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Organization:	Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
Project Name:	Arizona Public Computer Centers
Project Type:	Public Computer Centers
State(s):	Arizona
Federal Award:	\$1,278,528

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Arizona Public Computer Centers project plans to enhance existing facilities in more than 80 public libraries throughout Arizona. The project expects to deploy more than 1,000 computers across the state to meet the growing demand for public computers and broadband access. The project intends for users to access valuable e-resources and enable libraries to provide training in 21st century skills. The Arizona State Library plans to partner with a variety of government, not-for-profit, and tribal organizations. The Arizona State Library expects 84 public computer centers to serve more than 75,000 users per week or more than 450,000 residents throughout the term of the grant.

The project also intends to:

- Replace and upgrade existing broadband capacity.
- Place Public Computing Centers in four Tribal libraries and enhanced broadband access to low-income and English as a Second Language populations.
- Provide laptops that enable a mobile training environment fostering community outreach to vulnerable populations.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Arizona State Library has considerable experience in fundraising, administering grants, and coordinating statewide projects. Since 1997, the Arizona State Library has administered more than \$61 million in grant projects, including grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Foundation, Arizona Commission on the Arts, Arizona Humanities Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, Library of Congress and Institute of Museum and Library Services for National Leadership Grants to develop a five-state American Indian project. The State Library also provides training and support for E-Rate applicants.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Apache County Library District
- Arizona Community Colleges
- Arizona Department of Commerce
- Arizona Workforce Connection
- Chandler Public Library
- City of Glendale
- Cochise County Library District
- Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Gila County Board of Supervisors
- Navajo County Library District
- Navajo Nation Library
- Nogales-Santa Cruz County Public Library
- Parker Public Library/La Paz County Library
- Pima County Public Library
- Pinal County Library District
- Safford City – Graham County Public Library
- San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation
- Venito Garcia Library and Archives
- Yavapai County Free Library District
- Yuma County Library District

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