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Digital California Project News

Introducing James Dolgonas, CENIC's New COO

CENIC is pleased to announce the appointment of James Dolgonas as CENIC's Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Dolgonas is the former Vice President of Information Systems and Computing for the Office of the President, University of California. He brings over 25 years of management and executive level experience in all facets of higher education information technology. He is a member of the EDUCAUSE Advisory Group, Board Member of Project ASSIST and Chair of the Intersegmental Coordinating Council Subcommittee on Information Technology to name a few. As CENIC's new Chief Operating Officer, he will be responsible for the daily oversight and management of applications coordination for higher education; DCP applications coordinations; communications/public relations; CENIC associates program; financial services; administrative report and, legal services.

Digital Media Academy

The Digital Media Academy offer hands-on, cutting-edge training for K-20 Educators, adult learners, and high school and college students. Award-winning instructors provide week-long courses in Web design, digital video, 3D modeling and animation, desktop publishing, and more.

Register or order a brochure online, phone toll free at 1-866-65-MEDIA (for international calls, phone 1-408-626-7241) or email info@DigitalMediaAcademy.org.

C-SMART

C-SMART, California Statewide Master Agreements for Resources in Technology, is a statewide project designed to help schools acquire technology for teaching and learning, without breaking the budget.

The California Department of Education has contracted with the Monterey County Office of Education to conduct one of the initiatives under the Department's Statewide Educational Technology Services program. The Monterey County Office of Education's initiative, "California Statewide Master Agreement for Resources in Technology," is referred to by the acronym C-SMART. The project was initiated in late November 1999.

C-SMART negotiates to create opportunities for California K-12 public schools and districts to participate in discount buying and licensing of educational technology instructional resources.

For more information, visit the C-SMART website: <http://www.c-smart.org/> or call toll-free 1(877) 862-3198 (CA only) or (831) 784-4160

National Education Technology News

Grants to Fund Energy Efficient Schools

The State Allocation Board's Implementation Committee discussed the distribution of additional project funding for energy-efficient schools under Assembly Bill 16(AB16), the proposed statewide school bond. Twenty million dollars of each AB16 bond will be sanctioned for the energy efficiency grants if the bonds are passed.

New construction and modernization projects will be eligible for the additional grant adjustment. Districts must prove a 10-15 percent increase in energy efficiency and compensation is not to exceed five percent of the total cost.

The Division of the State Architect will provide districts with a list of independent auditors to review project plans and gauge the increase in energy efficiency to qualify districts for additional funding.

For more information regarding the State Allocation Board's AB16 Implementation Committee meetings, visit <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov/State+Allowcation+Board/Imp+Calendar+of+Meetings.htm>

Source: Leah Tran (email: leaht@turnkeyschools.com)

Mathsoft Education Grants to Benefit Your School

MathSoft, a provider of math, science, and engineering software, has two grant programs available: the StudyWorks Innovative Teaching Grant Program and the Conference Presenter Grant Program. Through the former, educators and schools can receive a lab grant for 25 Studyworks for Schools licenses as well as additional licenses for the school's media center. Interested applicants must submit a detailed proposal explaining how they would incorporate Studyworks into their curriculum.

Mathsoft also awards Conference Grants to provide stipends for educators attending math, science, or technology conferences, who will be presenting a session or workshop using StudyWorks, Mathcad or Axum. Educators interested in the program should submit a proposal of their conference session or workshop. Grant recipients will receive a grant of \$100 or \$200 dollars. Prospective applicants should consult the Mathsoft Web site for program information and application details.

Visit: <http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/funding/ongoing.cfm#234>

Source: K-12 TechWatch

Campus Secure Technology Grant

Whether you're looking for used computers or trying to donate ones of your own, Share the Technology can help. Share the Technology is a nonprofit organization that repairs, upgrades, and donates used computers to nonprofit organizations, schools, and people with disabilities. They provide listings of computers available for donation and a database for public and private schools, and other nonprofit organizations to list their computer needs.

More information can be found at: <http://sharetechnology.org/>

Source: eSN School Technology Alert

About CENIC

CENIC is a not-for-profit corporation formed by the California Institute of Technology, the California State University, Stanford University, the University of California, and the University of Southern California to facilitate and coordinate the deployment, development, and operation of a set of seamless and robust advanced network services. The CENIC Associates program offers qualified companies the opportunity to collaborate with CENIC in pursuit of the goal of providing the most advanced network services for research and education. Cisco Systems, Nortel Networks, Pacific Bell, and the University and Community College System of Nevada are CENIC's Partner Associates.

More information about CENIC is available at: <http://www.cenic.org>.

About DCP

The Digital California Project is a project of CENIC. A multi-million dollar effort funded by the State of California, the DCP was designed to build the necessary network infrastructure needed to prepare California's schools to take advantage of tomorrow's advances in network technology. In essence, CENIC is developing an advanced-services network to serve the entire California K-20 education and research community.

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