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<b>Organization:</b>	<b>New York State Education Department</b>
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**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The New York State Computer Centers project plans to provide approximately 860 computers in 30 libraries and five mobile training centers across 41 economically distressed Upstate New York counties. The project is designed to address unemployment, a lack of affordable broadband services, education, training, and technical support, and to increase access to essential e-government and other online resources necessary to facilitate work, health care, education, and citizenship. At every site, the project expects to implement comprehensive workforce development and skills-orientated adult education software, which will include certificate and language courses. This grant will allow the State Library to extend library hours, provide 24/7 access to job search resources, and serve an estimated 50,000 additional users per week system-wide.

The New York Computer Centers project also proposes to:

- Use mobile training centers to provide digital literacy, job training, and business courses in 18 counties with vulnerable populations. Mobile training centers will reach out to a range of stakeholders from senior centers to elementary schools, including rural health education centers, small businesses, and local historical societies.
- Provide High Definition (HD) videoconferencing equipment and capabilities to the libraries for use by patrons, public safety officials, schools, and government, and promote the availability of these resources to the public.
- Leverage a 36 percent match to maximize use of federal funds.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

The New York State Education Department and State Library are state government entities. The State Library, which operates under the auspices of the New York State Education Department, administers more than \$100 million in state grants each year and has substantial grants management experience, both federal and private. The State Library has established relationships with the regional library cooperatives and local libraries to expand and sustain public access to computing services. The project was developed in conjunction with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds awarded to the State Library.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Centers for Independent Living
- Governor's Office for Technology
- Jefferson Community College
- New York State Department of Labor
- The New York Library Association
- New York State Library Talking Book and Braille Library
- New York State Small Business Development Center
- Nylink
- Offices of the Aging

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