The purpose of this proposal is to outline a broadband initiative for the City of Gary entitled City of Gary Digital Access and Learning Initiative (GDALI). GDALI has five goals: 1. Create jobs 2. Close the broadband gap 3. Encourage demand for broadband 4. Spread high-speed access to schools, universities, libraries, community centers, job training centers and public safety personnel and 5. Jumpstart the Green Economy in Harlem. The proposal will include a project description, a strategic technology plan, a timeline for implementation, and a project budget. GDALI is a strategic technology initiative whose goal is to provide the majority of the residents of Gary with affordable broadband by the year 2012. The project will be under the direction of the City of Gary MIS department in an effort to deploy affordable high speed broadband in Gary to bridge the broadband gap and stimulate job creation, economic development, and state of the art distance learning opportunities for the citizenry. GDALI is a $15 million dollar initiative with a five-year timeline which includes the two year deployment and implementation period followed by a three year sustainability period. The use of the internet as the main influence of information exchange has increased exponentially in the last several years. The need for computer literacy has become essential for all generations whether new and or old. But, there's been a growing gap of technology illiteracy from the senior population to the rest of the society. As the pace of the internet age accelerates, something needs to be done to close the gap. There is a critical need in Gary, Indiana for affordable broadband access and computer service-learning programs. According to the City-Data.com, the July 2008 reports 95,920, a -6.6% drop since the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau. Seniors represent approximately 45% of the population. A computer service-learning program is different in terms of reaching major academic divisions, is fully integrated within the curriculum, and actively joins with community and corporate partners dedicated to empower and connect the elderly. Through this program a senior can achieve greater access to the ever changing society. The Gary Housing Authority, the Department of Community Development, Department of Economic Development, Indiana University Northwest, Best Buy Company Inc., and other key community partners will develop a Computer Learning Service program. The Computer Resource Center (CRC) will have a broad range of definitions with a wide range of implementation approaches and outcome projections. There are several key courses in CRC have identified as service learning experiences, however most of these are not within the context of comprehensive service learning experiences involving orientation, community/academic goals, reflection, personal and civic responsibility. a) Qualifications of the applicant that demonstrate the ability to implement the project and achieve its intended results. b) Jobs to be saved or created.