



**National Center for Technology Innovation**  
*Advancing Technology Innovations for All Students*

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**Funds Available for *Tech in the Works 2010* Competition  
Promotes Collaborative Research Focusing on Innovative Technologies for  
Students with Disabilities**

Washington, DC — The National Center for Technology Innovation (NCTI) at the [American Institutes for Research](#) announced today funds for the ***Tech in the Works 2010*** competition. This matching competition promotes excellence in research on educational and assistive technologies (AT) to improve educational outcomes for *all* students, with a particular focus on students with special needs.

The annual competition calls for “quick turnaround” collaborative research to inform the development of innovative and emerging assistive technologies to provide greater access for students with disabilities. This competition encourages researchers, including graduate students, and developers to work collaboratively to study the effectiveness and feasibility of a particular technology intervention.

“This competition supports breakthrough technologies that enhance access, achievement, and inclusion of students with disabilities,” commented Dr. Tracy Gray, Director of the [National Center for Technology Innovation](#). “Our past winners have gone on to develop commercial products, extend their grant funding, and expand into new markets. We are very proud of the work that is supported by this highly competitive research fund.”

The ***Tech in the Works 2010*** competition will offer up to four awards of \$20,000 each and winners will be announced on May 4, 2010. Letters of intent must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on March 23, 2010. **Full proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on April 6, 2010.** Award recipients must secure matching funds of at least \$20,000 to be eligible. Funds may be used to support an expansion of an already existing research project.

More information regarding the competition, including a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP), eligibility guidelines, and deadlines, as well as case studies and demonstration videos of previous winners, is available on the [NCTI Web site](#).

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**About the National Center for Technology Innovation (NCTI)**

The National Center for Technology Innovation (NCTI) ([www.NationalTechCenter.org](http://www.NationalTechCenter.org)), at the [American Institutes for Research](#), advances learning opportunities for *all* students, with a special focus on individuals with disabilities, by fostering technology innovation. NCTI offers technical guidance to facilitate growth and sustainability of learning and assistive tools. The Center is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).