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### **Schools in Arizona May Apply To Receive More Than \$100,000 In Prizes**

**Chandler, AZ. March 11, 2009:** Able Information Technologies ([www.ableinc.com](http://www.ableinc.com)), a provider of complete technology solutions for the past 16 years and the #1 E-Rate provider in the Southwest, announced today that it will be awarding schools in Arizona with over \$100,000 in technology products and services. Partnering with Able in this initiative are The Arizona Technology in Education Alliance (AzTEA [www.aztea.org](http://www.aztea.org)); The Arizona Technology Council ([www.aztechcouncil.org](http://www.aztechcouncil.org)); and The Greater Arizona eLearning Association (<http://gazel.org/>).

Through an annual program called "The IT In Schools Achievement Awards" ([www.Awards4it.com](http://www.Awards4it.com)), schools that are able to demonstrate how IT helped them achieve excellence may receive completely installed computer labs and other technology equipment. Brandon Ames, President and CEO of Able stated that "since school budgets have been cut so deeply, we decided to help by giving schools what we know best, which is building networks for kids." Mr. Ames added that "this program is also possible through the generous help from industry leaders and partners such as Enterasys, Cisco, Fat Pipe, The American Graduate School of Education, and several others."

"Qualifying to receive these prizes is easy", said Duke Merhavy, Director of Marketing at Able Information Technologies, the company who initiated the program. Mr. Merhavy added that "schools need to fill out a simple application which they can download from [www.awards4it.com](http://www.awards4it.com) and send it in by March 31<sup>st</sup>".

All schools K-12 in the State of Arizona are eligible to win. The Award Ceremony will take place in early May, in the Phoenix area, to which winning schools administrators and teacher will be invited.

### **About The IT In Schools Achievement Awards**

The IT In Schools Achievement Awards program was designed to celebrate and publicize achievements and accomplishments in Arizona schools. It was also designed to encourage school officials (K-12) to think of ways in which information technology has benefited the school, and share it with others. The program rewards schools for accomplishments and achievements stemming from IT implementations. For more information go to [www.awards4it.com](http://www.awards4it.com) or send an e-mail to [questions@awards4it.com](mailto:questions@awards4it.com)

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