



## eMINTS PARTNERS WITH MY eCOACH® IN DEVELOPING PILOT COACHING PROGRAM

**Oakland, CA- October 18, 2004** –In partnering with My eCoach®, the eMINTS (Enhancing Missouri’s Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies) National Center, a collaborative education program sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the University of Missouri System Office of Academic Affairs, will build a program that sustains the current eMINTS 2-year professional development program so that eMINTS teachers will have opportunities to participate in a full ongoing support system.

My eCoach® will support eMINTS Area Instructional Specialists (AIS), and Cluster Instructional Specialists (CIS) as they use My eCoach® Online curriculum builders and communication tools to develop eMINTS instructional modules as online tracks. Two CIS will then be selected as eCoaches to coach veteran eMINTS teachers using My eCoach® Online’s environment as they receive on-going support in the form of resources, tools, and feedback from My eCoach® staff. This will allow for the extension of eMINTS professional development and collaboration among eMINTS veteran teachers and their coaches well beyond the intensive two-year program that eMINTS provides.

President and CEO of My eCoach®, Barbara Bray said, “We are excited to be working with eMINTS. Their goal in supporting educators to use innovative teaching practices that improve student performance and enrich instructional effectiveness fits with our core beliefs about teaching and professional development. We are delighted that as members of My eCoach® Online, eMINTS eCoaches and teachers will contribute to our growing community of forward-thinking educators.”

Director of the National eMINTS Center, Monica Beglau noted, “The eMINTS National Center’s goal of transforming education for all learners through high quality teaching powered by technology can be achieved through our work with organizations such as My eCoach®. We look forward to working together in improving how teachers learn new ways to help students learn.”

### About eMINTS

The eMINTS National Center serves as a resource base for Missouri schools and districts as well as for other states that wish to collaborate with eMINTS staff and with one another to replicate the eMINTS instructional model within their educational systems. For more information visit the eMINTS National Center website at <http://www.emints.org>

### About My eCoach®

My eCoach®, a division of Computer Strategies, LLC, provides professional development services, tools, resources, and products that allow school and university programs to facilitate the coaching and mentoring process and integrate technology seamlessly. Since 1991, Computer Strategies, LLC has delivered successful professional development solutions to the educational community. My eCoach® was formed in 1999 to expand the company’s coaching and mentoring division focused on personalized professional development for schools and universities. Computer Strategies, LLC is headquartered in Oakland, CA, with associate branches throughout the United States.

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