



Community and Technical Colleges of Washington ARRA Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet), a not-for-profit mutual corporation founded by Public Utility Districts of Washington, is applying for a grant from the NTIA Broadband Technologies Adoption Program (BTOP). One of the important “byproducts” of NoaNet’s mission of bridging the digital divide experienced by rural, unserved and underserved communities in the Northwest is enhanced community economic development opportunities. NoaNet would like to work with the Community and Technical colleges of Washington to facilitate their ability to provide short-term and long-term training and skill development for vulnerable populations. NoaNet is working directly with the Public Libraries of Washington to provide advanced Public Computing Centers that can be used to access online educational sites or as offsite mini-campuses. NoaNet and its PUD Members are firm believers that the Community and Technical colleges of Washington are an invaluable community resource that will provide education and skill development supporting Washington’s economic recovery. NoaNet has the expertise in providing advanced telecommunications infrastructure and would like to leverage that expertise along with the Community and Technical Colleges ability to provide education to bring education resources to vulnerable populations.

To build the best possible proposal for funding this project through the grant process, there is information that we will need from the individual Colleges locations.

- What goals do you have for your College that can be facilitated with BTOP grant funding?
 - Distance Learning
 - Virtual Classrooms
 - On site computer education programs
- What funds do you need to support Distance Learning and Virtual Classrooms in a Public Computing Center?
 - Equipment and software? Video Conferencing Equipment?
 - Do you have the necessary support staff?
- Would your college be willing to provide on-site computer educational classes at the Public Computing Centers?
 - What resources would you need to do this? Staff?
- What are the demographics of the community you serve?
 - Estimated Service Area Population, number of students
 - Classes offered virtually, Internet or Video Conferencing
 - Number of students served by classes offered on the Internet or by virtual classrooms.
 - Current resources available to students in off-site locations

Please send responses, with your name, contact information and College information to NoaNet at bttop_grants@noanet.net. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Angela Bennink at abennink@noanet.net or 360.930.8438.