Applicant Name:  ST. AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Project Title:  St. Augustine's National Foundation - BTOP - Public Computer Center

Project Type:  Public Computer Center

Executive Summary

St. Augustine's PCC's shall be strategically located within communities throughout the state. Several communities are concentrated by minorities, Black Americans and Hispanics. In other instances, PCC's will provide access to extra curricula educational opportunities to citizen's deemed financially indigent, under-served, un-served, and disadvantage as a result of the digital and economic divide. These communities include the following locations. Flint Township, Monroe, Benton Harbor, Highland Park all in Michigan, Atlanta GA, Chicago(Glenwood) IL, Greenville MS, Hernando MS, Alexandria VA, Cordova Tenn. St. Augustine's Public Computer Centers will essentially facilitate accessibility to quality educational opportunities in a manner which loosens the digital divide in communities traditionally undeserved and underprivileged and to a population disadvantaged. St. Augustine's PCC's will provide access to educational opportunities in a manner that lessens the digital divide. As well, the PCC's will be provided to access digital library materials. Citizens of the community in which St. Augustine's has a presence often are financially indigent and as such, are unable to afford access to internet and other digital learning opportunities.

BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

St. Augustine's National Foundation is a 501(c) 3, Michigan Corporation. St. Augustine's consist of an education system, Caroline Education Community International PSA, which is comprised of 4-Academies; K-12 and a Vocational Academy for young adults developmentally challenged. St. Augustine's mission advocates access to educational opportunities including K-12 public charter school, a 21stCentury Interactive Virtual Academic Center and Vocational Academy. Grant proceeds awarded will facilitate the actualization of the following HUBS: * Monroe, MI * Oakland Twp., MI * Davison, MI * Highland Park, MI * Detroit, MI * Atlanta, GA * Chicago/Glenwood, IL * Flint Twp., MI * Pontiac MI * Alexandria VA * Prince Georges Country, MD * New Orleans * Greensville MS * Hernando MS * Germantown/Cordova, Tennessee * Cathedral St. Augustine's Heritage Trust - Michigan * Alaska

Amount Requested: $12,000,000

Total Cost of Project: $15,000,000

Brief Program Description: The purpose of this grant request is to financially empower the St. Augustine's National Foundation to develop and implement a high technology driven learner oriented set of education and training programs. The objective of these programs is to establish Public Computer Centers to lessen the digital divide within disadvantaged communities throughout the state of Michigan, and Nation. As well, distribute course work for curriculum designed for Registered Nursing and Para Professional Health Education Programs including Health Information Technology, Hospitality Services, S.T.E.M., Golf Institute, and Health-care professional career programs shall be implemented to development the Workforce to meet the rising demand for qualified personnel in health-care and hospitality. Health Education Programs will also exhibit Health Promotions and Education for Outreach to the community in a manner that promotes
Prevention. Thus, a platform will exist for Mainstream Institute of Health promoting tele-medicine and the effective delivery of education and training curricula and classes with an emphasis on uses of technology to positively impact the environment. This program entails the renovation and preservation, architectural, and engineering cost required for the installation state-of-the-art instructional laboratories emulating clinical and practical environments conducive to learning respective professional career program. Brief Program Justification: Healthcare workforce shall be impacted by the development of Workforce in response to demand and supply in the perspective paramedical professional career programs. St. Augustine"s proposes a partnership with a prominent health-care institute located in Genesee County to increase its workforce requirements for Registered Nurses and paramedical professionals. The Detroit Medical Center Community Councils has pledged to support an alliance with St. Augustine's for purposes of enhancing its high school and in-service outreach program to provide student participants the opportunity to access advance academic credentials to benefit its endeavor to expand its workforce. Similarly, St. Augustine"s in forging a public " private partnership with the Cities of Highland Park MI to re-open a library promoting youth literacy, Greensville and Hernando MS, and several Historical Colleges. As well, a partnership is proposed with Lockheed-Martin to promote the supply of Workforce requirements in Advance Manufacturing Technology. Individuals admitted for enrollment into each the Health-care Education Programs of study, Hospitality and Advanced Manufacturing Technology shall benefit directly financially in a manner commensurate with accomplishments as established by measured evaluations consistent with outcomes associated with academic achievement. Benefit of this project to the Nation: The Nation, State, local community, government, and Department of Labor receives benefits on several fronts: 1. A pool of technologically capable human resources constantly available 2. Technological capabilities are continuously maintained and updated 3. Workforce Development of Registered Nurses, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, and Hospitality Service providers 4. Lessen the digital divide for disadvantage citizens. Benefit of this project to Congressional District identified: The Congressional District in which PCC's will be established will benefit by having access to technology and academic resources not easily available due to financial indigence as well, opportunities for citizens to become gainfully employed and contributing to the economic stability of the District as a result of skills acquired via the PCC's. Adjacent and surrounding Congressional Districts would also likewise benefit. The administrative and corporate offices of St. Augustine"s National Foundation are located in the City of Southfield, MI, The service area of St. Augustine"s encompasses Genesee & Oakland County, Wayne and Monroe Counties. The project proposed, course offerings shall be sponsored by Caroline Education Community International PSA, Vocational Academy and St. Augustine's in alliance with consortium HBCU's. The PCC's will be housed initially in facilities located in Monroe MI and expanded in the form of satellite academic center in Oakland Twp and other communities though out the state of Michigan and Nation as need has been assessed.. Other Funding Sources Sought (State, local or private): Public Charter Schools Facilities Authority; Title I - Credit Enhancement SHPO The National Trust Tax Credit Fund Walton Family Foundation MDE Planning Grant HTC"s NMTC"s Hope; Neighborhood Stabilization Program II Stimulus Funding 2010 Corporate Capital Fund Campaign Additional Information: REHABILITATION SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT * IT *INFRASTRUCTURE *JOB CREATION St. Augustine"s shall acquire the Historic Landmark St. Mary"s Academy and is the benefactor of land in Oakland Twp. and Genesee County. Effective June 1, 2010, a comprehensive 18-month Conservation Master Plan advocating the
revitalization and modernization of the Historic school facilities will position St. Augustine’s affiliate Caroline Education Community International PSA implement and operate a Public Charter School. Additionally, St. Augustine’s will be positioned to design, develop, and implement its Vocational Academy for the developmentally challenged youth who graduate public high school this June 2011. As well, St. Augustine’s PCC’s have the capacity to feature academic educational programs advocating Workforce Development in paramedical professional careers of study, Hospitality Services and advanced manufacturing, High-Speed Light Rail, Nursing.