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**NEVADA READY 21 DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM
ANNOUNCES CONTRACT AWARD TO CTL**

Carson City, Nevada - The Nevada Ready 21 program is pleased to announce the contract for the Nevada Department of Education's one-to-one digital learning initiative has been awarded to CTL, a computer manufacturing company based in Beaverton, OR.

Approved by the Nevada Legislature in 2015 as part of Governor Sandoval's commitment to improving Nevada schools, the program will provide an equitable, technology-rich education environment. "Nevada Ready 21 is a collaborative effort among the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada school districts, and our private sector partners. This program will help Nevada students develop the 21st century skills they will need as a citizen, in the workplace and in college," said Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Steve Canavero.

Nevada Ready 21 is a statewide initiative providing 24-hour access to a laptop for Nevada middle and high school students with the initial phase targeting middle schools. In addition to providing digital learning devices for each student, a "one-to-one" approach, the program will deliver comprehensive professional development training and support for teachers as well as improving broadband internet access in schools throughout the state.

"We're thrilled to bring digital-age learning opportunities to Nevada's students and teachers," said Kim Vidoni, PhD, State Educational Technology Director. Dr. David White, chair of the Nevada Commission on Educational Technology said, "The Commission has worked hard to put technology into the hands of students, and we're excited to see Nevada Ready 21 coming to fruition."

The student device selected for Nevada Ready 21 is the CTL NL6B Education Chromebook, a rugged laptop computer running the ChromeOS operating system from Google. Among the robust set of software applications provided by CTL is NCLab, a platform for learning coding and 3D modeling developed in Reno, Nevada. Each laptop will include web filtering software to help districts and families maintain a safe online environment for students.

“We’re very excited about the package we’ve put together with CTL and can’t wait to see what it enables Nevada’s students to create,” said Andy Jorgensen, Program Director for Nevada Ready 21.

Funds for the program are overseen by the Commission on Educational Technology. Middle schools participating in the initial phase of the program will be awarded in March, 2016 through a competitive grant process. Professional development for teachers and principals at participating schools will begin in late spring 2016 and continue throughout the program. Students will receive their new devices in the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

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For more information about Nevada Ready 21

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Legislative/Nevada_Ready_21/

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