



Good morning,

Connect Ohio is developing an application to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for Public Computer Centers. We'd like your support.

Connect Ohio is a non-profit, public-private partnership, working with technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities to accelerate technology in the state and close the digital divide. The program is the result of a partnership between the State of Ohio and Connected Nation, a national non-profit organization that specializes in increasing technology access and literacy.

Partnered with Ohio Library Council, Ohio Public Library Information Network, State of Ohio Library, and Ohio Board of Regents Connect Ohio is developing a standardized Community Technology Center Program. This program would include a statewide central registration portal, public awareness campaigns, technology support, curriculum, trainers and trainer training, as well as program oversight and limited assistance with facilities and equipment. It is the goal of this program to alleviate the administrative burdens thereby enabling increased capacity to community technology centers. To strengthen our application and gauge existing technology center interest we are requesting letters of interest and support of our proposed program.

Applications are due for completion by August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join our proposed program overview and collaboration webinar Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We'd like to use this opportunity to discuss how your center can be a part of this program and benefit from the support it will offer.

### **Connect Ohio Community Technology Center Program Webinar**

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm

Visual: [www2.gotomeeting.com/register/420208923](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/420208923)

Audio: VoIP option to listen through speakers or dial the audio bridge number 484-589-1010 access code 626-748-856.

If you have questions, please email [hdelany@connectohio.org](mailto:hdelany@connectohio.org) or call (866)881-9424 and ask for Heather Delany.

Best Regards,

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