



## Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Public Computer Centers

### Purpose of the Grant

This program provides NTIA competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity, including at community colleges and public libraries

### Priorities

One objective is to provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment and support for citizens in underserved areas

### What Funds Are Available?

\$4.7 billion (\$200 million designated for Public Computer Capacity grants)

### Who Is Eligible to Receive the Funds?

Public schools and libraries; community support organizations; community colleges and other institutions of higher education. Local agencies apply directly to NTIA for funding; reward amount restrictions will be released with official guidance. More information: [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov)

### When to Apply

1st round: open July 1, 2009 – deadline August 14, 2009  
(2 additional rounds are expected)

Applications: [www.broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/index.htm](http://www.broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/index.htm)

### Some Allowable Expenses

Broadband service for community anchor institutions through acquisition of:

- Equipment
- Networking capability
- Hardware and software
- Digital network technology
- Infrastructure for broadband services

### How Does Cisco Networking Academy Fit In?

Networking Academy can provide the infrastructure and foundation for creating a public computer center. It also supplies a pipeline of talent that will fuel workforce development initiatives in support of economic recovery.

Networking Academy delivers:

- IT and networking skills mapped to high-skill, high-demand, high-wage jobs in virtually every industry
- sustainable partnerships with high schools and community colleges at the forefront of workforce development
- education and career pathways

### What You Can Do NOW

- Meet with leaders at your local Workforce Investment Board
- Develop a project that uses Cisco® Networking Academy® as a public computer center.
- Review the state-by-state Networking Academy Project 51 profile to get statistics on IT demands in your state
- Find tools to help with your grant on Cisco Networking Academy's **Economic Stimulus (ARRA) page** at [http://www.cisco.com/web/learning/netacad/us/econ\\_stim.html](http://www.cisco.com/web/learning/netacad/us/econ_stim.html), including the Cisco Grants Office Webinar schedule and recordings
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