Applicant Name: ROADRUNNERIT

Project Title: South Valley Business Incubator Computer Center/Community Tele-Comm Consortium (SVBICC/CTC)

Project Type: Comprehensive Community Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Valley of Albuquerque has the second highest rate of poverty in New Mexico. There is a lack of access to the internet by the majority of the community in the South Valley, an unincorporated area next to Albuquerque, New Mexico. This can be rectified with the creation of the South Valley Computer Center to be located at the South Valley Business Incubator Center. The center will insure it's sustainability via membership fees, hourly rates, reduced rental costs, business development workshops and a community website. There are 60,000 residents in the South Valley & an additional 240,000 in the surrounding areas, for a grand total of 30,000 possible users. In addition to these semi-rural and rural communities living below the poverty level, the area is disadvantaged and under-served. Velia Silva will be the Executive Officer in charge of the project. Mrs Silva has over thirty five years experience directing and implementing projects of this scope and larger, such as Hands Across America, where she was State and Regional Director. Mrs Silva recently was Director of Cultural Services for the City Of Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she was responsible for a $110,000,000 dollar budget, 700+ employee's, various capital improvement projects, budget development and planning, all cultural facilities, planning and events. We plan on creating 30 positions at the South Valley Business Incubator Computer Center.