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Subject: Information Technology Certification Contract with CompTIA

We are pleased to inform you that the California Department of Education has established a special partnership with CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association) that will allow all secondary/unified school districts, adult education programs, regional occupational centers/programs and community colleges to be members of the CompTIA - JOBS+ program. This program is targeted to recruit, train, certify, and help place new information technology employees.

Vendor-neutral certification examinations are available for students and instructors. The certification examinations include:

- A+ Core Services Technician Exam (JKO-221)
- A+ DOS/Microsoft Windows Service Technician Exam (JKO-222)
- Network+ Certification Exam (JKO-006)
- i-Net+ Certification Exam (JKO-004)
- Server+ Certification Exam (JKO-005)

Each secondary/unified school district, adult education program, ROCP and community college that chooses to participate will need to request a member ID number in order to log on to the CompTIA - JOBS+ web site and to purchase vouchers to pay for the certification exams. Member ID numbers are available directly from CompTIA by contacting Nicole Noonan by e-mail at nnoonan@comptia.org or by phone at 630-268-1818 x1323.

Information Technology instructors who are part of the CompTIA - JOBS+ membership will be able to receive a voucher that will allow them to take a certification examination one time for free.

The certification process is a voucher-only program with a minimum voucher order for each certification as follows:

A+	10 vouchers @ \$55 \$60 = \$550.00	\$600 minimum order
(Note: there are two exams required for A+ certification)		
Network+	5 vouchers @ \$95 \$100 = \$475.00	\$500 minimum order
i-Net+	5 vouchers @ \$95 \$100 = \$475.00	\$500 minimum order
Server+	5 vouchers @ \$95 \$100 = \$475.00	\$500 minimum order

Any number of vouchers may be ordered above the minimum order and do not need to be purchased in multiples of 10 or 5. Once purchased, vouchers in the JOBS+ program are valid for 18 months. The intent of this special contract with CompTIA is that the total savings in the cost of the vouchers will be passed directly to the students participating in the certification exams.

Vouchers are purchased directly from either Prometric or VUE who are the two organizations that administer the certification examinations. Additional information regarding purchasing vouchers and registering for certification examinations will be sent to your site once you obtain your membership ID number.

Neil Yeager, Education Programs Consultant, in the High School Initiatives Office will be coordinating the CompTIA program for high schools, adult education programs and ROCPs and may be reached by e-mail at nyeager@cde.ca.gov or by phone at 916-657-3474. Additional information is also available at the CDE web site located at www.cde.ca.gov/hsi/certifications.html

Community colleges choosing to participate in the CompTIA program will be coordinated by Kimberly Perry, Dean of Vocational Education Services at the Chancellors Office, California Community Colleges, who may be reached by e-mail at kperry@cccco.edu or by phone at 916-327-5494.

We are confident that the statewide partnership with CompTIA along with the efforts of outreach, curriculum development, certification, career development, and ongoing training will help to bring a significant number of Information Technology professionals into the industry.