

## ***eTech Ohio Update October 2009***

October 7, 2009 Call for Educational Sessions closes for the 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference

December 2, 2009 Early Bird Registration deadline for 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference

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### **Present at the Ohio Educational Technology Conference, Receive FREE Registration**

The Conference is seeking cutting-edge technology proposals for the virtual worlds, gaming, simulation, distance learning and videoconference stations in the Technology for Learning Center. All technology leaders are being asked to think outside of the box and take part in these highly interactive, hands-on sessions. Each session will hold no more than 30 participants at a time and can be 45 to 90 minutes in length.

In exchange for presenting a session or display, the presenter and co-presenter(s) will receive complimentary registration for the day of the presentation. All proposals must be submitted through the online proposal system which is built within Hall Pass -- eTech Ohio's online user account system. You must be registered in Hall Pass to begin the proposal process. The deadline to submit a proposal is October 7, 2009.

Visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/conference/register/presenters.dot> to learn more about submitting a proposal today!

Don't plan to present at the Conference? Register online or by mail before Dec. 2, 2009 and save with an Early Bird discounted rate!

### **Ohio K-12 Network Issues Connectivity Payments**

During FY10, Ohio K-12 connectivity payments will be issued in two installments of \$1,000 per eligible building. Approximately 50% of the funding will be issued during the application period between September and the end of October 2009. The remainder of the funding will then be issued in the January/February timeframe, subtracting any allocations for buildings that were closed during the first semester. For additional information regarding the Ohio K-12 Network please visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/ohio-k-12-network/index.dot>.

### **E-Rate Reminders**

- BEAR Forms (472) for FY2008 must be postmarked or received no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or no later than 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. *\*The deadline for most applicants will be Oct. 28, 2009.*

- The FY2009 Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the date of the FCDL or the start of the funding year, July 1, 2009, whichever is later. \* *Applicants that received FCDLs in Waves 1-10, which were issued prior to July 1, will have a Form 486 deadline of Oct. 29, 2009.*
- Registration for the October 2009 and December 2010 E-Rate Workshops is now open. Go to “Highlights” on our homepage at [www.etech.ohio.gov](http://www.etech.ohio.gov) and click on either registration opportunity.

### October 2009 E-Rate Workshop Schedule

Region	Date	Time	Facility
NW	10/05/09	9:00-3:30 PM	Auglaize County ESC
South	10/06/09	9:00-3:30 PM	SCOCA
East	10/08/09	9:00-3:30 PM	Jefferson Community College Training Center
NE	10/09/09	9:00-3:30 PM	Western Reserve Public Media
NW	10/13/09	9:00-3:30 PM	NWOCA/Four County Career Center
NW	10/14/09	9:00-3:30 PM	NOECA
SE	10/16/09	9:00-3:30 PM	Muskingum Valley ESC
SW	10/19/09	9:00-3:30 PM	Butler Tech - Public Safety Education Complex
Central	10/20/09	9:00-3:30 PM	OHIONet

### School Facilities Technology Toolkit Update: Search by Concept

In the spring of 2009, the School Facilities Technology toolkit ([www.etech.ohio.gov/go/schooltoolkit](http://www.etech.ohio.gov/go/schooltoolkit)) underwent revisions to better equip online users with the ability to find specific topics and resources within the toolkit. The searchable concept map, accessed from the top right corner of the main toolkit screen, allows users to select keywords within the toolkit that are aligned to specific modules and sections. An interactive map within the screen generates a direct path to where the topic is located in the toolkit. Once located, the user may select “TAKE ME THERE” to enter the specified module, section, and screen. The concept map also has an open input search box to locate items by keyword. The text boxes are consistent with the audio narrative and provide an easy method for on-demand searches.

### Technology Planning and the Technology Planning Tool (TPT)

For those districts whose 3-year technology plan is expiring on June 30, 2010:

- E-Rate requires that your plan be written prior to filing your organization’s Form 470;
- Archive your current plan and start a new draft in the TPT for services beginning July 1, 2010;

- Be sure to change your plan years in Phase 1, Section 4 of the TPT to include the year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- Remember to address the five E-Rate requirements throughout your plan, as appropriate.
  - Goal and Strategies
  - Professional Development
  - Assessment
  - Evaluation
  - Realistic Budget (pay particular attention to the numbers of the upcoming E-Rate year)

For additional information, go to [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org) or contact eTech Ohio Customer Service at [customerservice@etech.ohio.gov](mailto:customerservice@etech.ohio.gov).

### **New Content Provider on Ohio on iTunes U**

The Ohio Resource Center (ORC), a trusted source of easily accessible, peer-reviewed, high-quality and effective online resources, and eTech Ohio are proud to announce their collaboration in providing access to the ORC-produced learning and professional development webcast and podcast collection through Ohio on iTunes U.

Ohio on iTunes U provides free educational content, making it easy for P–12 classroom teachers, as well as higher education faculty, to access amazing educational material anytime and anywhere. ORC's content on Ohio on iTunes U includes Science Instructional Strategies, Reading and Writing Informational Text and New Teacher Survival Guide.

Follow this link, [Fostering Student Success on the OAT: Reading Grades 5-7](#), for professional development to learn about constructive response questions and addressing the challenges of reading informational text.

### **ARRA Grant Recipients Awarded**

The eTech Ohio Commission and the Ohio Department of Education are pleased to announce that 48 school buildings were awarded funds for the 2009 - 2010 school year in the ARRA Title II-D Competitive Grant process. Approximately \$11.8 million in federal funds has been awarded through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) competitive grant application process to eligible Ohio school districts. Go to <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/dotAsset/11379.pdf> to see a listing of grant recipients and related announcements and upcoming events.

*See this monthly Update online at [www.etech.ohio.gov](http://www.etech.ohio.gov). Look for the link under "Highlights" to access the most recent (and archived) editions of the eTech Ohio Update.*

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