



## Brokers of Expertise: Implementation Team Recruitment

The California Department of Education (CDE) and their partners, including Hewlett, James Irvine, and other foundations, are moving forward with a plan to identify and disseminate effective and promising practices to support California's educators as they focus on closing the achievement gap and raising overall performance across our large and diverse state.



Recognizing the urgent need to connect educators with one another to enable them to collaborate and think more critically about their practice and to provide them effective tools, CDE has launched the Brokers of Expertise (BoE) initiative. BoE was established in an effort to embrace technology and provide effective tools and resources to schools and districts as they strive to reach ambitious goals for student achievement.

Coordinated by the California K-12 High Speed Network (K12HSN), the BoE project will accomplish this by offering online resources that:

- Provide classroom tools and resources that are aligned to California Content Standards
- Provide resources that are searchable by grade, content level and demographic information
- Provide opportunities for creating and publishing high-quality content that has proven effective for teachers
- Facilitate communication and dialogue between educators across the state who have similar questions

The K12HSN is soliciting applications to serve on these visionary implementation teams. Notice of the solicitation for members of the three Implementation Teams was launched August 8<sup>th</sup> with the application window closing on August 29<sup>th</sup>. To the extent possible, these teams will include members representing K-12 entities with diverse populations and diverse needs. For more information, please contact Teri Sanders at (760) 312-6158, email: [info\\_request@lists.k12hsn.org](mailto:info_request@lists.k12hsn.org) or visit: <http://www.k12hsn.org/about/news/index.php/article/957>.



## K12HSN releases edZone Assets

A Free Web-Based Asset Management Solution with Ties to MyTechDesk



edZone Assets is an easy yet powerful web-based system for managing and tracking your inventory. All K-12 schools and districts in California have access to edZone Assets at no cost.

edZone Assets can be used as a stand-alone solution or can be tied to MyTechDesk, a free work-order management solution.



MyTechDesk<sup>SM</sup>  
[www.mytechdesk.org](http://www.mytechdesk.org)

edZone Assets is designed to promote efficient management of your assets from acquisition through disposal. edZone Assets enables improved cost control, optimizes the decision-making process and lowers the total cost of ownership. edZone Assets was developed by the California K-12 High Speed Network and is one of several free web-based applications offered to California K-12 schools.

edZone Assets provides the information required to track, manage, and service your assets efficiently through their entire life cycle. A detailed inventory record is created for each asset, which includes important information, manufacturer, vendor, custodian, location, etc. Custom fields can be created to track specific data, such as maintenance information, budget codes, and more.

For more information, visit <http://www.k12hsn.org/edzone/assets> or please contact the K12HSN office at (760) 312-6158 or email: [info\\_request@lists.k12hsn.org](mailto:info_request@lists.k12hsn.org)



### Agencies Bring K-12 Education Content to iTunes U

July 2, 2008 -*THE Journal*: For more than a year now, iTunes U has served as a repository of educational multimedia content. While these materials have always been accessible to K-12 educators, the focus of the content has been primarily on post-secondary education...

### CoSN Details Changes to E-Mail Regulations

June 27, 2008 -*CoSN*: What's the difference between Open Records and eDiscovery? With changes in Federal Rules, what does e-mail compliance mean these days, and how do schools achieve it? CoSN is attempting to answer these questions with a new white paper...that hinder communication and collaboration for both K-12 students and educators.

### Reviewing E-Books: Benefits and Drawbacks

June 20, 2008 -*Digital Directions*: Virtual textbooks-some with interactive zing to better teach a generation of students weaned on Xbox and iTunes-are attracting attention from schools.

### California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) Update

June 12, 2008: The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) took action to update and modernize its public policy programs relating to communications in order to reflect advanced technologies and add new communities to the programs. The CTF was expanded to include California Community Colleges, with an initial monetary cap of \$7.2 million annually.

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## edZone Update

### K12HSN to allow higher education accounts

K12HSN has adopted a method through which higher education faculty members may register for an edZone account. A California K-12 employee will be asked to sponsor the higher education staff member, confirming he/she is collaborating with K-12 educators and that their access to edZone will benefit K-12 education efforts.

### K12HSN partners with several content providers

K12HSN is working with key partners to provide access to educational content, curricula, learning materials, and other digital assets. Hoping to promote awareness and increase usage of these excellent resources among California K-12 teachers, K12HSN features several collections in edZone. These include:

- Calisphere (California Digital Library)
- Ask a Biologist podcasts (Arizona State University)
- Phoenix Mars Mission (University of Arizona)
- Math With Larry online math tutorials
- UWTV How To videos (University of Washington)
- The Exploratorium
- UCTV and many more coming soon!

## K12HSN/CDE E-rate and CTF Training

In September, October, and November 2008, the California Department of Education and K12HSN will conduct four Beginner and four Intermediate/Advanced E-rate and CTF training sessions throughout the state.

### E-Rate & CTF Beginner Training

- Sacramento COE, Monday, September 15, 2008
- Santa Clara COE, Friday, September 19, 2008
- San Diego COE, Monday, September 22, 2008
- Los Angeles COE, Thursday, October 23, 2008

### E-Rate & CTF Intermediate/Advanced Training

- Sacramento COE, Monday, October 20, 2008
- San Diego COE, Monday, October 27, 2008
- Santa Clara COE, Friday, November 7, 2008
- Los Angeles COE, Tuesday, December 2, 2008

There will be additional locations announced for those participants who will attend remotely via videoconferencing. For more information, visit <http://www.k12hsn.org/programs/erate>



## Refresh Update

During the past months, CENIC and K12HSN have continued to work with K-12 node sites and telecommunications service providers on upgrades to a significant number of existing circuits, all of which will be migrated to Gigabit connections. This past fiscal year, 23 county offices of education and one branch office (the Riverside County Office of Education's Indio office) have been upgraded.

In June and July, seven more circuits have also had acceptance testing completed, making the connectivity to CalREN currently enjoyed by the K-12 sites even more robust and high-performance.

Those circuits are between:

- Kern County Superintendent of Schools and the Bakersfield hub site;
- Stanislaus and Merced County Offices of Education;
- Victor Valley Community College, serving the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, and the UC Riverside hub site;
- Orange County Department of Education and Riverside County Office of Education;
- San Joaquin County Office of Education and the Fergus hub site;
- Kings and Tulare County Offices of Education; and
- between the California Department of Education and the Sacramento hub site.

We're looking forward to additional upgrades in 2008-2009.

### California K-12 High Speed Network

The California K-12 High Speed Network (K12HSN) is a program funded by the California Department of Education. K12HSN provides network connectivity, Internet services, teaching and learning application coordination, and videoconferencing coordination and support for California's K-12 public schools. K12HSN was established in an effort to increase learning opportunities for all K-12 students while expanding professional development and information resources to teachers and school administrators. For more information, please contact the K12HSN office at (760) 312-6158 or email [info\\_request@lists.k12hsn.org](mailto:info_request@lists.k12hsn.org).

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