

Funding To Strengthen Job Assistance Programs at NJ Libraries

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced \$5.1 million in federal funding for New Jersey to invest in broadband technology. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - which Holt supported - New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State College, will receive the funding to improve broadband at libraries across the state. Computer workstations and connectivity upgrades will enable libraries to improve job search assistance and workforce development programs to help residents find needed jobs.

“New investments in broadband technology lay the groundwork for innovations that will create jobs for New Jersey residents. Additionally, this grant will be critical for job creation now by improving our libraries’ job training services,” Holt said. “Libraries are a critical part of New Jersey’s education system. Bolstering their ability to serve New Jersey residents’ needs is critical to building a strong and sustainable economic recovery. This grant is another way that the Recovery Act is helping rebuild communities throughout Central New Jersey.”

Created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the grants will give the New Jersey State Library \$5.1 million to invest in libraries throughout New Jersey, including:

- 125 libraries across the state will receive funds to add computer workstations and/or upgrade connectivity.
- 365 libraries across the state will receive funds to provide job search assistance and workforce development programs.