



## **Sixteen Southern States Gain Special Access to Multimedia Online Course Content from Monterey Institute for Technology and Education**

High School and College Students, Teachers Can Now Use Customizable eLearning Materials in Core Subjects

MONTEREY, Calif., November 7, 2007—A regional leader in helping state leaders create and expand effective uses of technology in schools and colleges, The Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) Educational Technology Cooperative has partnered with the Monterey Institute for Technology and Education (MITE) to provide high schools and colleges in SREB's 16 member states with online content from the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC). The general education course materials include text, streaming audio and video correlated to each state's approved curricular framework and textbooks.

"SREB states have been working together since the mid-1990s to develop and share quality digital content," says Bill Thomas, Director of the SREB Educational Technology Cooperative. "The MITE partnership gives all of our members access to NROC's library of 33 high quality online courses. NROC content helps us to achieve our goals of providing consistent online content to all the high schools in the region and maintaining a single online library where content can be kept up to date with minimal effort. Both of these factors provide huge cost savings to the states over each state developing and maintaining their own libraries."

NROC content is already being used in ten SREB member states including Kentucky, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. "Students and teachers love this content," says Linda Pittenger, Director of Kentucky Virtual Schools. "The multimedia format mirrors the kinds of environments where young people spend their free time, so it's much more relevant to the learning experience of this high-tech generation than textbooks and lectures alone."

Teachers will be able to customize the materials to enhance the learning experience inside the classroom, and to provide homework help for both remedial and advanced students.

NROC is a repository of rigorously reviewed and approved online courses for students and faculty in higher education, high school, and Advanced Placement®, suitable for advanced learners, credit recovery, home schooling, and general student use. The multimedia content includes lesson plans, simulations, and assessment tools for teachers; presentations and study guides in text or audiovisual formats for students. The library includes courses in algebra, US history, biology, American government, physics, environmental science, calculus, and more.

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**Southern Regional Education Board**, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization based in Atlanta, Georgia, advises state education leaders on ways to improve education. SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislatures to help leaders in education and government work cooperatively to advance education and improve the social and economic life of the region. SREB has 16 member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

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