Brookings Institution to Highlight BTOP Projects

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included $4 billion to support the NTIA-administered BTOP project, which has invested in roughly 230 projects to increase broadband access and adoption around the country. The Governance Studies at Brookings will provide an update on the 3-year-old BTOP program. Strickling’s remarks will be followed by a panel of officials from BTOP projects that will provide firsthand accounts from around the country.

Idaho is the recipient of $1,907,531 in federal funds for the Idaho Commission for Libraries’ “online @ your library” Public Computer Center BTOP project, which has expanded broadband and computing capacity from an average of 1.5 Mbps to an average of 11 Mbps Internet connectivity in Idaho’s least connected public libraries and increased the online resources available statewide at lili.org.

See more about the Commission’s BTOP project at the Idaho Commission for Libraries’ website at http://libraries.idaho.gov/online.

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