

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER



April 3, 2012

Jerry Brown, PhD  
Office on Returning Citizen Affairs  
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Dr. Brown:

You are invited to join us on April 17, 2012 at a press conference announcing a joint project to establish *Digital Inclusion Centers* throughout the District.

Earlier this year, the **Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO)** began a partnership with the **Mayor's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (ORCA)**, **DC Public Library (DCPL)**, and the **University of the District of Columbia Community College (UDC-CC)** to establish a pilot *Digital Inclusion Center* in Ward 7 (UDC-CC Shadd Campus). The *Center* provides computer resources and training to the District's returning citizens. Approximately two hundred men and women with prior criminal justice involvement are expected to complete some computer training by the end of 2012; an estimated twenty-five percent increase is projected for 2013.

Recently, OCTO and the **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)** established a *Digital Inclusion Center* in Ward 4 (Riggs LaSalle). This *Center* will enable DPR to provide digital literacy courses and other programming to District residents.

The purpose of the April 17 press conference is to announce these programs, as part of a larger effort to roll out several *Digital Inclusion Centers* across the District in the coming years through multiple agency partnerships. These *Centers* will provide for more widespread use of modern technology resources by District residents. This project is an integral part of Mayor Vincent Gray's One City vision, where government is lean, efficient, and compassionate.

**OCTO and agency partners will:**

- **Identify surplus, working computers from OCTO and other government agencies;**
- **Refurbish and repair these computers;**
- **Coordinate the deployment of these computers to *Digital Inclusion Centers*; and**
- **Provide technical support: maintenance for these computers.**



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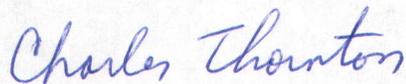
The press conference will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 11 a.m.** on the **UDC-CC Shadd Campus** (5601 E. Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019). We would be delighted to have your participation.

If you are able to join us, please contact our Media Specialist, Jill Melnicki, via email at [jill.melnicki@dc.gov](mailto:jill.melnicki@dc.gov) or telephone (202) 442-3201.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Mancini', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Mancini  
Chief Technology Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Charles Thornton'.

Charles Thornton  
Director, Office on Returning Citizen Affairs