

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory sends computers off to school

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (operated by Battelle for the U.S. Department of Energy) is donating 25 computer systems to Gulf Coast schools. The donation is valued at \$50,125 and not only replaces computer equipment school children in the Gulf Coast states lost during the 2005 hurricane season but is a great reuse of valuable resources that PNNL no longer can use.

The donation is part of the Department of Education Hurricane Help for Schools project "to get schools affected by the Katrina and Rita hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region back up and running," explains John Jagelski, Business Support Services at PNNL. "We hope to be able to donate additional computer systems to the program later in the year."

The initiative at PNNL came about thanks to Lori Horsley-Fricke. She is responsible for PNNL's donation of computer equipment to the General Services Administration (GSA) Computers for Learning Program. GSA posted a message on their website to advertise the Department of Education project. That was all Lori needed: "I just thought as a government contractor we should be doing something."



Donated computer systems packaged for shipment.

In addition to computer systems, the Department of Education is coordinating the donation of desks, room dividers, bookshelves, filing cabinets, chairs and white boards. The Department of Energy fully supports the project and is encouraging all DOE facilities to participate in the program.

REFERENCES

For more information about the Department of Education Hurricane Help for Schools, please see their web site at: <http://hurricanehelpforschools.gov/>.

For more information about the General Services Administration Computers for Learning Program, please see their web site at: <http://www.computers.fed.gov/>.

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