



Illinois Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity



Pat Quinn, *Governor*
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Information Sessions

Information sessions will be held to detail the parameters of the RFA and answer questions from applicants.

Attendance is not required but is recommended.

Chicago Session

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

9:00 am—12:00 pm JTED
1:00 pm—4:00 pm Digital Divide

James R. Thompson Center
Assembly Hall Auditorium
(concourse level)
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

The information session is open to the public and registration is not required.

Webinar Session

Thursday, February 17, 2011

1:00 pm—2:30 pm Digital Divide
2:30 pm—4:00pm JTED

Login URL to register for webinar:
<http://training.illinoisworknet.com/ws/ddjted>

Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant Program

FY 2011 Grant Application Cycle

Background

The Digital Divide Grant Program was created to provide training & access to computers and other technologies to residents of low income communities.

Through this program, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity awards grants to plan, establish and expand Community Technology Centers (CTCs).

The focus of the program is to support CTCs that provide fundamental technology skills training.

Eligible Applicants

The Department seeks applications from CTCs serving low-income communities.

CTCs include:

- Public Hospitals
- Libraries
- Park Districts
- Educational Institutions
- Non-Profit Organizations

In addition to being an eligible entity the CTC must provide computer access and training to the public for at least twelve hours per week.

Eligible Communities

Communities that are eligible include:

- Communities with more than 40% of the students eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch program.
- Communities with more than 30% of the students that are eligible for free lunch under the national school lunch program.

Please see the grant application for the complete eligibility requirements.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ELIMINATE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE WEB SITE AT:

WWW.ILDCEO.NET/DIGITALDIVIDE

Inquiries regarding the Request for Application (RFA) should be directed to Cesar Lopez via email Cesar.Lopez@illinois.gov or phone at 312-814-2672; TDD 800-785-6055.

Submittal

Applications must be received **by the DCEO by end of day, March 10, 2011.** Respondents must submit an original and three copies along with electronic submission of the completed format to:

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant Program
100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-400
Chicago, IL 60601
ceo.DigitalDivide@illinois.gov

Please note that the conditions for submittal of applications, including the deadline, may not be waived or extended regardless of weather conditions or other circumstances that may delay your proposal. Allow sufficient time for delivery. Any application received after the deadline may be considered for review at the discretion of DCEO. In such cases, DCEO will determine if there are funds available to make additional grant awards.