Project Overview

With this grant money, GOAL intends to spend it wisely, by vastly improving our current infrastructure as well as implementing new and improved technology to keep us on track with today's ever-changing technological world. It is our goal to not merely survive, but rather thrive in the current market where it is a clear sink or swim dynamic. GOAL prides itself on its ability to adapt and we plan on using this grant money wisely to keep both our employees and those who benefit from our services happy. The first step to doing so is by keeping updated Technologically, something that we as an organization desperately need. It is more and more apparent that the future is now, and with modern technology we can benefit as an organization by taking advantage of it.

GOAL is planning on being a more successful organization and organization is a key part of doing so. With new technology, organization, communication, as well as basic structure have gotten easier than ever. We can now be on the same page fully from top to bottom, and learn to communicate seamlessly which we believe will save immeasurable time daily. If this is the case, our organization will run smoother than ever and thus be more efficient from top to bottom. Only positives can come from this new added benefits and we as an organization can not wait to experience them.
Request For Proposal

For this project, we want to get off rolling. First thing is first, which is purchasing 50 27” iMac’s as soon as we get the grant money. Shortly after that, we want to purchase 25 personal computers for our workers as well as get the router, and network set up. When we say soon, we mean real soon. We plan on doing this part of the purchase ASAP after receiving the grant money. This will simply get us headed in the right direction as soon as possible. After these initial purchases and we get settled in a bit with the new technology, we plan on purchasing 4 overhead projectors for use in our training labs with our computers. We can afford to go cheap right here in this part of the budget. We intend on purchasing 25 tablets for use by field instructors. We chose the android galaxy tablet because it is fairly accessible to many different people. The price is cheaper than competitors too. We also need to purchase 5 black and white printers, as well as 3 color printers for the office. As far as a timeline goes for purchasing, we feel the earliest, the better. We realize this is not entirely possible however so we are going to try to purchase the computers and servers in the first month. The rest can wait to be purchased after month 3. We plan to have all of our technology in our offices and hands before month 5 though of receiving the grant money. The rest of the money shall go to repair costs, and also put into insurance purposes regarding the technology.
Budget

GOAL is currently in a rebuilding and restructuring process, which includes purchasing new technology at a fairly quick speed. We currently have a 3 year time frame in which our grant is offered, and we plan on utilizing most of the cost that the grant offers to benefit ourselves in the long run. First off, we intend on buying in the first year, 50 iMac 27” Quad Core i5 3.2Ghz Computer’s (1) for our in lab training exercises. These are easy to use computers and we feel they will fit nice with our organization. Then we intend on purchasing 25 ASUS Transformer Book’s (2) for personal use of GOAL’s specified employees. The reason we went with this particular style is that they are very versatile and can be used on the go, making it easy on our employees. Lastly, we need a web server so we are going with the Supermicro SuperServer LGA1155 Xeon 1U Server Barebone System (3). This system seems to be a good fit for what we’re looking for. These are our first purchases that we intend on making fairly immediately after receiving the grant money. They will take up a pretty penny, a decent chunk of the total first year spending but we figure it’s best to splurge early and be cautious later on. The total of these items will be $105,000.

Our second round of expenses shall occur 3-6 months after receiving the first years grant money. Barring any unreasonable setbacks, we still should have $20,000 of grant money for the first year. With this money we intend on buying 25 personal Galaxy Note Tablets (4), for a total of 160 each, for a total of $4,000. Simply because the android operating system is simple to use and very common among the public. Then, we are purchasing 5 heavy-duty black and white printers (5) at a total of $129 each, for $645. Nothing fancy here, just standard office printers. Conversely we are buying 3 heavy-duty color printers at $160 each for a total of $480 (6). These are just standard office printers as well. Then we will ne purchasing 4 overhead video projectors (7) for training rooms at 95 dollars a piece for a total of $380 We tried to spare some money here, seeing as quality isn’t of utmost concern here. Lastly we will need to purchase a new network router for the company. This shall be our most difficult decision. We decided to go with the Cisco rv016 (8) because it seems to fit our organizations direct needs, and wont break the budget. It costs $330. Which puts our grand total spent the first year at $110,835.
With the rest of the money from the grant, we plan on using for regular maintenance and upgrades when available.

(1) http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=9SIA5E62BM6304

(2) http://www.amazon.com/Transformer-T100TAF-B11-GR-Detachable-Touchscreen-Laptop/dp/B00UTV8OEE/ref=sr_1_17?湮=pc&ie=UTF8&qid=1442804939&sr=1-17&keywords=laptop+computer

(3) http://www.amazon.com/Supermicro-SuperServer-LGA1155-Barebone-SYS-5017C-MTF/dp/B0050O1I6Q/ref=sr_1_4?湮=pc&ie=UTF8&qid=1442808438&sr=1-4&keywords=web+server

(4) http://www.amazon.com/Samsung-Galaxy-Tab-7-Inch-White/dp/B00J8DL780/ref=sr_1_3?湮=pc&ie=UTF8&qid=1442805058&sr=1-3&keywords=tablet


(6) http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16828415353

(7) http://www.amazon.com/Taotaole-Multi-media-Portable-Projection-Projector/dp/B00VJ3JVK2/ref=sr_1_1?湮=pc&ie=UTF8&qid=1442804986&sr=1-1&keywords=video+projector

(8) http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16833124154