



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## It's Time for the 2008 State Technology Survey

With the New Year comes the time to complete the 2008 California School Technology Survey. A collaborative effort of the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) regions and the California Department of Education (CDE), the survey collects data annually to measure progress of integrating technology into California classrooms. The window for completing the 2008 California School Technology Survey is **January 24 to March 14, 2008**.

It's important to note that completion of the School Technology Survey is a requirement for education technology grants administered by the CDE, including the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Formula and Competitive funds. Failure to complete both the district level and school level surveys on time may put grant funding at risk.

Because some grants use the School Technology Survey data for calculating grant awards, it is very important that the survey data are accurate and complete. Districts are urged to assign a coordinator to help ensure the accurate and timely completion of the survey. School staff should work closely with the district coordinator. A letter from the CDE announcing the 2008 Survey, and including the required PIN and passwords, was sent this month to district superintendents and principals of direct-funded charter schools. If you have questions about the survey, please contact your county-level CTAP specialist, or e-mail Jim Freese at <[jfreese@acoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:jfreese@acoe.k12.ca.us)>. For more information, visit the CDE web site at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/rs/techsurvey.asp>>.

ready to implement the program in fall 2008 in 3 elementary schools.

**Contact**—502-584-1133 or use the “Contact Us” online form.

**Web Site**—[www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.3781979/](http://www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.3781979/)

**Deadline**—February 15, 2008 (Capability Survey)

**Eligibility**—School districts

**Awards**—Five awards of \$600,000 each

### Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools

Offered by the USDE, this program is designed to help improve and strengthen school emergency management plans.

**Contact**—Sara Strizzi, 303-346-0924, [sara.strizzi@ed.gov](mailto:sara.strizzi@ed.gov)

**Web Site**—<http://rems.ed.gov/>

**Deadline**—February 19, 2008

**Eligibility**—School districts, including charter schools who are LEAs under State law

**Awards**—96 awards ranging from \$100,000-\$500,000 each

### New Voices 2008

Sponsored by J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism, the New Voices 2008 project will help fund the start-up of 10 innovative local news initiatives next year.

**Contact**—301-985-4020, [news@j-lab.org](mailto:news@j-lab.org)

**Web Site**—[www.j-newvoices.org/](http://www.j-newvoices.org/)

**Deadline**—February 20, 2008

**Eligibility**—Nonprofit and education institutions, including schools, colleges and universities

**Awards**—10 start-up grants of \$12,000 each

### Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

Offered by the USDE, the SLC program is designed to support the implementation of SLCs and activities to improve student academic achievement in large public high schools with enrollments of 1,000 or more students.

**Contact**—Angela Hernandez-Marshall, [smallerlearningcommunities@ed.gov](mailto:smallerlearningcommunities@ed.gov), 202-205-1909

**Web Site**—[www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/index.html)

**Deadline**—February 25, 2008

**Eligibility**—School districts

**Awards**—40 awards ranging from \$1M to \$1.7M each for a 5-year project period

### Staples Foundation for Learning

The Foundation's goal is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth.

**Contact**—[foundationinfo@staples.com](mailto:foundationinfo@staples.com)

**Web Site**—[www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html](http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html)

**Deadline**—February 29-March 14, 2008

**Eligibility**—Schools are eligible, if they apply through a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor such as a PTA or local education foundation.

**Awards**—Average range of \$5,000-\$25,000 each

## GRANTS

### Professional Development for Arts Educators—Arts in Education

Offered by the USDE, this program supports the implementation of professional development model programs in music, dance, drama, media arts, or visual arts, including folk arts, for arts educators and other instructional staff of grades K-12 students in high-poverty schools.

**Contact**—[PDAE@ed.gov](mailto:PDAE@ed.gov)

**Web Site**—[www.ed.gov/programs/artsedprofdev/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/artsedprofdev/index.html)

**Deadline**—February 11, 2008 (Intent to Apply); February 29, 2008 (Application)

**Eligibility**—Partnerships between high poverty K-12 schools and state or local arts agencies or institutions of higher education

**Awards**—30 awards estimated at \$200,000 each

### Model Development and Dissemination Grant Program—Arts in Education

Sponsored by the USDE, this grant program supports projects that integrate and strengthen arts in the core elementary and middle school curricula; strengthen arts instruction in grades K-8; and improve students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing and responding to the arts.

**Contact**—Diane Austin, 202-260-1280, [artsdemo@ed.gov](mailto:artsdemo@ed.gov)

**Web Site**—[www.ed.gov/programs/artsedmodel/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/artsedmodel/index.html)

**Deadline**—February 13, 2008 (Intent to Apply); March 14, 2008 (Application)

**Eligibility**—Partnerships between K-8 schools and state or local arts agencies or institutions of higher education

**Awards**—14 awards estimated at \$200,000 each

### 2008 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

This grant initiative supports innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting. HP will grant awards to K-12 public schools that are using collaborative, team-based approaches to implementing technology integration projects. Some preference will be given to projects that include integration of mathematics and/or science curriculum and that serve low-income students.

**Contact**—Use the online form in the FAQ section.

**Web Site**—[www.hp.com/go/hpteach](http://www.hp.com/go/hpteach)

**Deadline**—February 14, 2008

**Eligibility**—Teams consisting of 5 teachers at K-12 public schools

**Awards**—110 schools will be awarded technology equipment and professional development support valued at \$40,000 each.

### Toyota Family Literacy Program Grant

This program is designed to expand literacy programs for Hispanic and other immigrant families. Toyota is seeking five school districts

### 2008 California Student Media Festival

The Festival celebrates projects and learning with video and multimedia projects by students. There are also awards for teachers. The Festival is not just for the high-end, expert technology users. If your students (or you) are using videomaking or multimedia in your classroom, the Festival is designed to honor your efforts. **Submission date is April 8, 2008**. For more information, go to <[www.mediafestival.org/](http://www.mediafestival.org/)> or send an email to <[jenglish@koce.org](mailto:jenglish@koce.org)>.

### 2008 Innovation Generation Grants

Sponsored by Motorola Foundation, this grant program is designed to provide support to pioneering programs that engage K-12 students and teachers in innovation, science, technology, engineering and math.

**Contact**—giving@motorola.com

**Web Site**—www.motorola.com/content.jsp?globalObjectId=8153

**Deadline**—March 1, 2008

**Eligibility**—Schools and school districts, nonprofit agencies

**Awards**—Up to \$100,000 each

### Mathematics and Reading Professional Development

Sponsored by the CDE, this reimbursement program provides funds to local education agencies for completed teacher professional development in mathematics and reading/language arts.

**Contact**—Eli Johnson, 916-323-4711,

ejohnson@cde.ca.gov

**Web Site**—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.

asp?id=1268

**Deadline**—March 1, 2008

**Eligibility**—School districts

**Awards**—See allocation formula on the web site

### Qualified Zone Academy Bond—Second Round (QZAB)

Administered by the CDE, the tax credit bond program helps schools raise funds to renovate and repair buildings, invest in equipment and up-to-date technology, develop challenging curricula and train quality teachers.

**Contact**—Shannon Farrell-Hart, 916-323-3923, sfarrell@cde.ca.gov

**Web Site**—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.

asp?id=1037

**Deadline**—March 4, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools must be located in a designated Empowerment Zone or have at least 35% of its student population eligible for the federal lunch subsidy and must have a business or industry partner.

**Awards**—From \$20.4M in remaining funds, the bond cap for each academy is \$2.5M.

### “Bright Ideas” Grants for Schools

Sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), this grant program is designed to fund outstanding solar energy education projects in communities served by PG&E.

**Contact**—800-875-5029

**Web Site**—www.need.org/pgesolarschools/big.htm

**Deadline**—March 15, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools located in PG&E service areas

**Awards**—\$2,500 or \$5,000 each

### New Leaders for New Schools

Through a rigorous selection process, intensive training program and ongoing support, the New Leaders for New Schools program provides a pathway for current and former educators to become outstanding principals of urban public schools. After completing a five-week summer training institute, leaders begin a year-long, full-time, paid residency in an urban public school working alongside a mentor principal. **The deadline to apply is February 28, 2008.** For more information, visit <<http://nlns.org/NLWeb/Program.jsp>>.

### Captain Planet Foundation

Provides support for environmental education projects.

**Contact**—Taryn Murphy,

tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org

**Web Site**—www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html

**Deadline**—March 31, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools and nonprofit agencies

**Awards**—Grants range from \$250-\$2,500 each.

### County Technology Academy Grant (CTAG)

Sponsored by CCCOE and The Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation, the goals of this grant program are to enhance curriculum and improve student learning through the integration of technology, and to provide technical and professional development support to teachers to infuse technology into curriculum. Fifty percent of the grants awarded must go to sites who have never been awarded a CTAG grant before.

**Contact**—Amy Geotina, 925-942-3441,

ageotina@cccoe.k12.ca.us,

**Web Site**—www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/ctag/

**Deadline**—April 18, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 public school sites in Contra Costa County

**Awards**—Professional Development Team grants of \$8,000, with a \$2,000 (in-kind) match required.

### Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams High School Invention Grants

This program is designed to foster inventiveness among high school students. InvenTeams, composed of high school students, teachers and mentors, are asked to collaboratively identify a problem they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention.

**Contact**—inventeams@mit.edu, 617-452-2146

**Web Site**—<http://web.mit.edu/inventeams>

**Deadline**—April 25, 2008

**Eligibility**—High school science, mathematics, and technology teachers (or teams of teachers) at public, private, charter and vocational schools

**Awards**—15 awards of up to \$10,000 each

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Google Apps Education Edition

Google Apps Education Edition is a FREE service for schools and includes the Google Docs & Spreadsheets program, Gmail email services, Google Calendar shared calendaring, Google Talk instant messaging, and the Google Start Page feature for creating a customizable home page on a specific domain. Google Apps Education Edition provides anywhere-anytime computing solutions that improve communication and collaboration among members of the school community. For more information, visit <<http://www.google.com/a/edu/>>.

## AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/CONTESTS

### 2008 Intel Schools of Distinction Awards

This awards program is designed to recognize schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education.

**Contact**—Use the “Contact Us” online form.

**Web Site**—[www.intel.com/education/schoolsofdistinction/](http://www.intel.com/education/schoolsofdistinction/)

**Deadline**—February 14, 2008

**Eligibility**—K-12 public, private or charter schools

**Awards**—One elementary, one middle, and one high school in each of two categories—math and science—will receive \$10,000 cash grants and \$100,000+ in products and services. One of the six winning schools will be chosen as the Star Innovator, and will receive an additional \$15,000 grant from the Intel Foundation as well as additional products and services.

### 2008 Christopher Columbus Awards

This awards program is a national, community-based science and technology program for middle school students. Students are challenged to work in teams of 3-4, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and create an innovative solution to that problem.

**Contact**—800-291-6020

**Web Site**—[www.christophercolumbusawards.com/](http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/)

**Deadline**—March 17, 2008

**Eligibility**—Middle school students (grades 6-8) and their coaches

**Awards**—Four finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and compete for U.S. Savings Bonds of \$2,000 for each team member plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea.

### Listen to a Life Essay Contest

To enter the contest, a young person interviews an older person about their hopes and goals through their life, and then writes a 300-word essay based on the interview.

**Contact**—800-772-7765, tcp@tcpnow.com

**Web Site**—[www.legacyproject.org/contests/ltal.html](http://www.legacyproject.org/contests/ltal.html)

**Deadline**—March 31, 2008

**Eligibility**—Each team consists of a young person 8-18 years old with a grandparent or grandfriend 50 years or over.

**Awards**—Grand prize is a Lenovo ThinkCentre computer with \$800 of Orchard Software and an iPod Classic with video from Orchard Software, plus \$25,000 worth of Orchard Software for the school; twenty runner-up prizes of \$400 of Orchard Software and an iPod Shuffle.

### ThinkQuest International 2008 Website Competition

Sponsored by Oracle Education Foundation, the competition inspires students to think, connect, create, and share. Students work in teams to build innovative and educational websites to share with the world. Along the way, they learn research, writing, teamwork, and technology skills and compete for exciting prizes.

**Contact**—support@thinkquest.org

**Web Site**—[www.thinkquest.org/](http://www.thinkquest.org/)

**Deadline**—April 2, 2008

**Eligibility**—Student teams, ages 9-19, and their teacher coach

**Awards**—The top 5 teams in each age division receive laptop computers and a cash award for the coach's school. In addition, the top 3 teams in each age division travel to ThinkQuest Live, an educational extravaganza celebrating their achievements. A special award is also presented to the team best demonstrating global perspectives.