of 399 square miles. The unemployment rate for Noble County is 16.2 %, ranked 6th in unemployment among Ohio's 88 counties. Many people are facing very difficult and uncertain economic times. The per capita income for Noble County is $14,100 compared to $34,586 for the USA. Noble County has a population of 14,100 and its
land area is 99% rural. The largest municipalities included the village of Caldwell, also the County Seat, with its population of 2,000, Olive Township population 3,418, and Noble Township population 1,715. The Connect Ohio statistic overview shows Noble County with 4,546 households with 2,423 being unserved. The county broadband adoption rate is 21%. GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. estimates approximately 1218 as potential users of the public community center. d. GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. is a 501 c (3) that was established in 1965. Our mission is to stimulate and encourage the provision of services and assistance toward developing employment and economic opportunities that betters conditions under which people live, learn and work. GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. is a multi-county community-based organization that serves the residents of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Counties. In 2002 GMN Tri County CAC, Inc. proposed the development of a Wireless Broadband Service with a Community Center through a Rural Development Grant and received funds for it. The High Speed Wireless Broadband Community Center is located in Woodsfield, Ohio, which is the county seat of Monroe County, Ohio. The center is equipped with 26 computer stations, two black and white printers, one color laser jet printer, one laser jet copier and one jet scanner. With the completion of the Center, barriers of isolation have been broken; over 1600 customers have been provided with technological opportunities. The center became self-sustaining at the end of two years and has been growing ever since. The High Speed Wireless Broadband was the answer to an increasing demand for technological opportunity. These counties want access to the methods of communications and volumes of information now available on the Internet, at the cost they can afford. With the overwhelming need for Internet, GMN became inspired to expand their Wireless Broadband to other communities in Monroe County, Ohio. Graysville, Ohio became their target. In 2007 GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. applied and received a grant through Rural Development. Upon receiving this grant the development of a Wireless Broadband Service, a Community Center equipped with 10 computer stations, one black and white printer and one color laser printer was established. This sparsely populated village and rural area no longer lack of technological resources, especially broadband transmission services. The High Speed Wireless Broadband now services over 600 customers. e. GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. anticipates that six direct employment opportunities will result with the successful award of this grant. Indirectly this Public Computer Center has the potential of helping to provide up to 450 jobs at the former Mahle Industrial Complex. All of the activities and services provided at the Community will be performed by the employees of the center and employees of GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc. Maintenance services on the transmission equipment and terminal equipment will be handled by present GMN Broadband employees and also contracted vendor. Some of the training seminars will be conducted by service agencies both State and Local. f. The overall cost of the Public Computer Center is $474,747.00. This cost included personnel costs of $37,792.00, $13,227.00 for fringe benefits, $83,578.00 equipment costs, $750.00 for supplies, $322,600.00 in construction costs and $16,800.00 for Broadband fiber for one year. The construction cost of the Public Computer Center could be cut to nearly nothing if we are able to secure a cooperative agreement with Con Wilson Construction Company. Mr. Wilson intends to build a prototype 100% LEEDS certified building using 85% recycled material to showcase his Green Technological Structure. We are negotiating a contract with him at this time and should have a solid agreement by award of this grant.