

## **Distributed Learning Workshop Call to Collaboration**

### **FY 2003-2004 Technology Initiatives Grant Program**

#### **Background**

For more than two years the Ohio Board of Regents has been supporting the Distributed Learning Workshop (DLW). The goal of this project has been to develop high-quality, modular mathematics courseware that maps to the Ohio Academic Content Standards and can be used to reduce the high cost of college remediation. The materials are a resource that can be used to help improve high school mathematics instruction and college level remediation. Because Ohio will have the right to unlimited use of these materials for K-12 and non-credit instruction, there is a large community that can potentially benefit from this courseware. It can be used to support remedial college, 8-12, and mathematics teacher education.

The Distributed Learning Workshop has been developing this courseware in consultation with an Ohio advisory board that includes representatives of university teacher education programs, K-12 schools, and community colleges. They have delivered most of the courseware and the remainder will be completed during the summer of 2003. As this happens, the time has arrived to start deploying and pilot testing these materials at Ohio schools, colleges and universities.

Recognizing the value of these materials, the Advisory Committee that guides the allocation of the Ohio Board of Regents' Technology Initiatives Grant Program has decided to focus part of its FY 2003-2004 funds on support for the initial deployment and enhancement of the DLW materials. For this purpose, the Technology Initiatives Advisory Committee has asked the Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science and Reading (ORC) to coordinate the development of a proposal to support the use and enhancement of the materials.

#### **Proposal Development**

Toward that end, ORC is convening a meeting of university or college education deans, 2-year chief instructional officers, and school superintendents. Attendees will have an opportunity to see these extraordinary materials as well as provide input on the deployment of this resource. Additionally, attendees will have an opportunity to become members of the pilot project.

I would like to invite you, or your representative, to attend this important meeting. The meeting will be held on June 13, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science, and Reading, 1929 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio (directions enclosed). A light lunch will be available at 12:00. Please respond to Gale Martin by phone at (614-247-6342) or email [gmartin@ohiorc.org](mailto:gmartin@ohiorc.org).

If you are unable to attend, but might be interested in learning more about the DLW or being a pilot site for the project, please contact Gale Martin. A subsequent conference call will be held later in June for those who are interested but unable to attend the June 13 meeting.

If you have specific questions please feel free to contact me directly at (614-247-6342) or [pkasten@ohiorc.org](mailto:pkasten@ohiorc.org).

Sincerely,

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**From Akron/Cleveland**

1. Follow I-71 South
2. Merge onto I-270 West
3. Take the OH-315/Olentangy River Road exit (exit number 22)
4. Keep left at the fork in the ramp
5. Merge onto OH-315 South
6. Take the Lane Avenue exit towards Ohio State University/Upper Arlington
7. Turn right onto West Lane Avenue
8. Turn left onto Kenny Road

**From Athens**

1. Follow US-33 West to Columbus (approximately 68 miles)
2. Take the I-70 West exit towards Columbus
3. Follow I-70 West to the I-71 North exit (exit number 101A) towards Cleveland
4. Follow I-71 North to the I-670 West exit (on the left)
5. Merge onto I-670 West
6. I-670 West becomes OH-315 North
7. Follow 315 North to the Lane Avenue exit towards Upper Arlington/Ohio State University
8. Turn left onto West Lane Avenue.
9. Follow Lane Avenue to Kenny Road and turn left onto Kenny.

**From Cincinnati**

1. Take I-71 North to Columbus
2. Take the US 23 South exit (exit number 100A) towards Front Street/High Street
3. Stay straight to go onto West Fulton Street
4. West Fulton Street becomes West Livingston Avenue
5. Turn left onto South High Street
6. Turn left onto West Goodale Street
7. Turn slight left to take the OH 315 North ramp
8. Merge onto OH 315 North
9. Take the Lane Avenue exit towards Upper Arlington/Ohio State University
10. Turn left onto West Lane Avenue
11. Turn left onto Kenny Road

### **From Dayton**

1. Take I-75 North to the I-70 East exit (exit number 61A) towards Columbus
2. Follow I-70 East to exit number 96 (Grandview Avenue) on your left
3. You will merge onto I-670 East
4. Take the Grandview Avenue exit (exit number 1)
5. Turn right onto Grandview Avenue
6. Follow Grandview Avenue to West Fifth Avenue and turn right
7. Follow West Fifth Avenue to Kenny Road and turn left onto Kenny Road