



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity



Pat Quinn, *Governor*
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Information Sessions

These sessions are intended to outline the parameters of the RFA and give prospective applicants an opportunity to ask questions.

Attendance is optional but encouraged.

Chicago Session

Thursday, February 23, 2012

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 N. LaSalle Street
5th Floor Auditorium
(Room C500)
Chicago, IL

The information session is free and open to the public.

Webinar Session

Friday, February 24, 2012

10:30 am—12:00 pm

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DIGITALDIVIDE**

Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant Program

FY 2012 Grant Application Cycle

Background

The Digital Divide Grant Program was established to provide training & access to computers and other technologies to residents in 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. Full eligibility requirements and a copy of the grant application are available at the web address below.

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 (available for download at the web address below) for complete eligibility requirements.

TO DOWNLOAD THE GRANT APPLICATION OR FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT

WWW.ILDCEO.NET/DIGITALDIVIDE

Inquiries regarding the Request for Application (RFA) should be directed to Joey Mak via email Joey.Mak@illinois.gov or phone at 312-814-2384.

Submittal

Applications must be submitted to DCEO by close of business on March 16, 2012. Respondents must submit an original and three copies along with an 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.