

## **Nebraska eLearning Pilot Project**

Congratulations for being selected as one of fifty Nebraska educators for the Nebraska eLearning Pilot Project. The eLearning Project begins in May of 2003 and concludes in August of 2004.

As the purpose for this project is to measure the effectiveness of various course management programs with a variety of student populations, involvement in the project will benefit you in the following ways:

- You and your students will have one year's access (2003-04) to either WebCT or Blackboard eLearning courseware.
- You have an opportunity to participate in an eLearning strategies workshop.
- You have access to view other eLearning courses within your curriculum area.
- You have technical and instructional strategies support from experienced online instructors, through the supporting college and university, and the ESUs.
- Your ESU will serve as your lead contact for the statewide project.
- You will receive \$100 for attending the eLearning strategies workshop.
- You will receive \$300 upon completing all project obligations.
- You have an opportunity to register for graduate credit through the college/universities that are supporting your course management software.

Although nothing is guaranteed regarding the availability of the course management software, the grant directors for the project strongly feel that the research data will provide favorable support for the educational benefits realized from using this resource. Each participant in this project will play an important role in the future role of eLearning in Nebraska's education.

This project is being funded through a "Title II - No Child Left Behind" grant. Post-secondary institutions supporting the project include the University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Peru State College, and Wayne State College. ESUs supporting the project include ESU 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 18.

## Nebraska eLearning Pilot Project Agreement

Please complete the following agreement.

Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City-State-Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/topic area for this project: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a participant in the Nebraska eLearning Pilot Project, I agree to

- attend at least one eLearning training workshop
    - NDLA Conference - May 27, 2003
    - Omaha Westside - TBA Week of June 2-5 or June 9-12
    - MII - July 29, 2003
  - by September 1, 2003 submit a plan on how I will use the course management software in support of my fall semester course. Examples might include:
    - Who am I?
    - Course syllabus
    - Other course expectations
    - Student introductions
    - Course management tools you plan to use
  - by September 1, 2003 submit instructor and student expectations as a result of using the course management software. Examples might include:
    - Increased student participation
    - Increased technology use
    - Improved technology skills
    - Time saving
    - Money saving
  - by September 1, 2003, establish a presence for your fall class.
  - participate in four quarterly meetings during the 2003-04 term. These meetings will be arranged by your ESU lead using distance education system, online technology, or face-to-face.
  - support project research by
    - participating in at least two times each quarter on the Nebraska eLearnin discussion board.
    - completing and having your students complete a pre and post technical test
    - completing an exit survey
- Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_