



D.C. RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM IT TRAINING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CROWN CASTLE AND URBAN ED DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WASHINGTON — April 22, 2020 —In an effort to expand opportunities for District residents, [Urban Ed](#) is proud to announce a job training partnership with [Crown Castle](#), the largest provider of shared communications infrastructure in the United States. Through this initiative, Crown Castle is providing funding for online IT skills training that will upskill adults from Wards 5, 7 and 8.

The partnership with Urban Ed is a part of Crown Castle's *Connected by Good* initiative to work with community partners to improve spaces where people connect, promote public safety, and, in this case, advance access to education and technology. In addition to Urban Ed, Crown Castle recently contributed to Mayor Muriel Bowser's [DC Education Equity Fund](#).

"We are grateful to Crown Castle for stepping up at this critical time when the needs are enormous. Now more than ever, technology skills to support our region and keep people working remotely are in high demand," says Roxanne Williams, president of Urban Ed. "This grant from Crown Castle is playing an important role in preparing D.C. residents to participate in the economic recovery the region needs."

Urban Ed selected participants, including veterans, for a paid 12-week virtual training program. The training is focused on Urban Ed's certified IT Support and Help Desk career pathway and also will include courses in IT networking, cybersecurity, cloud computing and computer programming. After students complete their core training, Urban Ed will provide job placement services.

Ashley Greenspan, public affairs manager for Crown Castle, says "Crown Castle's effort to advance access to education and technology is a commitment to expand access to opportunity. We're proud that our partnership with Urban Ed will provide D.C. residents with the skills needed for a sustainable career in growing and vital IT fields."

The [Catalogue for Philanthropy](#) has recognized Urban Ed as one of the best high-impact, community-based nonprofits in the greater Washington region.

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About Urban Ed

Founded in April 2000, Urban Ed's mission is to provide District of Columbia children, youth, and adults with technology-driven education, information and skill development for sustained futures. Its Pathways to Prosperity programs build leadership, literacy, business skills, and advances STEM proficiency for community members throughout D.C. with a focus on those in Ward 8. Urban Ed's thought leadership around using technology as a tool for lasting community change continues to spur employment as well as contributes to the digital inclusion in the D.C. region. www.urbaned.org

About Crown Castle

Crown Castle owns, operates and leases more than 40,000 cell towers and approximately 80,000 route miles of fiber supporting small cells and fiber solutions across every major U.S. market. This nationwide portfolio of communications infrastructure connects cities and communities to essential data, technology and wireless service - bringing information, ideas and innovations to the people and businesses that need them. For more information on Crown Castle, please visit www.crowncastle.com.

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