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Solutia Education Connection Program

Technology for Alabama Schools

What: Solutia Fund program to provide computers and/or related technology to public schools in and near Alabama communities with Solutia plants - Anniston, Decatur & Foley

Why:
* Strengthen company ties to Alabama communities.
* Respond to community needs identified by leadership
* Prepare Alabama students for future technology based opportunities

Rationale: Supporting Solutia Fund's long-term commitment to science & technology education for benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence, in which its employees live and from which its future employees will come

Where:
Anniston: Calhoun, Cleburne, St. Clair & Talladega Counties
Decatur: Morgan, Lawrence & Limestone Counties
Foley: Baldwin County

Who: All public schools & school districts [county & city] eligible

Program:
* Offer to provide computers and/or related technology to improve technology access and programs, especially in sciences
* Solutia to work with small teams of educators from each school district to determine needs & how Solutia can best help
* Seek projects with broad impact within school district, complementing or expanding science & technology curriculum
* Priority on programs at high school level, but not restricted
* Initial program components in place by Fall 1999 or before

Timing: 3 year program commitment

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Funding: * Solutia Fund
* $250K/year

Selection: * Small team of educators & Solutia plant employees for each school district to review needs and develop brief proposal; site manager to be member of each team
* CAP members to be included as appropriate
* Final decisions to be made by Solutia Fund

Endorsement:* Endorsements by Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Education Association & Alabama Association of School Boards

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