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Technology Funding Alert!

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It's Time for the 2007 State Technology Survey

With the New Year comes the time to complete the 2007 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 survey has been delayed this year to accommodate streamlining the instrument and better integrating it with EdTech Profile data. The window for completing the 2007 California School Technology Survey is anticipated to be **January 22 through April 6, 2007**.

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 2007 survey and including the required PIN and passwords will be 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>. For more information, visit the CDE web site at: <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/rs/techsurvey.asp>>.

GRANTS

2007 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

This initiative is designed to support innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting. In 2007, HP will grant awards to K-12 public schools that are using a collaborative, team-based approach to implementing technology integration projects. Based on the outcomes of those projects, some recipients may have the opportunity to receive additional, higher-value grants from HP in 2008.

Contact—After reviewing the FAQ section, please direct questions by clicking on “please submit your question here” at the bottom of the FAQ web page.

Web Site—www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs

Deadline—February 15, 2007
(Online application required)

Eligibility—Teams of 5 full-time, certified teachers from K-12 public schools. Preference will be given to projects that address mathematics and/or science. Preference will also be given to schools that serve a high proportion of low-income students.

Awards—130 schools will each receive technology equipment, cash grants of \$2,500 and online professional development (total value placed at \$30,000+)

California Health Science Educators Institute (CDE Funding)

This funding is provided to support Health Science pathway programs in California through school district teams' attendance at the Second Annual California Health Science Educators Institute. The CDE will award grants to eligible sites interested in developing or implementing Health Science and Medical Technology pathways.

Contact—Cindy Beck, 916-319-0470, cbeck@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=987

Deadline—February 15, 2007

Eligibility—School districts that are developing or currently engaged in Health Science career pathways

Awards—10 grants of up to \$10,000 each

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Provides funding for projects that meet school needs in partnership with the school's parent-teacher group. Projects that encourage parent involvement will be favored. Only the first 1,500 applications will be reviewed for the Spring 2007 grant cycle, so get your online application in early.

Contact—info@toolboxforeducation.com

Web Site—www.toolboxforeducation.com/

Deadline—February 15, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 schools and parent-teacher groups

Awards—\$5M available for grants ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 each

Administrator Training (CDE Funding)

The Administrator Training Program (AB 430) supports professional development that focuses on building principals' and vice principals' leadership skills.

Contact—Ron Taylor, 916-323-4819, rtaylor@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=695

Deadline—February 19, 2007

Eligibility—Principals or vice principals

Awards—Grant awards of \$3,000 each from a total of \$6.5M

Staples Foundation for Learning

The Foundation's goal is to help local groups with programs and services that will positively impact their communities every day by providing funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth.

Contact—foundationinfo@staples.com

Web Site—www.staplesfoundation.org/

Deadline—March 2, 2007

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

Awards—Grant range of \$5,000-\$25,000

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 that they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention as an in-class or extracurricular project.

\$100M Available for Instructional Materials, Library Materials, and Education Technology

Through a state apportionment, \$100M in one-time funds will be available to California schools this year for instructional materials, library materials, and education technology (\$15.80 per pupil). CTAP encourages education technology leaders and textbook and library materials staff to work together in planning for use of this funding. For more information, visit the following Web page at: <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=973>>.

Free Wikis for K-12 Teachers

Wikis are simple group Web sites that are easy for anyone to edit. They are great for classrooms, work groups, clubs and more. Wikispaces provides easy to use hosted wikis. To encourage the use of wikis in education, Wikispaces is offering free wikis to K-12 teachers. These wikis can be public or private, have no advertising on them, provide unlimited usage, and are completely free. For more information, go to: <<http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers100K>>.

Contact—inventteams@mit.edu, 617-452-2146

Web Site—www.inventteams.org

Deadline—April 27, 2007

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

Awards—Up to twenty-three grants of up to \$10,000 each

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Breaking Down Barriers to Assistive Technology Grant Program

Premier Assistive Technology, Inc. sponsors this grant program designed to help primary and secondary school students with learning and/or visual disabilities in reading, writing or math. This grant is intended to help students by providing assistive technology to schools and organizations that currently cannot afford it. Apply online.

Contact—info@readingmadeez.com or 517-668-8188.

Web Site—www.readingmadeez.com/Grantform.php

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools

Awards—Software site license

Fujifilm Products for Learning Program

Fujifilm is looking for lesson plans that have educational merit and clearly demonstrate the creative integration of imaging and information technology into teaching and learning.

2007 A+ for Energy Grant Program

BP will award up to \$1.5 million in grants to K-12 California teachers for innovative classroom, after-school, extra-curricular, or summer activities focused on energy and/or energy conservation. Grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 will be awarded directly to teachers, reflecting the budget request submitted with the application. Check the web site frequently for the 2007 application. The deadline is estimated to be in early April 2007. For more information, visit <<http://www.aplusforenergy.org/>>.

Contact—Direct questions online by clicking on “Application.” Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Need Support?”

Web Site—www.fujifilmusa.com/JSP/fuji/epartners/LearningGuidelines.jsp

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools

Awards—Product donations include: 35mm cameras and 35mm film, audiotapes, CDs, digital cameras, DVDs, Flash & xD-Picture Cards™, one-time-use QuickSnap™ cameras, USB drives, videotapes, Zip® disks (total value not to exceed \$1,000)

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/INSTITUTES

MathMovesU Scholarships & Grants Program

Sponsored by Raytheon, this grant and scholarship program is intended to encourage participation and enthusiasm in math doing and teaching. Online application required.

Contact—Questions may be asked online by clicking on the “Help” tab on the “Program Information” page.

Web Site—www.mathmovesu.com/grants.html

Deadline—February 15, 2007

Eligibility—6th-12th grade students and their respective schools. Students must be currently enrolled in middle or high school and must demonstrate the potential and desire to attend college.

Awards—Up to 150 awards of \$1,000 each will be granted to student recipients. Matching awards of \$1,000 will be granted to each recipient’s school for use on math-related programs.

2007 Intel Schools of Distinction

This program identifies schools that exemplify the best of the best and serve as role models to other schools across the nation. This year’s program focuses on two subject areas: math and science. Schools with learning environments that promote 21st century learning skills, such as digital literacy, problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration as a benchmark for academic excellence in mathematic and scientific achievement, will be identified.

Contact—After reviewing the FAQ section, please direct questions by clicking on “contact us” at the bottom of the FAQ web page or send an email to: <applicationhelp@continue.uoregon.edu>.

Web Site—www.schoolsofdistinction.com/

Deadline—February 28, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 public, private, charter schools

Awards—Six winners will be selected—one from each grade range, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12, in each of the two categories of math and science. Each winning school will receive a \$10,000 cash grant, as well as \$150,000 in products and services. One of the final six winners will be identified as the Star Innovator for 2007. This school will receive

an additional \$15,000 cash grant, as well as supplemental services and products.

Summer 2007 Seminars and Institutes

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of summer seminars and institutes. Please see website for the dates and duration of each project listed under each title.

Contact—Direct questions regarding individual seminars to the appropriate director listed on the web site; or for general questions, call 202-606-8463, or send an email to <sem-inst@neh.gov>.

Web Site—www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html

Deadline—March 1, 2007

Eligibility—Full-time teachers in K-12 public, private, home schools

Awards—Stipends will be awarded based on the length of the seminar or institute to help cover travel costs, books and other research expenses, and living expenses: \$1,800 (2 weeks), \$2,400 (3 weeks), \$3,000 (4 weeks), \$3,600 (5 weeks), or \$4,200 (6 weeks).

ThinkQuest International 2007

Sponsored by Oracle Education Foundation, the competition offers a project-based learning experience to students and teachers. The program promotes collaboration and cross-cultural learning by encouraging students to team with peers in other regions to develop Web sites on educational topics.

Contact—If your question is not answered after reviewing the FAQ’s on the website, send an email to:

<thinkquest_ww@oracle.com>.

Web Site—www.thinkquest.org

Deadline—April 16, 2007

Eligibility—Students between the ages of 9 and 19 and their teacher-coaches

Awards—Prizes include laptop computers and \$1,000 school grants for the top 10 teams in each age division, travel to the annual ThinkQuest Live event for the top 3 teams in each division, and digital cameras for the team that receives the Global Perspectives Award.

With eBay, You Can Turn Extra Inventory into Cash!

Does your school have extra or unneeded inventory? Don’t just let it sit around or toss it in the trash! Use the Internet as a virtual marketplace for your excess inventory and take advantage of online auction sites like eBay. Hidden and forgotten in your storerooms could be countless valuable items! Clean out those dusty, forgotten corners and make a handsome profit turning your trash into someone else’s treasure. All you have to do is log on to eBay.com and click on “Giving Works” located on the left bar of the home page.