Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities
Demonstration Community Projects

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Benton County	Benton County	"Knowledge Community" website	A new website will market training opportunities, market Benton County as a "Knowledge Community", and post information regarding broadband access in the County.
Benton County	City of Foley	Foley Interactive Website/Library Access to Computers	The new City of Foley website will encourage broadband usage by providing an efficient way to conduct city business. This new website, and services including online payments, auto pay, information about the utilities available, ordinances and notices, will benefit over 2,600 Foley residents and other area community members.
Benton County	Country Manor Campus	Enriching Lives	Enriching Lives will broaden the opportunities seniors have to communicate with family and friends, and explore new horizons available via web-based education, entertainment and daily life enrichment.
Benton County	Foley and Sauk Rapids-Rice High School	Questia	Questia is considered the world's largest online library. It will provide student logins, encouraging them to use the Internet for research, note-taking and writing purposes.
Benton County	Foley Community Education	Foley - Intelligent Rural Community at Home, Work and School	Foley Community Education will increase computer lab time and provide classes for students, businesses and community members to enhance their use of high-speed Internet, telecommuting opportunities and online research tools. Class offerings will range from what to look for when purchasing a computer and basic operating system skills, to classes on creating a resume.
Benton County	Foley High School FFA	Growing our Youth Through Connecting with Ag Community	Create a website for the school's Future Farmers of American (FFA) organization to have students interact with the local agricultural community and to develop a first year well water testing project with the rural community through the website.
Benton County	Foley Public Schools	Wireless Access Routers	Purchase and install wireless access routers within Foley Public Schools to be used by students, staff, ABE participants, Community Ed participants and other community residents as well as guests of the community.

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Benton County	Independent Lifestyles, Inc.	Project BRAVE	Project BRAVE (Broadband, Resources And Vocational Exploration) will provide curriculum, utilization and training for computer and Internet access. Classes will be designed for individuals and school-age youth with disabilities who are seeking to learn computer and Internet skills to increase their independence in daily living and gain successful employment. Furthermore, community members as a whole will have the opportunity for education through Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and one-on-one training options for VRS/DEED credentialing.
Benton County	LA Home Care	Smart Home Technologies for the Elderly	Smart Home Technologies will allow aging members of the community to live longer at home with greater security and less social isolation.
Benton County	Maywood Group / New Frontier Services	Business Website Assistance Program	This program will offer an additional service that eliminates the constraints and gets small and new businesses started with a website and company email address through the "DoIt4Website" process.
Benton County	MIRC Steering Committee	Marketing	To market the MIRC programs through Economic Development with a new logo, poster campaign for WiFi sites and with WiFi window clings. Equipment was purchased to market over the Internet. Staff will also post "Community Assets" on Google Maps.
Benton County	MIRC Steering Committee	Routers	Create more "Hot Spots" throughout the county by assisting businesses and public places provide wireless Internet.
Benton County	MIRC Steering Committee	Business Events	Host a number of events to promote MIRC activities with the theme, "change or become obsolete."
Benton County	New Frontier Services	What's Up in Foley Website	The new "What's up in Foley" community website will increase exposure to community events, information and opportunities. The website will also be used as a platform for other projects, specifically non-profit organizations, to communicate information at no charge, such as directory listings, program details, website links, events listing and more.
Benton County	Sauk Rapids-Rice Community Education	Sauk Rapids-Rice Prepares for 2020	Sauk Rapids-Rice Community Education will increase computer lab time for students and community members resulting in increased use of high-speed Internet and improve technology skills. Parents will be trained on how to use the School District's website.
Cook County	Boreal Access	Community Media Services	Community Media Services will put the necessary tools in place to produce, upload, and serve local media content, including video production, editing, and storage. This is part of a bigger vision to grow and support an online community access channel.

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Cook County	Cook County Higher Education	Training for Broadband	Cook County Higher Education will create and equip a lab facility that can be used to host events that tout the benefits of broadband and educate the community about how to use its tools. Digital inclusion issues will be addressed along with the training needs for future knowledge workers.
Cook County	Cook County Historical Society	Online History Museum Catalog with Multi-media links	The Cook County Historical Society will acquire the equipment, software and general labor necessary to convert their collection database to be accessible through a searchable catalog on their website.
Cook County	Cook County Visitor's Bureau	Mobile Devices – Website Compatibility Conversion	To increase visitor traffic and overall usability, the Cook County Visitors Bureau will make their tourism-related sites mobile compatible.
Cook County	Grand Marais Public Library	Try Broadband at The Library	The Grand Marais Public Library will increase public access to broadband by adding four laptops and two e-readers to their available equipment.
Cook County	ISD #166	IP Video Streaming	ISD #166 will acquire the equipment to stream live video of events in one gymnasium.
Cook County	Sawtooth Mountain Clinic	Health Reaching Out	Sawtooth Medical Clinic will use patient scheduling and initial consultation processes as a starting point to use online web forms to gather patient information. They will also explore how they can leverage social media through a project that will use several online videos to deliver important, educational healthcare messages.
Cook County	WTIP	Eye to Eye (i2i) Video Project	The Eye to Eye Video project will allow local radio station, WTIP, to expand their use of online video.
Grand Rapids / Itasca County	Elder Circle	Senior E-literacy	Senior E-literacy will provide seniors in rural Itasca County access to broadband services through basic computer training, skilled service training specific to online banking, and follow-up support.
Grand Rapids / Itasca County	Grand Rapids Library	Shared Portable Computer Lab and Training	The Grand Rapids Library will provide computer hardware, software and training to expand the understanding, use and availability of broadband Internet.
Grand Rapids / Itasca County	Itasca Community Television	Public Meeting Streaming	Public Meeting Streaming will provide improved community access to government and community information, with hardware improvements that will allow for seamless delivery of video to online viewers, particularly those in rural parts of Itasca County, whom are not served by cable access.

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Grand Rapids / Itasca County	Itasca County Family YMCA	YMCA WI-FI Access Project	The YMCA WI-FI Access Project will provide computer hardware, software and training to expand the understanding, use and availability of broadband Internet, targeting the senior citizen population utilizing the Bruce Bauer Senior Center.
Grand Rapids / Itasca County	KOOTASCA Community Action	Low-income Computer and Internet Connect	Low-income Computer and Internet Connect will provide a computer and a one-year broadband Internet subscription to a minimum of 20 low-income households in Itasca County. KOOTASCA will provide the maximum number of reliable units possible to households selected from a pool of applicants that meet income guidelines (below 150% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of four). KOOTASCA will establish a selection process that provides a preference for providing the units to households that both meet the income qualifications and also assist students, parents with students and/or job seekers. KOOTASCA will be encouraged to obtain reliable computers from PCs for People for use in this project. GREDA will provide KOOTASCA the first 25 computers at no cost through the Federal Grant Award by PCs for People. KOOTASCA will also conduct quarterly follow-up interviews with recipients to measure the effectiveness of the program for the term of this agreement.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Boys & Girls Clubs	Club Tech Center	Create a *Club Tech Center* through the purchase of computers and networking hardware, curriculum-specific hardware and software, and facility preparation. In addition to serving youth, the Center will provide computer and Internet access and support to community members.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Division of Resource Management	Tribal Natural Resources GIS Upgrade	The LLBO Division of Resource Management will upgrade the existing computer system to allow for the addition of GIS mapping capacity of tribal lands, improving the capacity of the Division and the Tribe as a whole. The new system will allow for more efficient applications of GIS software, and the resulting maps, geospatial information and other tools will be accessible to the public through the LLBO website.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Environmental Division / Head Start	PCs for People	The LLBO Environmental Department will work with PCs for People to implement a computer recycling system for low-income band members. The goal is to provide desktop computers and an introduction to computers training course for community families associated within Leech Lake Head Start.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Temporary Employment Program	Digital Literacy Project	The LLBO Temporary Employment Program will create computer labs in four community centers and provide computer and Internet training to LLBO members, focusing on those band members who participate in the Temporary Employment Program. These computers will be made available to tribal members for public access.

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Stevens County/Morris	Chokio Alberta Public School	Broadband Upgrade	Chokio Alberta Public School District 771 will increase its broadband speed from 3Mbps to 6Mbps and provide four additional Internet wireless routers on the Chokio campus by December 31, 2011.
Stevens County/Morris	Hancock Public Library	Increase Broadband Access and Education	The Hancock Community Library will purchase one laptop computer and its associated support equipment for use within the Library. The laptop will be available to recognized community organizations at no cost for workshop and training purposes, when not being used by the Library. Atomic Learning software will be included on the laptop for online training purposes for the public and the library staff.
Stevens County/Morris	Hancock Public School	Broadband Upgrade	Hancock Public School District 768 will increase its broadband speed from 3Mbps to 10Mbps.
Stevens County/Morris	Midwest Special Education Cooperative	Online Speech Therapy	Midwest Special Education Cooperative will 1) provide Internet-based speech therapy and other special education services to students in nine West Central Minnesota Public School Systems (Browns Valley, Chokio-Alberta, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Cyrus, Hancock, Herman-Norcross, Morris Area, West Central Area, and Wheaton) and 2) collect system use data (individual and grouped student achievement results, hours used, service delivered, etc.) to measure the effectiveness of this new service delivery model. The data will be used to establish the effectiveness and possible future uses of Internet delivery of special education services.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris American Legion	Walter Trip Community Internet Center	The Walter Tripp American Legion Post 29 in Morris will become a community Internet center with public access computers, a community "Wi-Fi" hot spot and teleconferencing (large wide screen HD monitor, camera, etc.). The Walter Tripp Community Internet Center will be available to recognized community organizations at no cost for workshop and training purposes. The public access computers will be available during normal business hours and the Walter Tripp Community Internet Center will provide a location to "marshal" all of the community's mobile learning labs (multiple lap top computers with their associated support equipment such as printers, etc.) when the need arises to have access to multiple computers.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris Area Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Service Improvements	The Morris Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) will 1) add two computers and associated equipment to provide support for the Chamber's existing communication/information system and 2) provide coordination between various communities through online collaboration.

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Stevens County/Morris	Morris Area School District	Increase Broadband Service in Education	Provide wireless routers at various locations in the school building. Embracing rather than prohibiting individual student electronic devices enhances their learning experience.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris Area Community Education	Mobile Laptop Lab	Morris Area Community Education (MACE) will purchase 10 laptop computers and associated support equipment (storage unit, printer, etc.) for its and the Morris Area School System's (MAS) use. These laptops will be available to recognized community organizations at no cost for workshop and training purposes, when not being used by MACE or MAS. Atomic Learning software will be included on some of the laptops for online training purposes for MACE and MAS staff and the public.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris HRA	HRA Website	The Morris Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) will establish a website for the City of Morris Public Housing Program that provides all Morris Public Housing Program documents (applications, etc.) and up-to-date guidance and educational information for past, current, and prospective public housing tenants and other interested parties. MHRA will also provide the public with computer access for the Morris Public Housing Program.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris HRA	Rental Housing Info	The Morris Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) will establish a website for the Morris Housing and Redevelopment Authority Rental Housing Licensing Program to provide up-to-date inspection results, guidance and educational information to past, current, and prospective tenants, landlords, and other interested parties. The website will also have online versions of all landlord/tenant Rental Housing Licensing Program documents (applications, etc.). MHRA will provide the public with computer access for the Morris Rental Housing Licensing Program.
Stevens County/Morris	Morris Public Library	Library Laptop Lab	The Morris Public Library will purchase six laptop computers and associated equipment for use within the library. When not being used by the Library, these laptops will be available to recognized community organizations at no cost for workshop and training purposes. Atomic Learning software will be included on the laptops for online training purposes. In addition, a space and resources within the library will be provided to create a business and career work center.

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Stevens County/Morris	Resource Connections	County-wide Wireless Access Points	Resource Connections will permanently install at least one public access computer and one wireless router along with the associated software and support equipment for a community "wireless WI-FI hot spot" in each of the five incorporated cities of Stevens County. Resource Connections will provide a three-year Internet subscription to each of the five public access computers and wireless routers, which will be available to the general public at no cost.
Stevens County/Morris	Stevens County Historical Society	Digital Conversion	Stevens County Historical Society (SCHS) will become a globally-connected resource by providing its collections and records on its website, including cemetery records and the 20,000+ photo collection and digital images of artifacts and archives. Wireless routers will be installed in the upper and lower meeting spaces and the lecture space at the Museum and a public access computer station for web access and training for staff and public use.
Stevens County/Morris	Stevens Forward	Website Improvement Project	Stevens Forward will provide county-wide coordination involving public entity website development and updating throughout Stevens County. The websites will include at least one county government site, five city government sites, one chamber of commerce site, one county economic development organization site and one Resource Connections site.
Thief River Falls area	Inter-County Community Council	Computers for Our Community	Computers for Our Community' will use workforce programs to connect area youth to technology initiatives including computer refurbishment and computer/Internet training.
Thief River Falls area	Northland Community College	Technology Fairs	The Thief River Technology Expo will gather a variety of private sector technology vendors for multiple demonstrations and classes on broadband technology and its applications.
Thief River Falls area	Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce	Technology Connection Center	The Thief River Falls Technology Connection Center will be a space where businesses and the general public can easily have access to high-speed Internet, computers and training classes.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region[1]	Big Stone County	Public Internet Access Project	The Public Internet Access Project will provide online access to government information and resources including forms, county highway project status, and GIS information. Online access will increase awareness, options and citizen control in how they interact with county government.

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[1] The Upper Minnesota Valley Region consists of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine counties

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Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Dawson / Boyd Schools	Community Digital Literacy	Community Digital Literacy will connect businesses, community members and students to support the creation of a digitally literate community through a Multimedia Collaboration Center, a Student Tech Team, and a hybrid (online and classroom) Teacher/Community Training Academy.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Johnson Memorial Health Services	HomeStream	HomeStream will demonstrate the potential for using broadband-based remote support tools and enhanced family engagement with aging populations to define appropriate visits/hospitalizations and to achieve increased medication adherence for better health outcomes.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Lac qui Parle County Economic Development Authority (EDA)	Computer Commuter	Computer Commuter is an innovative mobile computer lab that increases the digital literacy of area residents and businesses, advances knowledge workers, and promotes broadband availability and digital inclusion.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Ortonville School / Ortonville Economic Development Authority (EDA)	Community Broadband Strategies	Community Broadband Strategies will increase Internet usage by 1) giving businesses an understanding of the uses and benefits access provides, 2) exposing community members to the information that they can obtain, 3) encouraging a viable economic community and a school system that uses technology, and 4) involving youth in the community's development, thereby encouraging them to return as adults.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Pioneer Public Television	Video on Rural Broadband Use	During the first phase of production, Pioneer will be developing a segment of approximately 14 minutes focusing on western Minnesota individuals and organizations affected by a lack of broadband availability. This segment will be produced in the third and fourth quarter of 2011 for submission to the national public television program, *Need to Know,* and will form the basis for a longer program of up to 28 minutes.
Upper Minnesota Valley Region	Upper Minnesota Valley RDC	Community Websites	This project will assist two cities (Bellingham and Echo) in the creation of community websites.
Willmar/Kandiyohi County	Economic Development Commission	Business Website Grant Program	Based on successful previously implemented grant program funded through a "*Get Broadband*" grant from Blandin Foundation, the EDC will allow businesses to apply for matching funds to develop a first-time website for their business or enhance an existing website to be interactive.

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Willmar/Kandiyohi County	New London Spicer School District	Wildcat Nation Connected Classroom	The "Wildcat Nation Connected Classroom" is a high-tech and information-rich environment for students, staff and community members. The project will install a wireless network in the NLS High School and Middle School along with community access computers in designated areas of the building. In addition, funds will provide an iPad lab in the NLS High School and Middle School Media centers, using the technology to allow for individualized instruction and curriculum to meet the needs and skill level of every user. The iPad lab will also be used as a training center for adult learners with curriculum provided by the schools and delivered through Community Education. The lab will serve as a pilot program to measure the effectiveness of iPads for future implementation in schools and the overall education setting.
Willmar/Kandiyohi County	PCs for People Partnership	Computers for Low-income	PCs for People and KandiComp will provide low–cost computers and digital instruction to broadband disadvantaged persons to improve their quality of life and lessen their digital inclusion through Internet accessibility. KandiComp will become a satellite location under PCs for People to receive donated computers, "wipe" existing data from the hard drive, completely refurbish the machine and install new software. The computer will be sold to a guidelines-qualified person or family. Education will be provided. Future repairs will be provided for the PCs for People computers at a low, set price.
Willmar/Kandiyohi County	Willmar Community Senior Network	Senior Network	The Senior Network will demonstrate and assess the potential of using broadband technologies to engage seniors and connect them with their families to better improve their health, safety and quality of life on a daily basis. The project will connect the senior's family members and the Willmar Community Senior Network by providing an easy to use touch screen, all-in-one PC or notebook computer, webcam, and user support as well as training and broadband access, if needed.
Willmar/Kandiyohi County	MinnWest Technology Campus	Technology Classroom	Provide a remote learning center for a classroom with interactive communication capabilities for distance education courses, training and continuing education programs and video streaming of conferences and presentations.
Willmar/Kandiyohi County	Willmar Women & Family Center	Computer Access for Education and Employment	The Computer Access for Education and Employment Program has been designed to provide new immigrants easy access to computers, broadband Internet and the necessary training on computer, software and Internet usage. The CAEEP will provide a bank of computers in a bi-lingual environment. The Willmar Women & Family Center is a non-political environment where a clan or tribe is not a factor. Through coordination of the curriculum and a strong training program, the existing relationship between the Woman & Family and Workforce center will be enhanced.

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Windom	Business, Arts & Recreation Center	Access to Technology, Today and Tomorrow	The Access to Technology, Today and Tomorrow project will enable virtually all Windom residents access to computer technology and the benefits of wireless Internet at convenient times in a variety of settings. The project will increase the use of broadband by supporting infrastructure development, bandwidth availability, and providing community members with access to better computer equipment such as large screen laptops and quality webcams.
Windom	City of Windom	Public Safety	Public Safety will install laptops, mobile network cards and software in fourteen emergency service and law enforcement vehicles to provide portable broadband access for instant information access during natural disasters, emergency situations and law enforcement responses. The access of computers and web-based technology in emergency service vehicles will supplement the ability of local law enforcement, ambulance services and fire response.
Windom	City of Windom	Finding Windom	This project will develop a community Internet portal called 'Finding Windom.' The portal will provide a conduit for all Internet queries on Windom and create links and connections to social media, businesses, services and visitor information. It will be used to market the wired City of Windom globally as a thriving progressive rural community, and attract new residents and businesses. Phase II of the project will modernize the look and functionality of the City's website.
Windom	Windom Area Schools	iPads for Intervention and Digital Inclusion	The purpose of this project is to increase the number of computers/iPads accessible by students in elementary classrooms, and to host Community Education Classes on iPad use. The elementary classroom component will focus on students in the *Response to Intervention Program*, who struggle or are behind in their achievement and also tend to lack the financial resources to access technology.
Windom	Windom Area Schools	Wireless in the Schools	Wireless in the Schools will expand Internet access during and around the school day, and during school events, by utilizing a free, content-filtered Internet connection for students and others on their personal laptop computers. The updated and expanded access points to the entire high school will provide increased use by students and within classrooms. The project will also provide a wireless network for use by the community during other school and community events held at the school.

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Windom	Windom Education & Collaborative Center/Windom School District	Video Conferencing	Video Conferencing will increase broadband access in at least five locations in two separate buildings. Mobile video conferencing equipment and dedicated broadband access will provide community members of all ages the opportunities and experiences to produce and/or receive education and cultural broadcasts. Windom Area Schools will be able to access a wider array of course work and advanced teacher training as well as producing online course curriculum. Broadband usage will be available to all.
Winona	City of Winona	Digital Front Door Website	This project will fund the redesign of the City of Winona's website to function as a 'digital front door,' which will increase its usability and appeal to a wider audience. The redesign will include a new layout for the City's website, add four new information tabs on the front page, and provide links to other prominent websites in the community.
Winona	City of Winona	Innovative Public Access	Innovative Public Access will provide free Wi-Fi at four public locations in the City of Winona, wireless service in all public meeting rooms in City Hall, and web streaming video for Council chamber meetings (City Council, school board, etc.)
Winona	City of Winona	Winona PR Project	Create public relations material that will promote Winona's MIRC efforts and the City's Intelligent Community assets. The material will be published on the City's website and will be the first webpage that users see when logging into the City's four wireless internet portals. This project will also produce a press release disbursed to targeted media outlets in the regional area (La Crosse, WI to Rochester, MN to Minneapolis/St. Paul), promotional materials for the Digital Perch website produced for the Online Support Center Website project, and content for the City's Wireless portal at Levee Park.
Winona	Project FINE	Technology Education for Immigrants and Refugees	Technology Education for Immigrants and Refugees will provide customized Internet training in four phases: 1) Introduction to Technology, 2) Internet Access and Tools, 3) Access to Home Computers, and 4) Continuing Training. These classes will introduce Winona immigrants and refugees to the Internet and computers so they will be comfortable independently accessing the training options provided by the Winona Workforce Center and potentially the Minnesota Learning Commons.
Winona	Winona Workforce Center	E-Travel Center	The Winona Workforce Center will purchase four laptops and one laptop case for the E-Travel Center, a mobile laptop lab that can be set up at various community locations. The lab provides introduction to computers and basic Word and Excel tools training.

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Winona	Winona Workforce Center	Online Support Center	The Workforce Center, in coordination with a web developer at Southeast Technical College will create a website that offers support to businesses exploring e-commerce, social media, and other internet business applications. In particular, the web developer will offer direct support through a blog on the website. The website will be a resource for individuals who have recently completed the Extension online training, for individuals who have completed new business training at the Workforce Center, and for small business in general.
Worthington	Nobles County Integration Collaborative	Cultural Awareness and Integration Grant	Nobles County Integration Collaborative will work with Cable TV3 on a project where high school students will learn how to use a video camera and video editing equipment. The students' first project will be to film and edit a video where they will interview adults about their heritage or immigration experiences, which will be shared with the community on Cable TV3 and in other settings. The video equipment will be used to record and share other Culture Corner events in the future.
Worthington	Nobles County Integration Collaborative	Computer Lab and Classes	Nobles County Integration Collaborative will purchase equipment for a small computer lab, as well as a set of laptops that will also be housed at NCIC, but can be checked out by area agencies for training purposes. The grant will also be used to purchase a wireless access point for the West Learning Center, which serves many immigrant families in the community. Nobles County Integration Collaborative will make the new computers available to the public during regular office hours (five days and two evenings per week). Additionally, the grant funds will be used to pay instructors to teach basic computer and Internet classes in two languages: Spanish and Karen. NCIC staff will also utilize the computers with families as they participate in college and career exploration programs offered at NCIC and with adult English language learners.
Worthington	St. Mary's School	21st Century Technology	St. Mary's School 21st Century Technology will implement new technology tools throughout the 2011 school year, with the first priority and immediate need of providing constant Internet access to the students, staff and volunteers. To better engage students in classroom projects and discussions, St. Mary's is working to incorporate new interactive technology, such as a SmartBoard, in the second grade classroom. This technology will allow students to work hands-on with a variety of online and downloadable activities. The final goal is to provide parents, students, and staff with a new user-friendly and content rich website that will also be used to inform parents during the school's transition towards its paperless initiative.

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Worthington	WGTN-TV (ISD 518)	Website Development	WGTN-TV will make available live and taped broadcasts of local daily programming including government meetings and community events via web streaming for those without cable TV access.
Worthington	Worthington ISD 518	iPad Integration Using Wireless Broadband	Worthington ISD 518 will provide interactive tools for teacher and student use in the classroom through the purchase of iPads, and expand broadband capabilities with additional wireless access points throughout the district. The iPads will be available to all students throughout the culturally and socioeconomically diverse district. The grant will allow for training on the use of interactive tools and wireless devices to all constituents in District 518, including community members with no children enrolled in the schools. This project will complement the district's plans to enhance broadband infrastructure in the schools.
Worthington	Worthington Regional Economic Development Commission	Portable Bioscience Labs	The Portable Bioscience Lab project will utilize advanced technology to transmit training and business information at a base site and throughout southwest Minnesota. The primary purpose is to work within the agricultural industry, and more specifically in the bioscience area, to promote training and business innovation. The project will provide digital learning and career exploration opportunities for high school students, increase skills for the employees in the identified industries, and create a network of information sharing.