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Idaho Commission for Libraries provides online career and academic preparation resources to state residents

BOISE, ID – Idaho Commission for Libraries launched its broadband stimulus project, “online @ your library,” with a statewide subscription to LearningExpress Library, an online learning platform for job and career advancement, test-preparation, and skill-building. Idaho residents, including the growing number of patrons seeking career guidance due to the current economic climate, now have free access to over 800 work-oriented and basic education resources and over 150 e-books through any of the public, academic, and school libraries within the state.

“One of the Commission’s highest priorities is building the capacity of Idaho libraries to help their clientele obtain the 21st Century skills required by today’s employers and academic institutions, enhance their careers, and get back to work. The Commission is pleased to provide access to LearningExpress Library and other online resources to Idaho libraries and all Idahoans,” says State Librarian Ann Joslin.

LearningExpress Library, geared toward both adults and students, provides up-to-date skill-building and test-preparation resources. Patrons can prepare for career certification and licensing exams in high-growth fields such as education, healthcare, civil service, and the military, as well as academic tests such as the GED, SAT, ACT, and GMAT. For job-seekers, LearningExpress Library features a robust job search and career skills help center with a guide to the steps of the job search process, from creating a resume and honing interviewing techniques to improving business communications skills. There are hundreds of



interactive skill-building courses in reading, writing, and math for all ages, as well as over 50 multimedia computer training tutorials for the most popular office applications. LearningExpress Library also includes interactive, self-paced study, instant scoring, and diagnostic feedback, and can be accessed at <http://lili.org> from any computer that has an Internet connection.

These online resources to support job-seekers are the first phase of the Commission for Libraries' stimulus project funded through the BTOP program. Other aspects of the two-year project include statewide online resources for K-12 students, expanding broadband connectivity and public computing capacity in Idaho's least connected public libraries, and providing library-based workshops centered around online and e-government resources.

"We are pleased to partner with the Idaho Commission for Libraries in offering our easy-to-use, proven learning platform on a statewide basis. We look forward to helping Idahoans obtain the 21st century skills so needed today to succeed in life," says Barry Lippman, president and CEO of LearningExpress, LLC.

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The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICFL) assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele. To learn more about ICFL, visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/>.

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