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QWEST FOUNDATION, STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCE \$50,000 GRANT FOR TEACHERS AND TECHNOLOGY

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 6, 2007 – The Qwest Foundation and the Utah State Office of Education today announced the second year of a landmark program – the Qwest Teachers and Technology grant program – to provide teachers vital technology for their classrooms. The Qwest Foundation is once again providing a \$50,000 donation that will fund innovative technology grants so that individual teachers across the state can improve education in the classroom.

“Technology is moving quickly, and these hard-working teachers are doing a wonderful job helping their students understand technology and apply it, as well,” said Jerry Fenn, Qwest president for Utah. “My hat is off to these educators who think outside the box and help make technology education relevant and exciting.”

“Teacher use of technology in the classroom is essential not only for keeping Utah’s students up to date, but also in reaching our new technology-savvy students,” said Utah State Superintendent of Public Instruction Patti Harrington. “We thank our partners at Qwest for helping us recognize teachers who make good use of classroom technology.”

Application deadline is Nov. 30, 2007, to Rick Gaisford at the Utah State Office of Education, P.O. Box 144200, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4200. Last year, 117 teachers applied and 21 grants were bestowed. The average grant was \$2,500.

Grant proposals came from across the state -- with requests ranging from additional computers for classrooms to funding innovative ways to make curriculum more exciting and understandable for students. Teachers in seven different counties – Box Elder, Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, Juab, Sanpete, and Washington – submitted winning projects.

About Qwest Foundation

The Qwest Foundation's core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

About Utah State Office of Education

The Utah State Office of Education supervises Utah's public education system, which includes more than 500,000 students in 40 school districts and 53 charter schools.

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