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training mission by providing computer training that covers the fundamentals through more advanced courses and by serving as an education center for their communities offering classes on topics such as family history and genealogy, health, language training, work skills and tutoring, as well as a host of life skills and enrichment curriculum.

Additional centers that have opened since 2006 are the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Achievement Center in Cass Lake, Minn. (2007), the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tigua Achievement Center in El Paso, Texas (2007) and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Technology Achievement Center in Houlton, Maine (2008). In addition to the Cheyenne River site, two new centers also opened this month: on Sept. 12 in Rock Hill, S.C., on the Catawba Indian Nation reservation and on Sept. 16 in Pine Ridge, S.D., on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Pine Ridge reservation.

All but two of the centers have been developed with support from SeniorNet and IBM. The centers in South Dakota were developed with support from BNSF and Wal-Mart.

The Secretary of the Interior created the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development to encourage economic development in Indian Country. The IEED's mission is to foster strong Indian communities by creating jobs, Indian-owned businesses, and a trained workforce, and by developing Indian energy and mineral resources, and increasing access to capital. The IEED believes that thriving economies and opportunities for work are the best solutions to Indian Country's economic and social challenges.

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