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Organization:	**South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education**
Project Name:	**SC Reach for Success**
Project Type:	**Public Computer Center**
State(s):	**South Carolina**
Federal Award:	**$5,903,040**

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The SC Reach for Success project proposes to expand the capacity of 51 public computer centers and create 19 new computer labs at the South Carolina Technical College System's 16 member community colleges. The college system is the state's largest higher education system, with 114,000 degree-seeking students and 128,000 continuing education students. Of these students, almost half receive federal Pell Grant assistance and 37 percent are minorities. This project will open these community college computer centers to the general public for the first time and plans to nearly double the number of workstations to approximately 3,260, which will accommodate an increase in users per week from 17,000 to 38,000. The project also intends to offer laptop computers for students to checkout, allowing them to use new and expanded WiFi hot spots on campus for online research and learning applications.

The SC Reach for Success project proposes to:

- Purchase 2,028 new computers, 596 of which will replace outdated computers.

- Provide quick turn-around job skill workshops in a state with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and its 16 colleges have substantial experience operating computer centers, providing training programs, and managing federal grants. They also have a strong history of successful private-public partnerships, system-wide collaboration, federal and state grant administration, existing broadband infrastructure, and experience in implementing and administering broadband service. With existing campuses and training sites, no South Carolina resident lives more than 30 miles from one of these locations.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC
- Catawba Indian Nation
- Community Development Corporation of Marlboro County & Ministerial Alliance of Marlborough County
- Crescent Strategies, LLC
- Lower Savannah Education and Business Alliance
- Morris College
- New Carolina, SC Council on Competitiveness
- SC Association of Community Development Corporations
- SC Campus Law Enforcement Association
- SC Chamber of Commerce
- SC Council on Economic Education
- SC Department of Education
- SC Employment Security Commission
- SC Energy Office
- SC Hospital Association
- SC Human Affairs Commission
- SC State University
- SC Technology Alliance