



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

Welcome back! As we begin the 2005-06 school year, I am pleased to report that the California Department of Education (CDE) has approved the application of the Instructional Technology Outreach Division at the Los Angeles County Office of Education to continue to serve as California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) Region 11.

Our proposal includes a range of professional development options for L.A. County teachers and administrators, as well as grant support, tech use plan assistance, and resource development. We believe this newsletter will help educators find additional support to integrate technology into teaching and learning.

It is in the best interest of all of us to share our best practices and successes in K-12 education technology. While the CTAP grant period is 2005-08, we all know that the annual renewal of funding is contingent on the state budget. Accordingly, it is even more imperative that we increase awareness of the effectiveness of our programs.

A few items to be ready for early this school year:

- The CDE is expected to release the RFA for Round 4 of the *Enhancing Education Through Technology* (EETT) Competitive grant in mid-September with a mid-November due date.
- CTAP 11 will be hosting a Showcase for district superintendents and assistant superintendents on October 21 to familiarize them with programs and initiatives we will offer this year. Superintendents will receive invitations shortly.

For information about our workshops and other activities, please check our Web site: <http://ctap.lacoe.edu>.

American Honda Foundation Grants

The American Honda Foundation makes grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused non-profit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. The foundation is seeking programs that meet the following characteristics: imaginative, scientific, creative, humanistic, youthful, innovative, and forward-thinking.

Contact—310-781-4090

Web Site—<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Deadline—November 1, 2005

Eligibility—K-12 schools and other youth-focused nonprofits

Awards—Average grant range is \$40,000-\$80,000

Teacher Professional Development Grants

Grades K-5 Teacher Program

Grades 6-8 Teacher Program

Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the purpose of these grant programs is to support professional development to improve the competence in the teaching of mathematics of one or more full-time classroom teachers. Acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant.

GRANTS

Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Children with Disabilities

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of the program is to: (1) improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology, (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Contact—Tom Hanley, Program Officer, 202-245-7369

Web Site—www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2005-3/090105a.html

Deadline—October 18, 2005

Eligibility—Local education agencies (schools/school districts), public charter schools

Awards—\$3M, with grants ranging from \$100,000-\$300,000

Initiative to Develop Education through Astronomy and Space Science (IDEAS) Grant Program

The IDEAS grant program is an independent education and public outreach grant program that does not have direct attachment to a science research program. The spirit of IDEAS is to provide start-up funding to explore innovative, creative ways to integrate astronomy and space science into education and public outreach venues through partnerships between astronomers/space scientists and education professionals.

Contact—ideas@stsci.edu

Web Site—<http://ideas.stsci.edu/>

Deadline—October 21, 2005

Eligibility—Partnerships between education professionals and space scientists

Awards—Up to \$20,000 (1-year project); up to \$50,000 (2-year projects)



DIRECTV Goes to School Program

(www.directv.com/DTVAPP/aboutus/Schools.dsp)

The DIRECTV Goes to School program offers educators a nonviolent educational programming package and satellite equipment. The programming package, called SCHOOL CHOICE, is FREE and available to state-accredited public and private schools serving students in grades K-12. A free DIRECTV Multi-Satellite System for up to three rooms will be provided, including up to three standard receivers (or up to two standard receivers and one DIRECTV® DVR) and three remote controls. Additional receivers may be purchased at the retailer of your choice. Installation of all receivers will be at the school's expense. For more information, please visit their website.



Contact—profdev@nctm.org,
703-620-9840

Web Site—www.nctm.org/about/met/
duncan.htm (*Grades K-5*)
www.nctm.org/about/met/dolciani.htm
(*Grades 6-8*)

Deadline—November 4, 2005 (for both
programs)

Eligibility—K-8 grade teachers (Applicants
must be a member of the NCTM)

Awards—Up to \$3,000

Educator Grants

Aerospace Education Foundation

The Educator Grant program is designed
to promote aerospace education (science,
technology and national defense) activities
to classrooms from kindergarten through
12th grades. The program encourages
development of innovative aerospace
activities within the prescribed curriculum.
Projects involving creative uses of
technology are encouraged.

Contact—800-291-8480

Web Site—www.aef.org/aid/grants.asp

Deadline—November 15, 2005

Eligibility—K-12 teachers

Awards—Up to \$250



ITEA Elementary Grants

Advancement of Technology

Education in the Elementary Schools (K-6)

The focus of the ITEA grant will be to
advance quality in technology education
at the elementary school level. Grants

2006 EDS Technology Grant Program Opens October 2005 (www.eds.com/about/ community/grants/06program. aspx)

Grants of \$1,500 will be awarded
to teachers and library media special-
ists through a competitive application
process. The program challenges
teachers and librarians to explore tech-
nology-related products and services
and creatively apply these tools and
resources in the classroom to enrich
student learning. Applications must
be obtained from a sponsoring EDS
account/team. The deadline for the
2006 program is January 31, 2006, in
most areas. Please verify deadline date
with your local sponsor upon obtain-
ing an application. The 2006 Sponsor
Listing will be available on October
15, 2005.

will be awarded to schools showing a
need for funding to create or advance
technology activities in their schools. The
proposed grant must be directed towards a
comprehensive, project-based educational
program concerned with technology and
its evolution, utilization, and significance.

Contact—bmongold@iteaconnect.org,
703-860-2100

Web Site—www.iteaconnect.org/I2a.html

Deadline—January 1, 2006

Eligibility—K-6 elementary school
teachers must hold membership in ITEA
(Membership may be enclosed with
application.)

Awards—Seven grants of \$1,000 each

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Readingpen K-12 Grant Program

The Readingpen K-12 Grant Program
is designed to support innovative and
effective uses of the Readingpen in
classroom settings. The Readingpen
scans, defines, translates, and pronounces
words from any printed material.

Preference will be given to projects that
address: K-12 Reading, Reading in the
content area (social studies, science,
math), Supplemental Reading, ELL/ESL.
Apply online.

Contact—877-344-4040

Web Site—www.readingpen.com/learn/
default.htm

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Teams of 2-3 teachers at a
single K-12 school

Awards—10 Readingpens K-12 Edition
(valued at \$1,000); teacher support materi-
als; and support from a mentor, senior
reading specialist with experience integrat-
ing technology for reading into the K-12
environment

AWARDS/CONTESTS/ SCHOLARSHIPS/STUDY TOURS

2006 Vernier Technology Awards

Sponsored by Vernier Software & Tech-
nology and the National Science Teachers
Association, this award recognizes the in-
novative use of data collection technology
using a computer, graphing calculator, or
handheld in the science classroom.

Contact—Barbara Kinney, 703-312-9217,
bkinney@nsta.org

Web Site—www.nsta.org/vernier

Deadline—October 15, 2005

Eligibility—Teachers of science in grades
K-12 schools with at least 50% of the stu-
dent population eligible for the National
School Lunch Program

Awards—Seven \$1,000 prizes, state-
of-the-art wireless laptop computers
and technology equipment and an

Stay Tuned...Coming in the Fall 2005...FutureReady (www.futureready.org)

Dell and Microsoft are teaming up to
give away a million dollars worth of edu-
cation technology. The Dell-Microsoft
collaboration is designed to help students
reach their full potential through technol-
ogy in the classroom. To learn more and
sign up for email updates, please visit
their website at www.futureready.org.

Three ways your school can win:

- Mobile Computer Lab Contest is a
chance to win a mobile computer lab
valued up to \$10,000
- Dell Intelligent Classroom Sweep-
stakes will award 3 schools with a
technology-enabled classroom of the
future, worth up to \$75,000 each.
- The Search for America's Technol-
ogy Visionaries, an essay contest, will
select 3 essays to be awarded school
technology worth up to \$250,000 each.

all-expenses-paid trip to the NSTA
Convention (up to \$1,000) in the following
categories: one elementary (grades K-5),
two middle school (grades 6-8), three high
school (grades 9-12), and one college

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology 2006

Sponsored by the International Reading
Association, this annual award is designed
to honor educators in grades K-12 who
are making an outstanding and innovative
contribution to the use of technology in
reading education.

Contact—exec@reading.org

Web Site—www.reading.org/association/
awards/teachers_presidential.html

Deadline—November 15, 2005

Eligibility—Public and private K-12
educators

Awards—One grand prize winner will
receive a \$1,000 cash prize plus expenses
to attend the IRA Annual Convention.
Seven additional regional winners will
each receive a \$500 cash prize.

2006 Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund
Teacher Program, sponsored by the gov-
ernment of Japan, provides U.S. teachers
with fully-funded three-week study tours
of Japan designed to introduce participants
to Japan and Japanese education.

Contact—1-888-527-2636 or jfjmf@iie.org

Web Site—www.iie.org/jfjmf

Deadline—December 10, 2005

Eligibility—Full-time teachers of grades
1-12 from any discipline

Awards—Maximum of 600 participants