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**Interactive Funding Center Helps Educators Choose From Over 700 Grants**  
*Renaissance Learning Makes it Free & Easy for Educators Nationwide*

MADISON, WI., – January 24, 2003 – Unlike other funding centers, which charge subscription fees of \$3,000 and more, Renaissance Learning, Inc. provides a state-of-the-art center at no cost.

“We provide this service because we understand just how difficult it is for educators to find the time and resources to secure funds for their schools, particularly in this economy.” reports Debra Schoenick, Funding Director at Renaissance Learning, in Madison, WI. “We make it easy for them to see how Renaissance Solutions align with the specific requirements of their state, however, they may use our service to apply for funds to purchase any program they’d like.”

The on-line center allows educators to easily find federal, state, private, and local funding opportunities specific to any region in the country. Registrants are also sent email notifications alerting them to funding opportunities specific to their area.

By simply searching their state and a subject, educators immediately receive a complete list of government and private grants available to them, along with all the information required to apply for them.

With links to government websites and foundations, downloadable application forms, and explanations of how Renaissance programs align with federal initiatives, the funding center can save valuable time in what can often be a confusing and lengthy process.

“The Renaissance web center is an invaluable tool for an experienced or novice grant writer,” says Assistant Superintendent, Lora Wolff, of Keokuk School District in Iowa. “With the time I save, I am able to secure more grants for my district. It also lets me search for other sources of funding and shows me exactly how products correlate with the federal requirements for scientifically based research.”

In 2002 alone, the center received over 5,200 new registrants, averaging 100 per week, not including return visitors.

Next month Renaissance Learning will publish and distribute a free booklet entitled “Finding the Funds...How to Write Effective Grant Proposals & Secure Funding for Your School Programs.”

To get your copy or learn more about the Renaissance Learning Funding Center visit:

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