



Department of Education Establishes Statewide Contract for Electronic Student Tutorial Services

American Education Co., Edutron, MathMastery, Plato, Princeton Review, TestU
named in rollout of contract.

The Massachusetts Department of Education has, along with the Operational Services Division, established a statewide contract to allow school districts to purchase electronic (Internet or integrated network software) tutorial services. These services are designed to supplement learning of the knowledge and skills contained in the Learning Standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

These services, which are already used by many Massachusetts school districts, will determine a student's tutoring needs, address deficits and then indicate skill mastery or the need for further targeted work.

Vendors on this statewide contract are offering services to schools and districts:

- ***At a discount from their standard pricing***
- ***That have been qualified as being technically appropriate for Massachusetts schools***
- ***That have been determined to be aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.***

By buying services approved through a statewide contract, district business managers will enjoy the benefits of easier procurement.

The Department and the Operational Services Division have established this five-

year contract to help promote the use of this

technology statewide, and to promote the Department's interest in making technically appropriate, Framework-aligned services readily available from the vendor community.

These services are intended to assist teachers in the education of their students, and will help to generate content for the individual student success plans required for each student who has not passed the MCAS. They will also help to create an action plan for parents, teachers and students.

To review the products and services offered, refer to both of the following resources:

- 1) ***First, review the document titled the "OSD Update" relating to this contract.***
- 2) ***Next, review the document titled: "E-Tutorial Contractors Qualified Under Statewide Contract 02DCAPM1."***

Both of these documents can be found at <http://www.comm-pass.com> by clicking on the "search" link at the bottom of the page and entering the contract number: 02DCAPM1.

For an e-mailed copy of these documents, send a request to softwarecontract@doe.mass.edu.

This contract may be expanded in the future, providing additional opportunities for vendors to participate and/or by adding more categories of electronic tutorial services.