



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## From the Director . . .

This is CTAP Region IV's sixth year publishing the *Technology Funding Alert!* You'll be receiving five issues this year to keep you informed about opportunities for grants, awards and product donations that will support the use of technology in teaching and learning. It will also be available on our website at: <http://www.ctap4.org>.

We realize that 2004-05 will be a tight budget year for schools and that grants have become an even more important source of funding to support technology in education. While the economic downturn has impacted state funding, federal *Enhancing Education Through Technology* (EETT) will continue to support technology acquisition and professional development as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, it is anticipated that funding from a settlement with Microsoft will be available this year to enable California schools to purchase hardware and software.

The CDE will distribute approximately \$80 million in EETT funds this year through two programs: \$40 million through a formula-funded program that will be announced this month, and \$40 million through a competitive application to be announced this winter. Formula funds will be allocated based upon each district's share of Title I funding under Title II D. To receive the funds, districts will need to have the CDE review and approve their district technology plan for compliance with federal technology plan requirements. The window for submitting plans for approval is expected to begin in October and will end in April. Districts whose technology plans were approved in the last two years will continue to qualify for ongoing EETT formula-funded grants. Districts can learn more about EETT at the CDE website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/ft/eettformappinstr.asp>.

Information about the Microsoft settlement funding, now called the *Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program*, will be released later this year. Watch the CDE website for announcements at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/st/>. Details of this funding will be announced in future issues of the *Technology Funding Alert!*

Members of the CTAP staff are available to work with your district in developing a district technology plan that meets state approval and helps you qualify for these funding opportunities. For further information and a listing of staff to contact, visit the Region IV Web page at: <http://www.ctap4.org>, or phone us at 510-670-4166. We look forward to supporting your success in grant acquisition this year!

## GRANTS

### California Mathematics and Science Partnership (CaMSP)

This program seeks to establish partnerships to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science. The focus is to create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics teachers (grades five through algebra I) and science teachers (grades four through eight).

**Contact**—Yvonne Evans, 916-323-5252, [yevans@cde.ca.gov](mailto:yevans@cde.ca.gov)

**Web Site**—[www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/cf/profile.asp?id=504](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/cf/profile.asp?id=504)

**Deadline**—October 25, 2004

**Eligibility**—Partnerships between an eligible local educational agency and an institution of higher education. County offices of education, individual schools, or other organizations involved with the program may also participate in the partnership.

**Awards**—\$20M in program funding is avail-

able with a maximum award of \$1M

### Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, ITEST is designed to increase the opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including Information Technology (IT) courses. ITEST has two components: (a) youth-based projects with strong emphases on career and educational paths; and (b) comprehensive projects for students and teachers.

**Contact**—Julia V. Clark, 703-292-5119, [jclark@nsf.gov](mailto:jclark@nsf.gov)

**Web Site**—[www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04611/nsf04611.htm](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04611/nsf04611.htm)

**Deadline**—November 1, 2004 (Required Pre-Proposal); February 9, 2005 (Full Proposal)

**Eligibility**—Organizations with an educational mission

**Awards**—\$20M in available funds for 8-12 awards

### Autodesk Inc./ITEA Advancement of Technology Education in the Elementary Schools (K-6)

The focus of the Autodesk Inc./ITEA grant will be to advance quality in technology education at the elementary school level. Grants will be awarded to schools showing a need for funding to create or advance technology activities in their schools.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 703-860-2100 or [iteaodr@iris.org](mailto:iteaodr@iris.org).

**Web Site**—[www.iteawww.org/I2a.html](http://www.iteawww.org/I2a.html)

**Deadline**—January 1, 2005

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

**Awards**—Seven grants of \$1,000 each

### Toyota TIME

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. in partnership with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Toyota's Investment In Mathematics Excellence (TIME) is a grant awarding teachers up to \$10,000 for innovative projects that enhance mathematics education within a school. The focus is on individual students and classrooms rather than on district-wide projects.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to [toyotatime@nctm.org](mailto:toyotatime@nctm.org) or 1-888-573-TIME.

**Web Site**—

[www.nctm.org/about/toyota/index.asp](http://www.nctm.org/about/toyota/index.asp)

**Deadline**—January 7, 2005

**Eligibility**—K-12 classroom teachers with 3 years experience teaching mathematics

**Awards**—Up to thirty-five two-year grants, totaling up to \$350,000, will be awarded at three levels: elementary, middle, and high school.

### Toyota Tapestry

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales and the National Science Teachers Association, this grant program funds innovative science teaching projects in Environmental Science Education, Physical Science Applications, and Literacy and Science Education. Projects that apply science to technology are encouraged.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed online and will be e-mailed to the "Expert of the Month."

**Web Site**—[www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm](http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm)

**Deadline**—January 19, 2005

**Eligibility**—K-12 science teachers

**Awards**—Fifty grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20 mini-grants of \$2,500 each

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Beaumont Foundation

The Foundation seeks to award schools serving underprivileged student populations that support the effort of digital equity and inclusion and that promote technology as a tool for learning and communicating. The foundation will accept online Letters of Interest (unique letters, not "boiler plate" written by the district) through October 22, 2004.

**Contact**—If you have questions, please e-mail the Foundation using the "Ask a Question" query on the Web site.

**Web Site**—[www.bmtfoundation.com/bfa/us/public/en/grants/](http://www.bmtfoundation.com/bfa/us/public/en/grants/)

**Deadline**—October 22, 2004 (Letters of Interest)

**Eligibility**—Public, private or charter schools in which at least 50% of the school student population is eligible for the National School Lunch Program

**Awards**—Wireless laptop computers, technology equipment, Microsoft Windows XP Professional and Microsoft Office XP

### AlphaGrants Program

The AlphaGrants Program is designed to help K-12 schools implement classroom technology solutions that improve the teaching and learning environment in math, science, and language arts. The company's goal is to assist educators as they strive to improve instruction, student performance, and achievement through the effective use of AlphaSmart products and services.

**Contact**—If you need clarification during the application process, submit questions to [grants@alphasmart.com](mailto:grants@alphasmart.com).

**Web Site**—[www3.alphasmart.com/k12/solutions/alphagrants.html](http://www3.alphasmart.com/k12/solutions/alphagrants.html)

**Deadline**—November 15, 2004

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools

**Awards**—Four schools will receive a complete classroom solution of 30 devices in a compact cart for storage and management, along with course software and professional training tailored to support the work outlined in the selected grant proposals.

### Contra Costa County Grant

Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Office of Education, the County Technology Academy Grant (CTAG, Round 3), will be offered to teacher pairs from the same school that propose innovative projects to improve student learning through technology-based curriculum. Technical assistance workshops will be offered (see website for further information).

**Contact**—Gary Hensley at 925-942-3441 or [ghensley@cccoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:ghensley@cccoe.k12.ca.us)

**Web Site**—<http://intergate.ccoec.k12.ca.us/ctag/>

**Deadline**—December 3, 2004

**Eligibility**—K-12 teacher pairs in Contra Costa County

**Awards**—10 grants of \$8,000 each

### Verizon Foundation Equipment Donation Program

Through Verizon's In-Kind Donation Program, public schools can request computers (most often, equipment is recycled). The computers meet the following minimum specifications: 166 Mhz processor (Pentium I), DOS operating system, Floppy disk drive, 2.4GB Hardrive, 64 RAM and 17-inch monitor. Systems will be distributed in groups of 5, with a maximum quantity of 15 systems per school. Schools will be responsible for shipping and handling charges. Applications may be downloaded from the website: <http://foundation.verizon.com/06005.shtml> and mailed to the address noted.

## AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

### Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards

This award program honors policymakers, educators, community leaders and administrators who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in K-12 education, in schools and in other informal learning settings such as after-school programs.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 202-775-1040 or by website submission.

**Web Site**—[www.ciconline.com/leadersin-learningawards/default.html](http://www.ciconline.com/leadersin-learningawards/default.html)

**Deadline**—Application period: October 1, 2004-January 31, 2005

**Eligibility**—Policymakers, educators, administrators and community leaders

**Awards**—12 awards of \$3,000 each across 4 categories

### Excellence in Teaching Technology Award

Sponsored by The Foundation for Technology Education, this grant is designed to honor a technology teacher at any grade level (K-12). Its purpose is to recognize and encourage the integration of a quality technology education program within the school curriculum.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 703-860-2100 or [iteaodr@iris.org](mailto:iteaodr@iris.org)

**Web Site**—[www.iteawww.org/I2b.html](http://www.iteawww.org/I2b.html)

**Deadline**—December 1, 2005

**Eligibility**—Technology teachers at any grade level (K-12) must hold membership in ITEA (Membership may be enclosed with application.)

**Awards**—\$2,000

### Intel and Scholastic 2005 Schools of Distinction Award

Intel Corporation, Scholastic Inc., and Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc., are conducting a search of elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate excellence in any of ten categories—from Academic Achievement to Technology Excellence.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to Bart Teal, [bart@blueribbonsschools.com](mailto:bart@blueribbonsschools.com).

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

**Deadline**—December 1, 2005

**Eligibility**—PreK-12 public, private and charter schools

**Awards**—Twenty awards will be funded, 2 in each of 10 categories—one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level. In addition to prizes consisting of equipment, software, and services, winning schools will receive \$10,000—and two schools selected from these winners will be designated as "Best of the Best." These schools will receive an additional \$15,000. Last year's overall prize package was valued at over \$120,000 per school.

### ITEA Professional Development Award

Sponsored by The Foundation for Technology Education, this grant is designed to encourage professional development participation of classroom teachers and supervisors in Technology Education.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 703-860-2100 or [iteaodr@iris.org](mailto:iteaodr@iris.org)

**Web Site**—[www.iteawww.org/I2c.html](http://www.iteawww.org/I2c.html)

**Deadline**—December 1, 2005

**Eligibility**—Technology education teachers or supervisors in grades 6-12 must hold membership in ITEA (Membership may be enclosed with application.)

**Awards**—\$1,000 to offset the expenses of attending an International Technology Education Conference

### 7th Annual Inspired Teacher

#### Scholarships for Visual Learning

Inspiration Software is offering this scholarship program to educators who use graphic organizers and other visual learning tools to help students develop strong thinking and organizational skills and improve their academic performance. Twenty-five of these scholarships will be awarded to educators who champion the integration of visual learning in the curriculum. And, new for 2005, five Rookie Awards will be awarded to educators who are new to the area of visual learning but want to learn more.

**Contact**—Questions or comments may be directed to [scholarship@inspiration.com](mailto:scholarship@inspiration.com)

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

**Deadline**—January 27, 2005

**Eligibility**—K-20 educators. A minimum of one year of service is required. Technology coordinators, library media specialists, and curriculum coordinators are encouraged to apply, but should demonstrate direct contact with students when completing the application requirements.

**Awards**—30 scholarships of \$750 each

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#### RadioShack National Teacher Awards (<http://education.RadioShack.com/TeacherAwards>)

This program is designed to recognize teachers who demonstrate a commitment to educational excellence in mathematics, science, and technology. Another round of awards will be announced in the fall. Watch the website for guidelines and application process. Last year, 110 awards were given, ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000, and the deadline was in early November.