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Technology Funding Alert!

EETT Gets a Boost from the Stimulus Package

The federal economic stimulus package, signed last month by President Obama, contains a significant infusion of funding for education technology. The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides an additional \$650 million toward the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) component of Title II. That will be in addition to the \$267 million recently allocated to EETT as part of the federal education budget.

In California, that will translate to an additional \$70 million in funding, bumping up the \$30 million currently available for the EETT program. As with the existing program, 50% of the funds will be distributed as formula grants, and the remaining 50% made available through competitive grants. The CDE is currently preparing guidelines for the Round 8 competitive grant cycle, and they expect to announce the program and post the list of eligible districts and schools in early April. **Grant applications will tentatively be due Wednesday, May 27, 2009.** The Round 8 competitive cycle will be used to determine district awards for both the normal EETT and for the additional stimulus funds. The CDE will post information as it becomes available on its website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/ft/>. CTAP Region 4 will provide assistance to eligible districts, including informational workshops (scheduled for early April) and support with application development. For more information, visit <http://www.ctap4.net/grantsfunding.html>. As in the past, districts and direct-funded charter schools will be required to have a state-approved technology plan to be eligible for these funds.

GRANTS

County Technology Academy Grant Professional Development Grant Program

Sponsored by the Contra Costa COE and the Leshner Foundation, this grant is designed to support school projects that focus on providing professional development to teachers learning to integrate technology in the curriculum.

Contact—Amy Geotina, 925-942-3441, ageotina@cccoc.k12.ca.us or Theresa Gabor, 925-296-1433, tgabor@cccoc.k12.ca.us

Website—<http://www.cocoschools.org/ctag/>
Deadline—April 17, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 public school teacher teams serving Contra Costa County

Awards—Team grants of \$8,000 each with a \$2,000 match requirement

2010 Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams High School Innovation Grants

By applying technological solutions to real-world problems, the InvenTeam initiative is designed to excite high school students about invention; empower students to problem solve; and encourage an inventive culture in schools and communities. Each InvenTeam chooses its own problem to solve.

Contact—inventteams@mit.edu, 617-452-2147

Website—<http://web.mit.edu/inventteams/>
Deadline—April 24, 2009 (Initial Application); September 11, 2009 (Final Application)

Eligibility—Teams of high school students; science, math and technology teachers and mentors from public, private, and vocational high schools.

Awards—Up to \$10,000 each

AIAA Classroom and LEGO Grants

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) provides small grants to K-12 teachers who develop or apply science, math,

and technology in their curriculum. Grants can be used for classroom demonstration kits and science supplies, math and science software, supplies for making flying objects, supplies for robotic programs, and other materials to make science, mathematics, and technology come alive in the classroom.

Contact—custserv@aiaa.org, 800-639-2422

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AIAAGrant>

Deadline—April 30, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 teachers who are current AIAA Educator Associate members or AIAA Professional members (membership is free for K-12 teachers).

Awards—\$200 per project (maximum of 5 projects per school). **LEGO Grants:** Grants will be made for up to \$100 per team for participation in a robotics competition. A maximum one-time grant of up to \$200 (two Educator Associate members) will be granted to each school for participation in a robotics competition.

Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education

Offered by the CDE, this program supports funding for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs.

Contact—perkins@cde.ca.gov, 916-324-5706

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/CarlPerkins>

Deadline—May 1, 2009

Eligibility—State Special Schools, California Youth Authority, California Department of Corrections (Section 112 funds); high school districts, charter high schools, county-operated court and community schools, and the California Youth Authority schools (Section 131 funds); Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, adult schools, and community colleges (Section 132 funds)

Awards—See Website for allocation formula

McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Grants

This grant program is designed to support the development of in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning for students from low-income households.

Contact—info@mccarthydressman.org, 801-328-8899

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/3vghtw>

Deadline—May 1, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private PreK-12 schools

Awards—Up to \$10,000

Lego Children's Fund

The Lego Children's Fund supports programs in early childhood education and development, technology and communication projects, and sport or athletic programs that focus on underserved youth. The Fund is interested in seeding new programs serving children age birth to 14. **Product Donations:** Requests may be emailed to donations@america.lego.com.

Contact—legochildrensfund@lego.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LegoFund>

Deadline—May 1, 2009; August 1, 2009

Eligibility—Programs serving children age birth to 14, including schools and nonprofit agencies

Awards—Awards range: \$500-\$5,000

CalServe Initiative Partnership

Sponsored by the CDE, funding is available for the 2009-12 CalServe Initiative Partnership supporting service-learning as an instructional strategy.

Contact—Mike Brugh, mbrugh@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0543

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/CalServe>

Deadline—May 4, 2009

Eligibility—Local educational agencies (school districts, county offices of education, and some charter schools) in partnership with at least one public or private nonprofit community-based organization

Awards—From \$1.2 million, grants will range: \$28,000-\$100,000.

Start Your Own Recycling Fundraiser

The EcoPhones Recycling Fundraiser pays up to \$300 for cell phones and \$5 for ink jet printer cartridges. There's nothing to buy and nothing to sell. Simply ask parents, neighbors, co-workers and local businesses to donate and recycle their used consumer electronics, such as cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, DVD movies and videogames, portable DVD players, laptop computers, MP3 players, and digital cameras. Free shipping is included with the program. EcoPhones can be contacted at info@ecophones.com, 1-888-326-7466. For program information, go to: <http://www.ecophones.com/Default.aspx>.

Mathematics Education Trust (MET)

Sponsored by National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the MET offers a variety of grant programs supporting the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning at the classroom level.

Contact—exec@nctm.org, 703-620-9840, ext. 2112

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/MathGrants>

Deadline—May 9, 2009

Eligibility—Varies by grant program (see Website)

Awards—Varies by grant program (see Website)

San Francisco Foundation

The Education Program invests in a full-service community school approach that supports families and communities to help children and youth succeed in school.

Contact—educationinfo@sff.org, 415-733-8500

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/SFFoundation>

Deadline—June 1, 2009

Eligibility—Public, private and charter schools serving the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco

Awards—Undisclosed. See Website to view grants awarded in 2008.

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG)

Student Achievement Grants (SAG)

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the LLG program is designed to support high-quality professional development experiences. SAG promotes innovative classroom projects that engage students in critical thinking and self-directed learning that deepens knowledge of standards-based subject matter. *Grant writing tips are available on the Website.*

Contact—202-822-7840

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LLG-SAG>

Deadline—June 1, 2009

Eligibility—Public PreK-12 teachers, education support professionals, higher education staff

Awards—LLG: 75 grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups. SAG: 75 grants of \$5,000

Save Our History Grant Program

Save Our History is a national history education and preservation initiative that raises awareness and support for preserving local heritage.

Applicants must design a project in partnership with a local school(s) or youth group(s).

Contact—info@saveourhistory.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/HistoryGrant>

Deadline—June 5, 2009

Eligibility—Nonprofit history organizations must partner with a local elementary, middle, or high school or consortia of schools.

Awards—From \$100,000, up to \$10,000 each

Win a Hybrid School Bus!

IC Bus is asking K-12 students to write a 500-word essay describing what makes their school green. Students under age 13 must have a sponsor submit their essay for them. The winning school district will receive a hybrid school bus. The writer of the winning essay will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and their sponsor could win up to \$3,000 for educational materials. **The deadline to apply is April 30, 2009.** To learn more, go to: <http://www.americasgreenestschool.com/>.

State Farm Companies Foundation

The Foundation is primarily committed to education, helping to raise the level of student achievement in elementary and secondary schools, with a specific focus on service-learning, systemic improvement, and teacher excellence.

Contact—Use the online “contact us” form

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/EducationGrants>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools

Awards—Undisclosed

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Sun Academic Excellence Grant Program

This program provides equipment grants and access to free training and certifications. Please see Website for grant focus areas.

Contact—Please use the online “Contact Us” form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/SunGrant>

Deadline—May 8, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Grants are for hardware donations only; do not include maintenance, service or technical support; and must be reviewed and supported by the local Education Sales Representative.

AWARDS/CONTESTS

Implementing Digital Environments for Advancing Schools Contest (IDEAS)

Sponsored by Educational Resources, this contest is offering a \$2,500 technology voucher to each of two schools that can show how they are best at implementing technology for the advancement of student learning. Submit an essay online detailing the technology used, how it is utilized and how it impacted student achievement.

Contact—IDEAS@EdResources.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/IDEASContest>

Deadline—April 1, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 schools

Awards—Two \$2,500 technology vouchers

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)

Nominations are now being accepted for PAESMEM, which seeks to identify outstanding mentoring efforts or programs designed to enhance the participation of groups underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Contact—Daphne Y. Rainey, 703-292-4671, drainey@nsf.gov

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/PAESMEM>

Deadline—April 21, 2009

Eligibility—Must have demonstrated outstanding and sustained mentoring and effective guidance to a significant number of underrepresented students at the K-12, undergraduate, or graduate education levels for at least five years.

Awards—20 awards (10 individual, 10 organization) of \$10,000 each, and a citation from the President of the United States

2009 National Student Design Competition

The Graphic Arts Education and Research

Foundation is sponsoring a student design competition, themed “Careers in Graphic Communications...Imagine the Possibilities!” This competition will challenge students to create and produce a marketing product designed to appeal to the graphic communication industry’s future workforce.

Contact—Eileen Cassidy, 703-264-7200, ecassidy@npes.org

Website—<http://www.gaerf.org>

Deadline—May 1, 2009

Eligibility—Secondary students studying in a graphic communications/printing, advertising, graphic design or interactive media program and their instructor. Students may enter individually or in teams of up to three. Instructors are required to submit the entry; limited to one entry per instructor.

Awards—1st place award of \$2,000 plus a paid trip for the student and instructor to an awards presentation; 2nd place award of \$1,500; 3rd place award of \$1,000

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

Nominations are now being accepted for PAEMST, the highest recognition that a K-12th grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the U.S. In 2009, grades 7-12 teachers will be honored (2010 for grades K-6 teachers).

Contact—info@paemst.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/PAEMST>

Deadline—May 1, 2009

Eligibility—Grades 7-12 public or private science and mathematics teachers

Awards—108 awards of \$10,000 each, professional development opportunities, and a citation from the President of the United States

Tool Factory/Olympus Grant Programs & Contests

Education software developer Tool Factory and Olympus have teamed to offer the following grant programs:

Digital Wish: Create a lesson plan and qualify to win a mobile digital camera lab plus as many as 43 different grants for hardware and software.
Student Photo Contest: Student photographers are asked to submit a favorite photograph online and become eligible to win a share of \$4,000 in prizes.

Podcasting: Apply for a chance to win a free Tool Factory Podcasting site license plus digital media accessories to start a podcasting program in your school.

Deadline—May 15, 2009

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/ak6zxs>

Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Awards

This award program recognizes collaborations between teachers and media specialists to promote learning, increase student achievement and develop 21st century skills.

Contact—teamsaward@cengage.com

Website—<http://www.galeschools.com/>

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Deadline—June 15, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Three (3) winners will receive \$2,500 cash award, Gale products (valued at \$500), one-year subscription to Library Media Connection, and Educator’s Professional Bookshelf from Linworth Publishing (valued at \$500).