

Global Grid Exchange Wins NASA Grant to Support Grid Training *Space Grant To Help Fund Global Grid Exchange Based Education Programs*

FAIRMONT, WV – The Global Grid Exchange™ (www.globalgridexchange.com) announced today, January 12, 2005, that it has been awarded a grant by the NASA Space Grant Consortium to develop grid computing educational components. These monies will focus on creating Global Grid Exchange training tools that can be used by students at Space Grant participating institutions throughout the State of West Virginia.

Specifically, funds will be used to deliver training programs and educational curricula including, among other things, an undergraduate curriculum course template, as well as, a corporate and continuing education certificate program for existing workers in high-tech.

The creation of these educational components will involve government, commercial, academic and non-profit entities including the West Virginia High Technology Consortium (WVHTC) Foundation, sponsor of the Global Grid Exchange; Parabon Computation, providers of the grid computing solution Frontier® which is used to power the Global Grid Exchange; the Network Learning Alliance, a virtual training environment designed to support the West Virginia information technology sector; and West Virginia University, through the Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

“The Global Grid Exchange programs developed as a result of this grant will advance our efforts to promote and support research in areas of interest to NASA by the scientists and engineers of our member organizations,” said Dr. Majid Jaraiedi, Director of the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. “Supporting the Global Grid Exchange in this way greatly enhances our mission to develop a statewide infrastructure that will increase West Virginia’s competitiveness in aerospace research and industrial activities.”

“These NASA Space Grant sponsored efforts will deliver much needed educational resources for grid computing users in general and customers of the Global Grid Exchange in particular,” said Amy Beaudry, Program Manager of the Global Grid Exchange. “Our ability to partner with such organizations as NASA to provide these resources to our users is further evidence of the market interest in the Global Grid Exchange. We look forward to meeting market needs and expanding our education offerings even more in the future.”

Available now, the Global Grid Exchange delivers unprecedented computing power – on demand – to any desktop computer over the Internet creating a cost-effective computation infrastructure that will drive innovation in the commercial, government and academic sectors around the world. Educational tools funded by the NASA Space Grant Consortium will be made available to users of the Global Grid Exchange web portal in fall 2005.



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About the Global Grid Exchange.

An initiative of the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation (www.wvhtf.org), the Global Grid Exchange is the world's largest open public Internet computing grid accessible by users directly from their desktops. Global Grid Exchange delivers unprecedented computing power – on demand –to any desktop computer over the Internet. Powered by Frontier[®] from Parabon[®] Computation, Inc., the Global Grid Exchange empowers users with an incomparable platform-independent grid computing environment for the easy development and deployment of distributed computing applications. For additional information about the Global Grid Exchange, visit www.globalgridexchange.com.

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