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Dear Colleague:

As members of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) of the American Library Association (ALA), we are proud to have partnered with Hewlett-Packard (HP) on creation of an innovative project called Library Technology Access (LTA). The goal of LTA is to increase accessibility within public and academic libraries for our patrons with disabilities.

LTA will be piloted in six libraries (two academic and four public) with installation of a technology solution that will enable people with visual, hearing, mobility, and learning disabilities to have access to computer workstations. HP has developed the accessible workstation solution, with feedback given by representatives of national disability organizations and ALA members at last month's conference in Atlanta.

The LTA application, which is due at HP via fax or e-mail by September 3, 2002, can be found on the web at <http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/community/accessibility/partnerships/ala/apply.htm>.

Recipients of the LTA donation will be announced at a formal launch in October 2002 during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and recipient names will be posted on the HP website.

For more information, visit the LTA website at: <http://www.hp.com/accessibility>.

Please feel free to share information about this dynamic opportunity to your colleagues in other libraries.

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## workstation components

Computer: Compaq Evo D500 Small Form Factor

Pentium 4, 2.20 GHz, 80 GB Hard Drive, 1.5 GB RAM, CD-RW, Windows XP Professional, Microsoft Office XP Professional

Other Features: Front access to (2) USB ports (easy access to plug in various keyboard and mice); Kensington Cable Lock support for security.

Monitor: Compaq FP7020 17" LCD Monitor

Front access to headset hookup.

Scanner: HP ScanJet 5300Cse

Printer: HP LaserJet 1200

Motorized, one-touch sit-to-stand tabletop  
Adjustable monitor arm, keyboard tray, chair, and task lighting, and document holder

To create the optimal ergonomic workspace for the individual

Lateral file

Additional space for printer and scanner  
Secured space for assistive technology devices

## Assistive Technology for Low Vision/Blindness

Assistive Technology	Explanation
JAWS Professional Edition	Full screen reader software program that provides computer access for individuals who are blind.
ZoomText Xtra Level 2	Screen magnification software program for persons with low vision.
Open Book	Reading software that scans printed material and reads the document aloud.
CCTV	Provides increased magnification for printed material.
DECTalk Express Internal Speech Synthesizer	A sound card installed in the computer to prevent conflicting channel problems with JAWS and other applications.
Large Print Keyboard	Permanently affixed enlarged and bold printed keys.
ZoomCaps Keyboard labels	Stickers that enlarge the print of keyboard keys (available in white text on a black background or reverse print).
Headset	Gives the user privacy when listening to speech output software programs.

\* items listed on this document are subject to change



## Assistive Technology for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Assistive Technology	Explanation
Closed-captioning of the on-line training	
Microsoft Accessibility Visual Cues	To give computer users cues that are not auditory

## Assistive Technology for Learning Disabilities/Differences

Assistive Technology	Explanation
TextHELP Wordsmith	Writing composition software integrated into Microsoft Word that reads aloud text and spell check choices, predicts words, and highlights homonyms.
Kurzweil 3000	Reading comprehension software program that converts printed material into speech output combined with highlighting to aid in visual tracking (for auditory learners and persons who have difficulty reading).

## Assistive Technology for Mobility Disabilities

Assistive Technology	Explanation
Madentec Head Tracker	Hardware device that allows the user to control the computer cursor by head movements.
SoftType	On-screen keyboard software with word completion and dwelling features.
Switches	Act as left and right mouse clicks when used in conjunction with the Tracker.
Roller Plus Joystick	Counteracts hand tremors to provide smooth gliding of the computer cursor; recessed buttons to prevent accidental mouse clicks.
Kinesis Maxim Adjustable keyboard Micro Mini Keyboard Big Keys Plus Keyboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An adjustable keyboard that allows the user to set the angle and pitch.</li> <li>- Compact, small-framed keyboard for persons with limited range of motion.</li> <li>- 1"x1" keys (4 times the standard size) provide increased accuracy for persons with decreased motor control.</li> </ul>
Cirque Smart Cat Touchpad PC-TRAC trackball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slight touch of the finger across the surface moves the cursor; easy scrolling along with programmable buttons.</li> <li>- Helpful for persons with repetitive strain or motor control difficulties.</li> </ul>
PS/2 → USB Y-mouse	An adapter that converts keyboards and mice so they can be plugged into the computer USB port. Front access to (2) USB ports are available on the Compaq Evo 500 computer.