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Unprecedented Federal Direct Investment in Education

\$5 billion is headed towards U.S. Education as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) signed into law earlier this year. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said “We’re making an unprecedented investment in cutting-edge ideas that will produce the next generation of school reforms. The i3 competition will provide seed money for fresh ideas, help grow promising programs with a good track record and scale up programs with proven results to a national level.”

School districts and entrepreneurial nonprofits can join to submit i3 grant applications. Since charter schools are each considered to be their own LEA, a non-profit sponsor/authorizer can join with them to drive reform, reward excellence to dramatically improve our nation’s schools.

AOIS is an excellent choice for charter school authorizers to use i3 grant funds to set it up, provide staff training and five years of continued support. It has helped authorizers in ten states at over 300 schools document and track sponsor oversight and school compliance. Improving school leader effectiveness is just one of many benefits garnered by the use of AOIS.

Grant recipients will be required to match federal funds with public or private dollars. That is where Corporate Computer can help by offering a 20% private sector matching funding. This match is a requirement of the Investing in Innovation (i3) fund. There is a limit on our ability to fund match so we will limit our free grant-writing services and fund-matching to authorizers with 15 or more schools.

If you are interested in working with us to help prepare your i3 grant request, please email Larry Brannan (lbrannan@corpcomp.com).

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Make this the year you “get it under control!”

If you want to start your next school year firmly in control of a proven oversight program that documents every compliance action, provides an easy-to-use user interface and has been audited by multiple State Auditor Generals and declared a “Gold Standard” call us now.

How many times have you heard State politicians call for “more charter school oversight”? It’s easy to continually call for more oversight—it’s much harder to prove your actions are consistent, measured and applied equally to all schools.

Investing in Innovation: Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity

The Obama administration has made a priority to invest in solutions that strengthen student and school performance. The Federal Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund of \$650MM is part of the Race to the Top and Other Grants totaling \$9.7B. It is important for you to know that i3 funds are eligible for charter school LEAs and non-profits (like charter school authorizers) to compete for funding. Applications will be submitted early in 2010 and the \$650MM in i3 funds must be allocated by September 30, 2010.

AOIS has an outstanding nine year track record in helping charter schools and authorizers to document oversight, achieve better audits and provide web-based document storage. AOIS is used every day in eight states plus the District of Columbia and helps 334 charter schools having over 900 users to document their compliance and oversight activities at a very high level.

A key component of the i3 funding formula is the requirement that the LEA have a partnership with the private sector that will provide 20% matching funds for the project. We can be your partner to meet that requirement. The Investing in Innovation Fund will provide a jump start once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to utilize the leading charter school compliance and oversight program at no cost for a five year period. Call Meghann Murphy at (616) 988-3215 to discuss your possible partnership today.



CC Completes Disaster Recovery Test

AOIS runs for a dozen authorizers on twenty servers located in our Michigan data center. One of the responsibilities we have is to annually conduct a Disaster Recovery Test (DRT). The premise is that a disaster has flattened our building and we have to restore all users, their data and all the software that protects programs and data from SPAM and viruses. The programs and data are read in from tapes stored off-site onto new servers. Our goal is to completely re-build the AOIS environment with each client's data running exactly as it did prior to the disaster.

Watching the DRT is like attending a carefully choreographed ballet performance. Things are happening, you're not just sure all of the constantly changing software release levels will play well together. This year was our second DRT and each time we complete it we add to our own knowledge base.

NACSA Conference Recap

This year's NACSA Conference was held in Salt Lake City, Utah and drew over 300 individuals. Corporate Computer was an MVP sponsor and provided the thumb drives used to store presentations delivered at the conference. The sessions were conducted by public officials, education leaders and entrepreneurs and provided information about innovative ideas and best practices to strengthen quality among charter schools.

We want to personally thank those who attended our 2nd annual AOIS user's group breakfast that was held during the conference. We enjoyed seeing our current clients as well as meeting with those who were interested in learning more about how AOIS would be a valuable oversight tool for their charter schools. During the breakfast, we showcased the enhancements made to AOIS in 2009 and listened to feedback in regards to those changes. We also discussed the opportunities to fund AOIS by applying for a grant from the Federal Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund.



Why AOIS?

Compliance

AOIS tracks the compliance status of each school authorized, and reports this instantly in a graphical interface that is easy to use.

Electronic Filing

AOIS is also an electronic filing system, so every document associated with schools is immediately available and can be accessed from any location.

Workflow

AOIS also incorporates a workflow system that informs employees when it is time to perform a specific task, and flows documents from employee to employee electronically, ensuring the work is done consistently among all schools.

Performance

AOIS also includes a performance module that tracks and reports student and school achievement.

CC Upcoming Events

Corporate Computer representatives will be attending the 2009 Florida Charter School Conference, November 16-18th in Orlando, Florida. We will also be attending the OAPCS Annual State Conference on November 16th and 17th in Columbus, Ohio. We would like to talk with those that are interested in Free Grant Assistance. We will be assisting a limited number of organizations to write their grant request for the Federal Investing and Innovation (i3) Funds. Our assistance will be provided at no cost to your organization! Please visit us at the Florida Charter School conference at booth #324 for more information. You can schedule a time to meet with Larry Brannan at the OAPCS Annual State Conference by calling (616) 988-3202.



AOIS Users Speak Out

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Why did you buy AOIS?

We had problems with documents being lost or misplaced. The office staff could not retrieve the information when it was needed. With AOIS, documentation is available to all staff and the schools when needed.

What do you like best about using the tool?

I like to save space and paper and I find data storage a great benefit. All of the schools information is available at my fingertips.

What would you tell someone else about the tool?

The positive attributes of the AOIS data storage system out ways the use of paper filing. We don't have to wait for a fax, snail mail, or email to obtain information from a school. They can submit it themselves.

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