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Design and Win the Ideal Classroom

CCS Presentation Systems Announces its 2nd Annual Technology Grant Opportunity for Arizona's K-12 educators seeking funding to make their classroom ideas a reality

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – (March 15, 2010) – CCS Presentation Systems, the largest integrator of audio and visual equipment in the Southwest, will announce on Monday, March 15 at Arizona's largest K-12 educational technology event, Microcomputers in Education Conference (MEC), the second annual opportunity for any K-12 educator to apply for the chance to win a technology infused classroom and training worth thousands of dollars.

Educators attending the MEC conference being held at Arizona State University on Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. will learn all details on how to apply. The Request for Proposal (RFP) applications will become available online after the conference at www.ccspresentationssystem.com/az. Submissions must be received by April 30, 2010. CCS will select the winner and award the grant in May.

The educator response to the RFP that offers the best integration of education technology to improve teaching methods, while introducing new programs, will win the technology grant for the 2010-2011 school year. CCS and its manufacturer partners will provide all technology, installation and training for the winner.

The selected teacher from last year's grant opportunity was Valerie Gresser, first grade teacher at Superstition Springs Elementary School in Gilbert Public Schools. CCS awarded her a \$20,000 technology grant that incorporated everything from a SMART Board and NEC Projector to a SMART Table and eInstruction Mobi Wireless Slate. Since the beginning of the school year, she's noticed the positive impact of interactive technology on the students, noting that their attendance has significantly increased.

"I am so happy that I applied for the CCS grant last year. This school year has been an eye-opening experience for me as an educator with new classroom technology, and for my students who show more enthusiasm and interest in learning than I have seen in the past," said Mrs. Gresser. "Teachers who are considering applying for this grant should think of how they can capitalize on their school district's strengths and how technology can impact their students."

"Through this grant opportunity, CCS hopes to inspire individuals and provide teachers the chance to create innovative programs through technology that they otherwise wouldn't be able to fund," said John Godbout, founder and CEO of CCS Presentation Systems. "We're fortunate to be able to provide this opportunity for the second consecutive year."

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CCS is an innovator in audio/visual training among educators and corporate professionals. CCS trains more than 3,000 educators each year through its centers in Scottsdale and Tucson and through its Mobile Training Center, which debuted in March 2006. The Mobile Training Center includes a 12-seat computer lab featuring both Windows and Mac platforms and 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 Microcomputers in Education Conference

Applied Learning Technologies Institute at Arizona State University is proud to partner with The Arizona Department of Education to highlight and showcase the use of technology in Arizona schools. MEC is Arizona's largest educational technology event. For 30 years, MEC has provided a forum for discussion and networking among P-20 educators, administrators, researchers, instructional designers, technology leaders and industry partners. This year's conference will be held from Monday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 17.

About CCS Presentation Systems, Inc.

Since 1991, Scottsdale, Ariz.-based CCS Presentation Systems, 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. For more information about CCS Presentation Systems, visit www.ccspresentationsystems.com.

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