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CCS Expands its Annual “Classroom Solutionz” Grant

Scottsdale-based A/V Integrator will fund 21st Century Classrooms for Arizona K-12 educators who are seeking funding for classroom technology

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – (March 22, 2011) – CCS, the largest integrator of audio and visual equipment in the Southwest, today announced its third annual “Classroom Solutionz” grant opportunity for K-12 educators. Arizona educators can apply for the chance to win a dream classroom outfitted with the latest in education technology, and receive training to go along with it, a package worth thousands of dollars to local schools.

CCS will select multiple winners this year and announce grant awards in May 2011. The request for proposal (RFP) applications are available online at <http://www.classroomtoolz.com/grants.cfm>. Eligible teachers must hold a valid standard Arizona K-12 teaching certificate, currently teach in grades K-12 with a permanent classroom assignment and currently teach in a public, nonprofit charter or nonprofit private school. Submissions must be received by Friday, April 29, 2011 at 4:00pm. Responses to the RFP offering the best integration of education technology to improve teaching methods, while introducing new programs, will win the technology grant for the 2011-2012 school year. CCS and its manufacturer partners will provide all technology, installation services and training for the winning educators and their schools. CCS sets no dollar amount limit for individual classroom grants, rather the value of the grant is based on the merit and inventiveness of the idea outlined by the educator in the application.

Last year, there was one winning application. Kristina Manning, an elementary school teacher at the Arizona School for the Deaf in Tucson, Ariz. who was awarded \$15,000 worth of technology and training.

“I’m absolutely thrilled my class was chosen as a recipient of these interactive education tools,” said Ms. Manning. “Teaching with a document camera, wireless slates and student response systems has greatly improved student interaction and instruction time efficiency. It’s been such a wonderful gift and we’re so thankful for it.”

John Godbout, founder and CEO of CCS, stated: “Through our annual grant opportunity, we hope to provide teachers the chance to develop more interactive curriculum and enhance their educational programs through technology that they otherwise wouldn’t be able to fund. We’re fortunate to be able to provide this opportunity for the third consecutive year.”

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

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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.

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 \$160 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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