

To meet the educational and employment challenges of the 21st century, today's students need access to computers and technology instruction. Computer training for Alabama's students is imperative as technology races ahead at a rapid pace, impacting all aspects of life.

With tight school budgets, Alabama schools have asked for community assistance in providing the technology opportunities to help students succeed.

The **Solutia Education Connection** is a partnership with schools in the Alabama communities where Solutia has plants to help respond to this need and to provide additional science and technology opportunities for students.

Endorsed by:
- Alabama Department of Education
- Alabama Education Association
- Alabama Association of School Boards

Solutia Fund
St. Louis, MO

Solutia Education Connection

A Technology Partnership With Alabama Schools

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The Goal

of the Solutia Education Connection is to improve technology access for public school students in the three communities where we operate plants in Alabama.

By partnering with public schools in these communities and working with local community leaders, the Solutia Education Connection will be a flexible collaboration between Solutia and school districts to help provide the right technology for students.

Through the Solutia Fund, the philanthropic arm of Solutia Inc., this program is available to all public school districts in our plant communities. The Solutia Education Connection builds on our long-term support for science and technology education. It is our commitment as a good neighbor to areas in which our employees live and from which our future employees will come.

Program Highlights

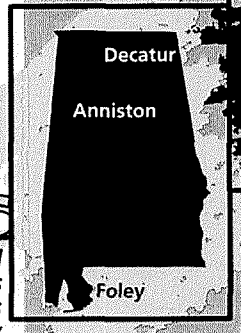
- Solutia offers funding for computers and related technology to improve student technology access, especially in sciences
- Grants are flexible to fit within each school district's existing programs and priorities
- Solutia will work with small teams of educators from each school district to determine their needs and how Solutia can best help
- The program seeks projects that will have a broad impact within each school district, complementing or expanding the science and technology curricula
- Priority will be for programs at the high school level, but funding is not restricted to high schools if districts identify other needs

Commitment

Solutia has made a 3-year commitment to the Solutia Education Connection

Communities

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



Selection Process

To apply, school superintendents should submit a proposal letter to the Solutia site manager near their district, outlining:

- The school(s) within the district where computers are needed
- The specific type of equipment requested
- Associated cost
- How requested equipment will be used
- How computers will benefit the students
- How new equipment supplements the school's long-range technology plans

All letters should be received before June 1.

A team of Solutia employees and retirees working with local community leaders will review the requests each year of the program and make recommendations to the Solutia Fund on fund allocations. The Solutia Fund will make decisions based on the working team's recommendations.

Grants will be announced during the early summer each year so that installation can be completed before the school year begins.

Deadline

- Proposals are due by June 1 in 1999, 2000 and 2001
- Initial program grants will be made by early summer

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