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**eTech Ohio and the Ohio Department of Education Announce ARRA Title II-D
Competitive Grant Award Recipients**

(Columbus, Ohio) – eTech Ohio and the Ohio Department of Education are pleased to announce the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Title II-D Competitive Grant recipients for the 2009-2010 school year. This grant focuses primarily on Professional Development and Student Learning. The awarded funds will assist schools that are ready and willing to embrace a change that is required in today's 21st century classroom.

The ARRA grant (Public Law 111-5) provides \$10 billion nationally in new funding for programs under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. The ARRA grant will provide states \$650 million for Education Technology State grants, which fall under the statutes of the Title II-D Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) program. Ohio is to receive approximately \$23.9 million under the ARRA Title II-D grant. This competitive grant provides approximately \$11.8 million to awarded schools in Ohio for school year 2009-2010.

Through sustained, collaborative, job-embedded professional development and the use of research-based methods, school teams from each awarded building will experience new models and strategies for teaching and learning. Teachers will become facilitators and co-learners and create technology-enabled learning environments in which students will meet or exceed the state academic content standards and develop 21st century skills.

For a complete list of grant recipients, please visit our website at <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/go/arra>.