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Local Schools Receive Funding for Innovative Programs

May 19, 2010—BLOOMINGTON, IL—Corn Belt Energy is pleased to announce the four recipients of our annual Education Grants Program, which aims to support innovation in the classroom. We received 30 applications from local public and private schools which were reviewed and scored by a panel of three impartial judges. Each of these schools received a \$1,000 grant to fund their proposed project:

Annawan Grade School

Applicant: Justin Hovey, 4th Grade Teacher

Request: To purchase two Mimio interactive white boards for use in K-8 classrooms.

Le Roy Elementary and Middle Schools

Applicant: Charlene Bokesch-Parsons, K-7 Art Teacher

Request: To fund a visual arts interdisciplinary library for K-7 classrooms, including a visually rich collection of multimedia art history resources.

Trinity Lutheran School, Bloomington

Applicant: Karin Burwell, Lay Director of School Curriculum and Instruction

Request: To purchase and implement the Tri-Fit integrated health management program that allows educators to track fitness assessments and develop personalized health portfolios.

Tri-Valley High School

Applicant: Jeff Benter, Science Teacher

Request: To purchase the i>clicker classroom response system which will accommodate immediate student feedback and evaluation of material retention, providing valuable information to the instructor.

Corn Belt Energy is proud to support such innovative projects that will enrich students' education in these schools.

About Corn Belt Energy

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity and natural gas to over 33,500 members in 18 counties. We employ 90 people, maintain over 5,000 miles of line, and distribute electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. The largest energy cooperative in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing affordable, reliable energy. Governed by 14 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at www.cornbeltenergy.com.

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Hi-resolution photos of grant recipients receiving their checks are available upon request.