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FUTURE OF INNOVATION IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TO BE ADDRESSED AT 2009 NATIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CONFERENCE

Washington, DC, November 16 through 17

Washington, DC, November 12, 2009—Several hundred leaders in the fields of technology, media, academia and education will gather to discuss the power of accessible technology to drive innovation in education, with a special focus on individuals with disabilities. The conference will be held November 16 through 17 at the Madison Hotel in Washington, DC.

Educational Futures – Powered by Technology, hosted by the National Center for Technology Innovation (NCTI), spotlights two converging forces—a new policy landscape that brings an infusion of public dollars toward education and developments within technology itself (convergence, interoperability and universal design for learning)—that present new opportunities for innovation in educational technology.

The conference will feature thought-provoking keynote speakers including **Dan Domenech**, executive director the American Association of School Administrators; **Kareem Dale**, special assistant to President Obama for disability policy; and **Karen Cator**, newly-appointed director of the office of education technology at the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, conference panelists will participate from across industries and disciplines such as:

- **Industry leaders**, including Yahoo!, Microsoft, and E-Line Ventures;
- **Major funders**, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York;
- **Academia**, including the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Michigan State University, and Johns Hopkins University; and
- **Educational technology organizations**, including the KnowledgeWorks Foundation, the Teaching Institutes for Excellence in STEM, and the Joan Ganz Cooney Center.

The conference will also feature a TechExpo on Monday evening from 5:30 – 7:00pm offering hands-on demonstrations of innovative learning and assistive technology products. It is free and open to the public.

“There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in educational technology. Innovative technologies offer new opportunities for learning and promise greater access and new ways of engaging all students. The speakers and participants at the 2009 NCTI Conference will be discussing how we harness this enormous potential,” said Tracy Gray, Ph.D., Director of the National Center for Technology Innovation at the American Institutes for Research.



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Conference themes include exploring the latest innovations and trends in educational technologies for teaching and learning; the latest research in brain and cognitive science; meeting the needs of youth with disabilities; the use of games for therapy and health; the potential of accessible and adaptive assessments; and the funding priorities of leading foundations.

Ongoing blog and twitter (#NCTI2009) coverage will be offered throughout the conference and meeting materials (PowerPoint presentations, videos, and resources) will be made available following the conference via the National Center for Technology Innovation Web site, www.NationalTechCenter.org.

About the National Center for Technology Innovation

The National Center for Technology Innovation (NCTI), operated by the American Institutes for Research was established in 2001. NCTI is mandated to advance learning opportunities for *all* students, with a special focus on students with disabilities, by fostering technology innovation. The Center offers technical assistance to facilitate growth and sustainability of learning and assistive technologies. The Center is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education and is located at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC.

More about the 2009 Technology Innovators Conference

Educational Futures – Powered by Technology begins at 8:30AM on Monday, November 16 and will conclude at noon on Thursday, November 17. The meeting is taking place at The Madison Hotel in Washington, DC. Registration is waived for members of the media. View the full agenda online at www.NationalTechCenter.org.

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