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**CCS Awards Local Recipient of Third Annual Tech Grant
Surprise Kindergarten Teacher's Classroom Outfitted with Teaching Tech Tools**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Nov. 22, 2011) – CCS, the largest integrator of audio and visual equipment in the Southwest, has awarded its third annual "[Classroom Solutionz](#)" grant for K-12 educators. Theresa Hilton, a teacher at Paradise Education Center submitted a winning application.

The CCS program provides the opportunity for any K-12 educator in Arizona to apply for the chance to win a technology-infused classroom and equipment training worth thousands of dollars. Each year CCS asks educators throughout Arizona to submit essays and proposals describing their ideal classroom.

Ms. Hilton teaches kindergarten and received a SMART Board™ SB 680, SMART Notebook software and training for the 2011-2012 school year. The package is valued at more than \$3,500. Prior to receiving this grant award, she had been using her personal laptop and projector to conduct pretend "SMART Board" lessons. Students would touch the screen and Ms. Hilton would use her laptop to click on what the child was pointing at, thus simulating a SMART Board.

"We use the SMART Board daily and love it," said Ms. Hilton. "We utilize it for taking attendance and lunch count, to viewing educational videos and facilitating lessons in math and language arts."

CCS collected grant applications between March and May. Educator responses to the request outlined ideas to integrate educational technology to improve teaching methods, while introducing new programs to students.

John Godbout, founder and CEO of CCS, stated: "Theresa is so deserving of this award and truly understands the affect technology has on student learning. We hope this program continues to inspire teachers to create innovative lesson plans integrated through technology."

CCS is an innovator in audio and visual equipment training among educators and corporate professionals. CCS trains more than 4,500 educators each year through its centers in Scottsdale and Tucson and through its Mobile Training Center - a 12-seat computer lab that provides access to the latest audio and visual equipment for training corporate and educational clients. CCS instructors teach administration and faculty members to use interactive whiteboards, projectors, document cameras, digital and video cameras, audience response systems and more.

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About CCS, Inc.

Since 1991, Scottsdale, Ariz.-based CCS, has served customers in the corporate, government and educational sectors. CCS provides full-service integration, installation and maintenance of audio and video equipment, including LCD & plasma displays, digital projectors, interactive whiteboards, room control systems, audio systems, high definition videoconferencing systems and more. The company has expanded from a two-person operation to one of the largest A/V integrators in the U.S., with more than 450 employees, sales offices in 13 states and annual revenue in excess of \$105 million. CCS was recently ranked by *Systems Contractor News* magazine as the nation's number 3 top audio visual integrator and by *Ranking Arizona* as the number 1 Computer Training Center in Arizona. For more information about CCS, visit www.ccsprojects.com.

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