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School Facility Grant Program Aids Educational Facilities in Need of Renovation

(Silver Spring, MD)—The [National School Supply and Equipment Association](http://www.nssea.org) (NSSEA) has awarded grants to 75 schools and districts as part of the School Facility Grant Program with more applications coming in daily. The grants fund the participation in the [School Equipment Show](#), the only event devoted to furniture, fixtures and equipment for education facilities. This industry-wide event taking place November 30-December 2, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas, offers an impressive lineup of education and over 350 booths of the latest products for the educational facilities.

Grant winners come from 34 states, Canada and the Philippines, and represent 2,548 schools with construction budgets totaling nearly \$4 billion. “Our commitment is to bring the most innovative product solutions to the nation’s learning environments, and our School Facility Grant Program is filling the void created by tight school budgets,” says Jim McGarry, President/CEO of NSSEA.

In addition to the many school districts and architects planning to attend the show, the School Equipment Show is the premier industry gathering for the distribution channel with sales meetings and training a major focus of the meeting. Registration is running 50% higher than last year, as a result of outreach to buying coops, peer groups, and new distributor sales meeting activity.

NSSEA has been working closely with industry partner, Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) to plan and promote a top-notch seminar program. In addition, the following organizations have signed on to support and promote this industry-wide event targeting the educational products market: US Green Building Council – Center for Green Schools; AIA – Committee on Architecture for Education; American Architecture Foundation; IFMA – Academic Facilities Council; BIFMA; National Clearinghouse for Education Facilities; American Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities; International Interior Design Association; and the Council of Chief State School Officials.

“We welcome the opportunity to serve the school facility marketplace as we transform the School Equipment Show into the preeminent meeting place for all the key players involved in creating innovative, high-functioning educational facilities from Pre-K through Higher Ed,” says McGarry.

The National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA) promotes an open marketplace for quality educational products and services that lay the foundation for a stimulating environment for teaching and learning. NSSEA’s mission is to serve the educational products marketplace by providing high quality trade shows that increase the productivity of the channel; networking opportunities to build relationships with trading partners; and market information on which to make solid business decisions. For more information, visit www.nssea.org.

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