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EdTechnologyFunds, Inc. Expands its E-rate Consulting and Broadband Planning Services to Urban and Rural Libraries Nationwide

Services to accelerate the deployment of new technologies and digital programming

Los Angeles, CA, June 4, 2018 – EdTechnologyFunds, Inc., a leading FCC E-rate and broadband planning consultant to libraries, recently announced the expansion of its services to urban and rural organizations across the country. This increase in coverage will provide libraries everywhere additional options for bringing together vital technology and funding resources to build 21st Century network infrastructures in support of Internet-enabled computer technologies and digital programming.

EdTechnologyFunds is uniquely positioned to assist libraries with network infrastructure upgrades based on its experience in supporting California's statewide library broadband initiative. Urban and rural libraries throughout California leveraged state, local, and FCC E-rate resources to upgrade to 1 Gbps broadband internet speeds and purchase new Wi-Fi equipment, providing patrons with unprecedented access to technology resources.

"Communities in California, including those in very remote areas which previously had no access to broadband Internet services, are empowered by the high-tech capabilities now available through local libraries. The ability to provide free access to computers and the Internet combined with the availability of technology classes has enabled patrons to acquire new skills, seek employment, complete online education coursework, develop entrepreneurship opportunities, and engage in youth-oriented activities," said EdTechnologyFunds President Beverly Sutherland. "These organizations provide an excellent example of how funding from the FCC's E-rate program, a resource often unused or underutilized by libraries, can be a foundational tool for urban and rural communities in providing residents with benefits that will allow them to thrive in an increasingly digital economy."

"For a rural area like Coalinga, which lacks in network infrastructure and last mile connectivity, E-rate funding can help pave the way for increased connectivity. Technology and Internet have become a minimum requirement and we need to make sure we all have equal access to those opportunities," explained Coalinga, California's Mayor Nathan Vosburg.

EdTechnologyFunds will be available at the 2018 American Library Association Conference in New Orleans, June 21 – June 25, 2018, at Booth #1918, to speak more about the "game-changing" resources available to libraries.

About EdTechnologyFunds, Inc.

EdTechnologyFunds, Inc. is a full-service consulting firm that specializes in helping urban and rural libraries obtain funding for technology resources. EdTechnologyFunds provides leading E-rate consulting and broadband planning services to many urban and rural library systems including the Los Angeles County Public Library, one of the largest library systems in the nation. For more information, visit <http://www.edtechnologyfunds.com> or email info@edtechnologyfunds.com.

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