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The Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Grant: Public Computer Center Category

New York Computer Centers: "broadbandexpress@yourlibrary"

The New York State Library, under the auspices of the New York State Education Department, has received a Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) award in the Public Computer Center category as part of Round One funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Federal stimulus funding of \$9,521,150.00 and \$5,418,370.00 in matching funds will be used to create 30 new public access computer centers in public **libraries** and 5 E-mobile computer training centers. This project will enable public libraries to extend hours, add more than 800 new public computer workstations, and provide access to 24/7 job search resources in 41 economically distressed New York counties. More than 6 million New York residents will be served through public **libraries** in this initiative.

BTOP Public Computer Center Criteria and Project Goals:

- Increase public access to high speed broadband services in high-need communities
- Serve vulnerable populations (unemployed, underemployed or other vulnerable populations: non-English speakers, seniors, disabled, etc.)
- Provide technical support and other resources to support job search and career advancement through community anchor institutions such as libraries
- Advance the use of E-services for training, employment, digital literacy, and education
- Stimulate employment and provide job opportunities

Award Period: 2/01/2010 to 1/31/2013

Scope of The New York State Library "*broadbandexpress@yourlibrary*" Initiative

- 30 public library-based public computing centers will be developed in 41 counties in upstate New York
- Five E-mobile computing training centers will be deployed in high-need rural locations and in underserved broadband communities
- More than 6 million residents of New York State will be served through the varied locations
- The E-mobile and public access computer centers will provide 24/7 online access to job resources as well as federal, state, and local E-government resources
- 76 jobs will be created or saved through this project

Public Computer Center Locations: (on back)

