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Part I: Attachments
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Attachment 1: Basic Information

Name of Lead Agency: Missouri Assistive Technology Council
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Name of Implementing Entity: *same as lead agency*
Name of Applicable Division and/or Subdivision of Implementing Entity:
Address of Implementing Entity:

Name and Title of Program Director: *same as lead agency*
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Attachment 2: Lead Agency and Implementing Entity

2.1 Identification and Description of the Lead Agency - Identify and describe the Lead Agency referred to in section 4(c)(1)(A) of the AT Act.

2.1A Identification and Description of Lead Agency if an Implementing Entity is not Designated

The Missouri Assistive Technology Council (herein referred to as the Council) is the lead agency and the entity responsible for implementing the AT Act in Missouri. The Council was established by state statute in 1993 and has been the organization responsible for implementing programs authorized under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act, the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, and now the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (AT Act).

Council members are governor appointed and include a majority of individuals with disabilities who use AT (or a family member or guardian of such individuals) along with representatives of State agencies who fund or are involved in provision of assistive technology and a State Senator and State Representative. In addition to implementing the AT Act, the Council is also statutorily responsible for implementation of the state's information technology access law, telecommunications equipment distribution program, and assistive technology financial loan program. The Council provides consumer oversight for all AT Act programs and services along with those for which it is responsible under state law.

Consumer membership on the Council includes representation of a wide variety of disability groups (deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, physical disabilities, and cognitive disabilities) through individuals with such disabilities and parents of children with such disabilities, along with geographic representation from across the state. Agency membership on the Council includes representatives of education, employment, and community living providers and serves as a natural vehicle for coordination and collaboration with those agencies responsible for assistive technology delivery.

The Council, as a unit of state government, employs staff who are responsible for the day-to-day operation of all programs and services. Collectively the Council members and paid staff along with the assistive technology programs and services provided are referred to as Missouri Assistive Technology (MoAT). MoAT personnel includes 8 full time employees who have over 75 years combined experience in delivering assistive technology programs and services as part of Council operations. Staff expertise includes in-depth knowledge and experience in a wide range of assistive technology including computer adaptations, augmentative communication systems, amplification devices, adaptive telephone equipment, electronic enlarged, etc. Seventy-five percent of staff members hold graduate degrees in disability and public policy disciplines (e.g. special education, rehabilitation, audiology, public administration) and half have personal and/or family experience with disability.

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MoAT contracts with Rockhurst University for services related to the short-term equipment loan program and with Coalition for Independence (CFI), Missouri State University (MSU), and Services for Independent Living to operate a regional equipment demonstration program in Kansas City, Springfield, and Columbia respectively. MoAT also contracts with CFI to operate a durable medical equipment and computer recycling program and with MSU to operate a recycling program for electronic note-takers, Perkins braille and other similar devices.

2.1B Identification and Description of the Lead Agency if an Implementing Entity is Designated

Missouri does not have an implementing entity separate from the lead agency, therefore this item is not applicable.

2.2 Identification and Description of the Implementing Entity – Identify and describe the Implementing Entity referred to in section 4(c)(1)(B) of the AT Act, if such an Implementing Entity is designated by the Governor.

Missouri does not have an implementing entity separate from the lead agency, therefore this item is not applicable.

2.3 Show of Good Cause for Change in Lead Agency or Implementing Entity – If the Governor has chosen to change the Lead Agency or, if applicable, Implementing Entity as allowed in section 4(c)(1)(C) of the AT Act, provide an explanation of good cause for this redesignation.

The lead agency has not been re-designated.

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Attachment 3: State Advisory Council

3.1 Membership of the Advisory Council - Identify the members of the Advisory Council and each member's designation as an individual with disabilities who uses AT, a family member or guardian of such individual, or a representative of a State agency or other entity.

Current membership of the Missouri Assistive Technology Council, also the lead agency for the AT Act of 1998, as amended, is as follows. Consumer representatives are noted as a person with a disability who uses AT (PWD) or family member or guardian of such individual (FM).

Consumer Representatives:

Deana O'Brien, California (FM)	Nolan Crabb, Jefferson City (PWD)
Teddi Brace, Cape Girardeau (PWD)	Sharon LaRoussa, Raymore (PWD)
Rita Lynch, Jefferson City (PWD)	Kerri Morgan, St. Louis (PWD)
Karen Sack, Joplin (PWD)	Marnie Gustafson, Kimberling City (FM)
Marjorie Yates, Liberty (PWD)	Chip Haley, Joplin (PWD)
Michael Goad, St. Louis (PWD)	1 consumer awaiting Governor appointment

Agency Representatives:

Medicaid, Ed Kniest	Special Education, Wayne Goddard
DD Council, Dolores Hampton	Insurance, Molly White
Mental Health, Nancy Nickolaus	Health and Senior Services, Gary Harbison (
Independent Living Center, Angie James	
Vocational Rehabilitation, Neil Harms	
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Jim Brinkmann	

Legislative Representatives:

Representative Kevin Threlkeld
 Senator Harry Kennedy

A member of the Missouri Training and Employment Council, which serves as the Workforce Investment Board in Missouri, has a standing invitation to the AT Council meetings and is able to provide input on the part of that agency. Since the Council is established in state law, a statute change was not sought to add this person as an official voting member to the Council pursuant to Section 4(c)(2)(E) of the AT Act.

3.2 Structure and Operation of the Advisory Council – Describe the structure and operations of the Advisory Council.

Per state statute, the Council operates through formal by-laws, uses Robert's Rules of Order, and meets at least quarterly. An Executive Board provides administrative oversight and includes the Chairperson, Chairperson Elect, Past Chairperson, two consumer representatives and two agency representatives. The Council has programmatic decision-making for all services and programs provided by Missouri

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Assistive Technology (MoAT), which includes prioritizing activities, goals, and objectives and making resource allocations to achieve desired outcomes. Per by-laws, all council decisions are based on official motions and votes with majority affirmation required for most decisions. The Council has rule-making authority to enable it to operate programs and services and members file annually with the Missouri Ethics Commission as part of a board that controls public money.

Nominations for Council members are solicited continuously through all MoAT programs and services and nominations are forwarded to the Governor's office of Boards and Commissions for appointment consideration. State statute requires the consumer members of the Council to include "a variety of types of disabilities across the life span from all geographic areas of the state". As noted by the cities represented by consumers, all geographic areas of Missouri are included. Current consumers include individuals with hearing disabilities, vision disabilities, cognitive disabilities, physical disabilities, and parents of children with hearing, developmental, and physical disabilities.

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Attachment 4: Measurable Goals

A data collection system is under development by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. Such system was not available for Year 1 of the Missouri State Plan. As a result, Year 2 will serve as the baseline year. Missouri will provide Rehabilitation Services Administration with an amendment identifying Year 3 and Year 4 increase levels, once the baseline for Year 2 has been established.

4.1 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Education

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for educational purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Objectives for Device Loan and Demonstration Programs

Year 2 – Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for educational purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 3 – Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed the device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for educational purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 4 – Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for educational purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

4.2 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Employment

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for employment purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Objectives for Device Loan and Demonstration Programs

Year 2– Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for employment purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 3 - Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed the device demonstration programs

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and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for employment purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 4 - Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for employment purposes as a result of the assistance they received.

4.3 Goal for Improving Access to AT in Community Living

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for community living as a result of the assistance they received.

Objectives for Device Loan and Demonstration Programs

Year 2 – Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for community living as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 3 - Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed the device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for community living as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 4 - Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service for community living as a result of the assistance they received.

4.4 Goal for Improving Access to IT and Telecommunications

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service that meets an IT/telecommunications need as a result of the assistance they received.

Objectives for Device Loan and Demonstration Programs

Year 2 – Establish baseline of the percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service that meets an IT/telecommunications need as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 3 - Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed the device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service

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that meets an IT/telecommunications need as a result of the assistance they received.

Year 4 - Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who accessed device demonstration programs and/or device loan programs and made a decision about an AT device or service that meets an IT/telecommunications need as a result of the assistance they received.

4.5 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Education

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for educational purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Objectives for State Financing Activities and Reutilization Programs

Year 2 – Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices and services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for educational purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 3 – Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for educational purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 4 – Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for educational purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

4.6 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Employment

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for employment purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Objectives for State Financing Activities and Reutilization Programs

Year 2 - Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices and services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for employment purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 3 - Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State

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financing activities or reutilization programs for employment purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 4 - Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for employment purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

4.7 Goal for Improving Acquisition of AT in Community Living

Goal: Percent of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices and services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for community living purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Objectives for State Financing Activities and Reutilization Programs

Year 2 – Establish baseline of the percentage of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices and services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for community living purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 3 - Increase in percentage over year 2 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for community living purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

Year 4 - Increase in percentage over year 3 (to be established later) of appropriate targeted individuals and entities who obtained devices or services from State financing activities or reutilization programs for community living purposes who would not have obtained the AT device or service.

4.8 Additional Measurable Goals -- If applicable, describe any measurable goals that the State has set in addition to the goals established in items 4.1 through 4.7 for addressing the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities in the State related to education, employment, community living, and telecommunications and information technology.

None

Summary of Annual Objective Measures and To Be Determined (TBD) Increases

	Device Loan & Demo Programs			Financing & Recycling Programs		
	<i>Yr 2</i>	<i>Yr 3</i>	<i>Yr 4</i>	<i>Yr 2</i>	<i>Yr 3</i>	<i>Yr 4</i>
Education	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%
Employment	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%
Community Living	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%
IT/Telecommunication	Baseline	+TBD%	+TBD%	NA	NA	NA

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Attachment 5: State-level Activities

5.1 State Financing Activities – Describe how the State will implement State financing activities as described in section 4(e)(2)(A) of the AT Act.

Missouri will implement three identifiable state financing activities with at least some support from federal AT Act dollars. These include Show-Me Loans (a low interest financial loan program), Kids Assistive Technology (last resort funding for AT for children), and AT Reimbursement Program (funding for schools to deliver AT.)

Show-Me Loans is an alternative financing program for individuals with disabilities and their families to borrow money at low interest rates for the purchase of assistive technology. The program is operated through a revolving loan fund administered by MoAT. Families of any income level are eligible with interest rates averaging 3%. Interest rates may be as low as 0% depending on income and ability to repay the loan. Assistive technology eligible for loans includes but is not limited to braille equipment, hearing aids, environmental controls, housing access modifications and motor vehicle modifications for accessibility. Applications can be submitted at any time by mail and are available from MoAT and all 21 of Missouri's Centers for Independent Living.

Kids Assistive Technology Program (KAT) will provide last resort funding for assistive technology and housing modifications for children under age 21. Funding is limited to items that are not the responsibility of any other funding source. High priority items include housing access and vehicle modifications and funding is prioritized based on family income. Missouri families with home access, vehicle modification, or other assistive technology needs that are not eligible for any other funding source can complete and submit a KAT application at any time by mail. All of the Department of Health offices, Division of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities regional centers, and local schools are aware of KAT and assist families in completing applications.

AT Reimbursement Program is designed to assist Missouri public school districts in covering the costs of assuring students have the assistive technology they need in order to receive a free and appropriate education under IDEA. Only school districts can apply for this program. A request must be tied to a specific student for whom assistive technology is specified in the student's IEP. Schools may submit applications during the first half of a school year. All Missouri public schools are made aware of AT Reimbursement Program availability at the beginning of each school year.

All three of these activities will support measurable goals 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 related to acquisition of assistive technology for education, employment and community living by directly providing AT or providing funding for AT for approved applicants resulting in acquisition of assistive technology. All three programs will be operated by Missouri

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Assistive Technology. MoAT staff will process applications, approve and distribute funding and/or devices services as appropriate for each program.

All three of these activities will utilize funding in addition to federal AT Act dollars. The Show-Me Loans fund was originally capitalized with Title III funds (from the AT Act of 1998) and telework federal grants and state matching funds. Kids Assistive Technology (KAT) will be funded through an interagency agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The AT Reimbursement Program will be funded through interagency agreement with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Federal AT Act dollars will be used at least in part to administer these programs, while other funding is used for the direct purchase or financing of AT.

Show-Me Loans will be available comprehensively statewide to all qualifying borrowers. KAT will be available statewide for low-income children with disabilities who have assistive technology needs for which there is no other funding source available (e.g. Medicaid, private insurance, etc.). AT Reimbursement will be available statewide to all school districts with students in need of assistive technology costing over \$1,000. All three programs will accept applications by mail and AT Reimbursement will accept applications electronically. A full range of AT will be eligible under all three programs and there will not be any disability restrictions for any of the three programs.

While not directly funded with federal AT Act dollars, the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) is another state financing activity administered by Missouri Assistive Technology that directly purchases and delivers over 9,000 adaptive telephones and computer adaptations statewide to eligible Missourians with disabilities. This program is integrated with and in many cases expands the range of other state level and state leadership activities of Missouri Assistive Technology.

5.2 Device Reutilization Programs– Describe how the State will implement a device reutilization program as described in section 4(e)(2)(B) of the Act.

Missouri plans to implement four identifiable device reutilization programs with at least some support from federal AT Act dollars, computer recycling, durable medical equipment recycling, non-computer electronic equipment recycling, and used equipment exchange.

Statewide Recycling Program for Computer Equipment - Through a contract with Coalition for Independence and sub-contract to Pan Educational Institute, a computer recycling program will be available statewide. The program will provide low cost, refurbished computer systems (CPU, monitor, keyboard and mouse) to consumers with disabilities. These computers are intended to enhance the ability to communicate with the world, to obtain information, to access government and business services and to support skill development and/or academic achievement. If an individual needs computer adaptations, in addition to the base computer, they will be referred to TAP for Internet for assistance. Applicants for the Statewide Recycling Program for Computer Equipment will be

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assessed a fee (\$60 to \$300) based on their household income, the number of dependents in the home, and the type of computer requested/needed. Applicants will be informed of the required fee to be remitted before a computer is picked up or shipped. The fee will include any shipping and handling costs for the computer. Applications may be submitted at any time to MoAT.

Durable Medicaid Equipment (DME) Recycling – Through a contract with Coalition for Independence, a durable medical equipment recycling program will be available statewide. This program will solicit donations of used durable medical equipment and work with local DME providers to repair and refurbish such equipment for use by new owners. Individuals will be able to apply for recycled DME at any time by submitting an application to the Coalition. A nominal fee will be charged to individuals obtaining recycled DME. The fee schedule will range from \$5 to \$300, based on applicant income, ability to pay and the price of the DME recycled item. Fees may be waived completely if necessary.

Other Electronic Equipment Recycling - Through a contract with Missouri State University, a recycling and repair program will be available statewide for electronic note-takers and Perkins brailers. It is anticipated that schools, rehabilitation providers and individuals with disabilities will use this program as a cost effective mechanism to maintaining such devices. Again a nominal fee will be charged to individuals and agencies seeking recycled and/or repaired equipment based on income and ability to pay.

Swap ‘N Shop – Missouri Assistive Technology will also provide a statewide assistive technology equipment exchange program, Swap ‘N Shop. Interested individuals and agencies will be able to submit information to MoAT about pre-owned equipment for sale and MoAT staff will post such information on our web site and send electronically to a list of agencies around the state. The web site is not open to public postings, as it has been discovered that individuals will post information unrelated to assistive technology. Potential buyers will be able to purchase listed equipment through direct negotiation with the seller. The buyer and seller will agree on a price, which is always at substantial savings over a purchase price for new equipment. All types of AT are eligible for listing in Swap ‘N Shop and buyers and sellers pay no fees to use the listing. The Swap ‘N Shop web listing is linked to other similar AT exchange programs in surrounding states (e.g. Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa) to facilitate consumer access to items in nearby states that border Missouri.

All four of these re-utilization programs will be available comprehensively statewide to meet the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities of all ages. Only the range of devices donated/listed and the resources needed to refurbish those devices restricts these programs. All four will support measurable goals 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 related to acquisition of assistive technology for education, employment and community living by making

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available “pre-owned” devices at a cost that is within the financial reach of consumers and others.

5.3 Device Loan Program – Describe how the State will implement a device loan program as described in section 4(e)(2)(C) of the Act.

Missouri plans to provide short-term device loans through the Equipment Technology Consortium (ETC) in support of goals 4.1 through 4.4 improving access in education, employment, community living and information technology and telecommunications. Short-term equipment loan provides comparable ability to make informed decisions related to the appropriateness of an assistive technology device for a particular individual by allowing for data collection and observation regarding that device usage in real-life contexts and settings.

ETC will be housed on the campus of Rockhurst University, will be staffed with Missouri Assistive Technology personnel and will utilize graduate students for support services, such as checking items in and out of the inventory, maintaining the inventory catalog, etc. Rockhurst is a local University with graduate programs in speech-language pathology, occupational therapy and physical therapy. ETC will also utilize two distribution sites (Services for Independent Living in Columbia and Missouri State University in Springfield) to facilitate access to the inventory in locations across the state.

ETC will make available short-term equipment loans using an inventory of over 1000 AT devices including a full range of augmentative communication devices, electronic enlarging systems (portable and free standing) computer access devices, electronic note-takers, assistive listening systems, environmental controls, adaptive telecommunications devices, adaptive toys, switches and even some home modifications like portable ramps. With the exception of low-tech daily living aids, if an assistive device can be boxed and shipped statewide, it is likely already in the ETC inventory. The twenty-one centers for independent living in the state almost all have a device loan closet that consists exclusively such aids for daily living. As a result, ETC does not need to include those items in the inventory.

Schools and other entities (currently over 400) that complete a loan agreement will be able to borrow from ETC. Devices are frequently borrowed to conduct device trials to identify what device is or is not appropriate to meet the needs of an individual with a disability. Devices may also be borrowed to use as a “loaner” when an item is in for repair and for training purposes. The standard loan period will be 6 weeks, but can be extended if needed and no waiting list exists for that device. Entities with a loan agreement on file can request to borrow one or more devices through a paper or electronic request process. Items will be shipped to borrowers based on availability and the borrowers will ship the device back at the end of the loan period.

ETC will be available comprehensively statewide to meet the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities of all ages. While not common, waiting lists have developed for high-end augmentative communication devices and complex vision related equipment

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(e.g. new portable electronic enlarging systems) in recent years. Every effort will be made to expand inventory to eliminate waiting lists dependent on the availability of resources to do so. Intermittent funding through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been available over the past few years to purchase equipment needed to eliminate waiting lists.

5.4 Device Demonstration Program– Describe how the State will implement a device demonstration program as described in section 4(e)(2)(D) of the Act.

Missouri plans to deliver device demonstrations through three regional centers via contracts with local agencies, Coalition for Independence (an independence living center) in Kansas City, Missouri State University (MSU) in Springfield and Services for Independent Living (an independence living center) in Columbia. Each demonstration center has and must maintain a wide variety of cross-disability AT available for demonstration purposes and has significant staff expertise in AT. Two of the centers are located in centers for independent living and also serve as demonstration sites for adaptive telecommunications equipment through the Missouri Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). (TAP utilizes all twenty-one centers for independent living as demonstration centers, ensuring each has a full range of adaptive telephone equipment for consumers to try before completing an application.) In addition, MSU and Services for Independent Living, serve as distribution sites for ETC. Each demonstration center is located in an accessible facility, has a toll free number available, and is able to provide equipment demonstrations off-site as needed to meet consumer needs.

Each demonstration center will be expected to provide assistive technology device demonstrations to individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers, professionals, and others to increase awareness, support informed decision-making regarding device selection, and assist in effective device usage. Device demonstrations include individual and group exploration of a range of devices to increase awareness, individual consultations designed to support device trials and aid in appropriate device selection, and individual and group training on a particular device to support appropriate usage.

The three demonstration centers will not have a specific geographic catchment area and will be expected to serve all who come to their center. Each will be required to use a significant portion of their contract dollars to annually expand the pool of equipment in their center to ensure they can continue to meet cross-disability needs. The demonstration centers support goals 4.1 through 4.4 improving access in education, employment, community living and information technology and telecommunications by providing hands-on access to devices with appropriate technical support available to assist in device exploration and decision making.

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Attachment 6: Comparable Support

6.1 Source and Amount of Support – Identify the State-level activity for which there is comparable support, the source of this support, the amount of the support, and the project year for which this support is being provided.

6.2 Comparability -- Demonstrate that this support is comparable in terms of funding and that the activities are comparable in terms of scope.

6.3 Coordination and Collaboration – Describe how the State will coordinate activities and collaborate with the appropriate entity, if the comparable funds are provided to, or the activities are conducted by, an entity other than the Lead Agency or Implementing Entity.

Missouri is not claiming comparable support.

Attachment 7: State Flexibility

7.1 Activity – Identify each State-level activity the State is choosing not to carry out.

7.2 Maintenance of Statewideness and Comprehensiveness – Demonstrate that the Statewide AT Program will continue to be comprehensive without conducting this activity.

7.3 Achievement of Measurable Goals - Demonstrate that the State can reach its measurable education goals, employment goals, telecommunications and information technology goals, and community living goals without conducting such activities.

7.4 Coordination and Collaboration – Describe how the Lead Agency or Implementing Entity will coordinate activities and collaborate with entities in the State that do conduct this activity, if the State chooses not to conduct this activity because another entity already conducts it.

Missouri is not utilizing the state flexibility clause of the AT Act.

Attachment 8: State Leadership Activities

8.1 Training and Technical Assistance Activities – Describe how the State will provide training and technical assistance to enhance the knowledge, skills, and competencies of individuals from local settings statewide, including representatives of State and local educational agencies, other State and local agencies, early intervention programs, adult service programs, hospitals and other health care facilities, institutions of higher education and businesses as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(i) of the AT Act.

Missouri plans to continue to provide a statewide assistive technology conference (Power Up). While other mechanisms for delivery of training have been considered, one statewide conference continues to be the most effective and efficient approach as it provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities, providers and others to have hands on experience with new assistive technology on the market. This event provides a mechanism for cross training and networking of various facets of the AT community, including all disability groups, age groups and provider types.

Participants at the conference include individuals with disabilities and their family members, representatives of state and local education agencies and other State and local agencies; service providers from early intervention, adult programs, and health care settings; higher education personnel, and private agencies and business representatives. Conference topics have historically included strands focused on AT in educational settings, accessible information technology including web accessibility, AT used in employment, accessible textbooks, etc.

A strand focused on transition will continue to be included in annual Power Up conferences to meet the requirements for a transition training and technical assistance activity. The training strand will include a focus on IDEA students transitioning to post-school activities and the transition of adults with disabilities into community living.

In addition to a comprehensive, statewide AT conference, Missouri plans to continue delivery of other training and technical assistance to meet targeted needs and on an as requested basis. Intensive targeted technical assistance initiatives are described under the subsequent heading of coordination and collaboration.

8.2 Public Awareness Activities – Describe how the State will provide information to targeted individuals and entities relating to the availability, benefits, appropriateness, and costs of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(ii) of the AT Act.

Missouri plans to continue to increase public awareness through development and dissemination of print products and materials and through provision of statewide information and referral services. Missouri Assistive Technology (MoAT) develops print and web based materials to respond to specific informational needs of Missourians. Examples of such materials developed include:

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Missouri Alternative Communication Resource Directory – provides an overview of all the major forms of alternative communication (sign language, real-time captioning, large print, braille, etc. along with tips for producing alternative communications and resources for obtaining services to deliver alternative communications.

Capitol Access Guide – provides specific information regarding accessibility at the state capitol, such as how to request an interpreter for a hearing, where accessible entrances and disabled parking are located, etc.

Disabled Access Tax Credit Guide – provides information about who is eligible for the Missouri disabled access tax credit, what expenses are eligible, and how to apply.

Guide to Missouri Assistive Technology Lemon Law – provides information about what is covered under the lemon law and how to file a complaint with the Attorney General's office.

Special Education Issue Papers – these papers provide information on specific issues related to deliver of AT under IDEA such as use of AT experts by schools and parents, school responsibility for computers as AT, using school owned AT at home, educational versus medical AT under IDEA, etc.

In addition, MoAT plans to continue to respond to requests for information by telephone (toll free number), email, and mail. In a typical year, MoAT staff responds to over 16,000 such requests, resulting in increased awareness of MoAT programs, services and AT availability statewide.

8.3 Coordination and Collaboration – Describe how the State will coordinate activities among public and private entities that are responsible for policies, procedures, or funding for the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services to individuals with disabilities, service providers, and others to improve access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services as described in section 4(e)(3)(B)(iii) of the AT Act.

Missouri plans to continue coordination and collaboration with public and private entities to improve access to AT and other accessible technologies. The structure of the Missouri Assistive Technology Council provides a natural mechanism for coordination and collaboration with those agencies responsible for policies, procedures, funding and provision of assistive technology devices and services. Policy improvement initiatives are a standing agenda item for each Council meeting and new activities are undertaken as opportunities present themselves. Policy improvement initiatives (that fall under the coordination and collaboration activity) do not lend themselves to extensive up-front planning. Instead they tend to be initiatives that MoAT undertakes given the opportunities and events of circumstance in the state at that time. Through the Council

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structure, MoAT is made aware of such opportunities, issues, and needs and via Council decision; MoAT staff can implement and/or expand activities.

Specific initiatives currently in process include:

Voting Access – Missouri Assistive Technology plans to continue to work closely with the Secretary of State on implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirements for one accessible voting system per polling place. MoAT has provided extensive technical assistance to that office in the form of drafting the original Section 261 HAVA grant, drafting sections of the Missouri HAVA State Plan, serving on equipment review committees evaluating product accessibility, and developing overview documents comparing accessibility features of variety voting systems for use by Missouri election officials. MoAT is continuing to provide technical assistance to the Secretary of State's office and local election jurisdictions as they begin the procurement and deployment process for accessible voting equipment. It is anticipated that this work will continue for a number of years.

IT Access – Missouri Assistive Technology in conjunction with the office of information technology (OIT) is responsible for implementation of Missouri's information technology (IT) access law. As such, MoAT plans to continue collaborative work with OIT to update IT access standards, refine IT access procurement review procedures, and expand web accessibility training and resources through the Digital Media Developers Group. Since this is a standing responsibility, it is anticipated that this work effort will continue indefinitely.

NIMAS/NIMAC and textbook accessibility – Missouri Assistive Technology plans to continue to work collaboratively with the Division of Special Education to implement the new accessible textbook requirements of IDEA. Missouri has a state statute that requires all public elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools to procure textbooks and other core instructional materials from publishers who will provide an electronic format at no additional cost. The Division of Special Education is charged with establishing a standard for such electronic format. MoAT worked with the Division to adopt the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards (NIMAS) as the standard for the state law and IDEA and the Division has opted to coordinate with the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center. MoAT has drafted a number of documents including draft contract language to assist with implementation of this new requirement. Since this IDEA requirement becomes effective Dec 3, 2006, this initiative will be in place for a number of years.

On an ongoing basis, MoAT operates a listserv that provides regular posting of information regarding assistive technology and disability related legislative and policy activities. During the state legislative session, postings provide updates on the current status of AT related bills. Postings also provide information regarding national issues, such as invitations to comment on voting equipment accessibility standards, the

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publication of the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards, etc. Currently there are close to 400 subscribers to the listserv representing a wide variety of public and private entities in Missouri. Many of these individuals forward selected listserv information to their agency mailing lists.

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Attachment 9: Involvement of Public and Private Entities

9.1 Nature and Extent of Resources – Describe the nature and extent of resources that will be committed by public and private collaborators to assist in accomplishing identified goals.

Missouri Assistive Technology anticipates it will continue to have available resources from the Department of Health and Department of Education to provide the Kids Assistive Technology Program and the AT Reimbursement Program. However, it is important to note that this funding is not guaranteed in any fiscal year. It is hoped that funding will also be available from the Department of Education on at least an intermittent basis to support equipment purchases for ETC.

Missouri Assistive Technology coordinates services with the state's 21 Centers for Independent Living. Each of these centers serves as a demonstration site for the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) administered by MoAT and has available a full range of adaptive telephone equipment for consumers to try out and obtain assistance in applying for such equipment through TAP. All of these centers contribute resources that assist in accomplishing identified goals of increased access to and acquisition of AT.

9.2 Mechanisms to Ensure Coordination -- Describe the mechanisms established to ensure coordination of activities and collaboration between the implementing entity, if any, and the State.

Not applicable

9.3 Involvement of State Advisory Council - Describe the nature and extent of the involvement of the State Advisory Council in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the activities carried out through the grant, including setting the measurable goals required in section 4(d)(3).

Oversight coordination and planning for all of MoAT activities comes from the AT Council. As previously noted, critical individuals from AT related public and private agencies serve on the Council and as a result coordination with those agencies is a natural part of all activity planning and implementation. MoAT personnel are directly responsible for delivery of most of the required state level and state leadership activities. This structure allows for integration and coordination among services and programs to provide consumers with a “one-stop” approach to AT access and acquisition in Missouri.

The Missouri Assistive Technology Council evaluates all programs and services each year and produces an annual report that documents fiscal year deliverables. The annual report is used to identify and plan for program improvement in upcoming years. The annual report is also provided to the legislature and Governor's office per state statute requirements. For purposes of State Plan submission, the AT Council discussed content issues during the June meeting and the Executive Board reviewed and approved the document prior to submission.

Attachment 10: State Support

10.1 State Support for State Level Activities – If applicable, describe how the State will support with State funds any State-level activities described in section 4(e)(2).

State support has been provided for Show-Me Loans through state matching funds. In addition, while both the AT Reimbursement Program and Kids Assistive Technology (KAT) are primarily funded with federal dollars (IDEA and Maternal Child Health Block Grant respectively), each also includes significant local matching funds. AT Reimbursement is capped at \$5,000 per student and as a result many AT items purchased include local school district funding. Similarly with KAT, MoAT leverages private foundation dollars and other public funding sources with KAT monies to expand the number of families that can be served.

All of the device re-utilization programs and regional device demonstration centers are supported in part by non-federal dollars. Such funding is solicited from local sources and in the case of Missouri State University is contributed support provided through the Department of Education at that institution of higher education.

The device loan program, ETC, has always been at least in part funded through state dollars. In some years that has included state general revenue appropriations. In other years it has included dollars from specialized state funds such as the Blind Task Force.

Missouri Assistive Technology anticipates and is hopeful state resources similar to the above described will be available to support state level activities in future years.

10.2 State Support for State Leadership Activities - If applicable, describe how the State will support with State funds any State Leadership activities described in section 4(e)(3), if applicable.

Non-federal resources have been used on an annual basis to support the statewide assistive technology conference and expo, Power Up, through fees, contributions, and sponsorship by public and private entities. State resources are also frequently available to support coordination and collaboration activities involving other state agencies. Specifically, the Office of Information Technology provides resources necessary to hold meetings, disseminate information, or take other actions necessary to oversee implementation of Missouri's IT access law. Similarly, the Secretary of State's office has contributed resources to support accessible voting initiatives.

Missouri Assistive Technology anticipates and is hopeful state resources similar to the above described will be available to support state leadership activities in future years.

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11.1 Expenditure Tracking – Describe planned procedures for tracking expenditures for activities described in sections 4(e)(2) and (3).

Missouri Assistive Technology utilizes the Missouri state accounting system along with an internal budget system to track all federal AT Act expenditures. The internal budget system is set up to track expenditures as “State Level” or “State Leadership” by amount. A standardized report provides summary data on current expenditure percentages for State Level and State Leadership activities to ensure the required distribution, at least 60% State Level, no more than 40% State Leadership, and at least 2% (5% of 40%) for transition, is met at the end of the fiscal year.

11.2 Proposed Budget Allocations – Attach a budget containing proposed allocations for activities described in sections 4(e)(2) and (3).

Required Budget Allocations	Distribution Percent	Applied to Prior Year Award of \$458,587
State Level Activities	At least 60%	At least \$275,153
State Leadership Activities	No more than 40%	No more than \$183,434
General Leadership	38%	\$174,263
Transition Activity	2%	At least \$9,171
Indirect Costs	0%	0

The following are projected budgeted amounts within the categories of State Level and State Leadership activities. It is important to note that the activities within State Level and State Leadership are not independent and separate from one another. As such, it is impossible to accurately attribute certain general expenses to a particular discreet activity. In many cases such budget projections have been equally distributed rather than pro-rated among activities. Expenditure tracking as described in 11.1 above will not provide an audit trail that accounts for actual expenditures in these discreet categories as compared to the projected budget.

	Projected Budget
State Finance	\$20,000
Device Reutilization	\$100,000
Device Loan	\$150,587
Device Demo	\$68,000
State Level Total	\$338,587
General Training and TA	\$50,000
Transition Training and TA	\$10,000
Awareness	\$20,000
Coordination/Collaboration	\$40,000
State Leadership Total	\$120,000