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Finding curriculum materials, lesson plans, classroom activities, and other instructional

materials in vocational education can be complex and time consuming. This Digest updates earlier ones (Wagner 1994, 1996) and includes a variety of sources--commercial, nonprofit, state, and Web based--for instructional materials. It includes information about finding materials in ERIC and through networking and lists some sources for borrowing and buying materials.

ERIC

The ERIC database is a good source of information about instructional materials. A search will lead you to curricula, project descriptions, lesson plans, classroom activities, task lists, and other resources. The database also includes materials on how to develop curricula. You can search ERIC on the World Wide Web <ericir.syr.edu/Eric/> and at most university, state, and resource center libraries. Staff at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education (ERIC/ACVE) will conduct a sample search for you. Contact ERIC/ACVE, 1900 Kenny Road, Columbus OH 43210-1090; 800848-4815, ext. 28625; fax: 614/292-1260; e-mail: ericacve@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu; <ericacve.org>.

NETWORKING AND LISTSERVS

Networking is an excellent way to find information and materials. Talking to colleagues about their successes and failures in finding materials and their most and least favorite resources provides educators with valuable leads. Listservs such as CAREERTECH <careertech@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu>, maintained by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education, are excellent for getting recommendations for materials. Subscribers are very willing to share their expertise and experiences. Other listservs of interest include those for business education <nbea-l@vml.cc.uakron.edu>, technology education <technology-edu@unixg.ubc.ca>, school-to work <stw-lc@ed.gov>, and training and development <trdev-l@psu>.

WORLD WIDE WEB

The World Wide Web is another great source of information for vocational/technical educators. Many commercial and nonprofit publishers--some of which are listed here--have websites that describe their products. Vocational Education Resources <pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/sorg/vocation.html> consists of annotated links that will lead you to a wealth of resources.

The following list of agencies that offer materials for loan and/or sale is by no means exhaustive. Rather, it is intended to help educators get started in their search for resources. It includes commercial publishers, curriculum laboratories, curriculum consortia, and state and national resource centers.

COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS



American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials



220 Smithonia Rd



Winterville GA 30683



800/228-4689; fax: 706/742-7005



www.aavim.com

Communication skills, agriscience, construction, electricity, engines, performance-based teacher education, consumer & life science, technology and industrial education. Print, videotapes, CD-ROMs, and multimedia.



American Technical Publishers



1155 W 17th St



Homewood IL 60430-4600



800/323-3471; fax: 708/957-1137



www.americantech.org/main.cfm

Boilers, building trades, culinary arts, electrical trades, graphics, maintenance, math, metal trades, power/energy, teacher education, Chilton repair manuals. Print, videotape, workbooks, resource guides, CD-ROMs, transparencies.



Educational Activities Inc



PO Box 392



Freeport NY 11520



800/645-3739; fax: 516/623-9282



www.edact.com/homepage.cfm

Math, reading and vocabulary, life skills, Internet training, maps and globes, biology and earth science, health. Computer-based materials, activity cards, CD-ROMs, multimedia, videos.



Glencoe/McGraw-Hill



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PO Box 544



Blacklick OH 43004-0544



800-334-7344 fax: 614-755-5682



www.glencoe.com/

Computer education, allied health, criminal justice, trade/technical education, business communication, student success, business, office technology, adult basic education.



Interstate Publishers Inc



PO Box 50



Danville IL 61834



800/843-4774; 217/446-9706



www.ippinc.com/~info-ipp/

Agriscience, technology education articulated curriculum, florist, aquaculture, turf management, horsemanship, animal science, farm management, soils, farm animals.



The School Co.



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Jackson WY 83002



800/543-0998; fax: 800/518-2514



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PO Box 2708 Dept F2



Charleston WV 25330



800/487-3392; fax: 800/900-5172

Engines, aerodynamics, aeronautics, food service.



Multimedia, CD-ROM.



South-Western Educational Publishing



7625 Empire Dr



Florence KY 41042



800/354-9706; fax: 800/487-8488



www.swep.com/

Webmaster training, business, career development, computer education, school-to-careers, health, office technology. Software, workbooks, videos, self-study modules.



Technomic Publishing Co



851 New Holland Ave



PO Box 3535



Lancaster PA 17602



800/233-9936; 717/291-5609



fax: 717/295-4538



www.techpub.com

Education reform, decision making, administration, technology, leadership, finance, assessment, school-to-work, at-risk, professional development. Print, videotapes, handbooks.

CURRICULUM LABS



Curriculum Materials Service (CMS)



254 Agricultural Administration Building



2120 Fyffe Rd



Columbus OH 43210-1067



614/292-4848; fax: 800/292-4919



ad254-5.ag.ohio-state.edu/OCMS/OCMS.html

All aspects of agricultural education. Software, videos, slides.



Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse



Western Illinois University



46 Horrabin Hall



Macomb IL 61455



800/322-3905; fax: 309/298-2869



www.wiu.edu/users/micpc/

Applied technology, agriculture, business, marketing & management, health, family and consumer sciences, tech prep workplace skills & career development, administration & supervision, special needs.



Instructional Materials Laboratory



University of Missouri-Columbia



2316 Industrial Dr



Columbia MO 65202



800/669-2465; fax: 573/882-1992



www.iml.coe.missouri.edu/

Academics, agriculture, business education, career guidance and school-to-work, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, industrial education, marketing and cooperative education, special populations, teacher resources, technology. Instructor guides, student workbooks, reference materials, CD-ROMs, videotapes.



Instructional Materials Service



Texas A&M University



Mail Stop 2588



College Station TX 77843-2588



409/845-6601; fax: 409/845-6608



www-ims.tamu.edu/

All aspects of agriculture and trade and industrial education.



Vocational Instructional Materials Lab (VIML)



Center on Education and Training for Employment



1900 Kenny Rd



Columbus OH 43210-1090



800/848-4815 ext. 28300



fax: 614/292-1260



www.cete.org/products/main/index.html

Integration, family and consumer science, professional development, career cluster instructional support materials, technical assistance/training. Computer-assisted materials, CD-ROM, multimedia.

CURRICULUM CONSORTIA

Many consortia produce materials for a single state or group of states. The materials are available for sale to anyone.



Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center (CIMC)



Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education



1500 W Seventh St



Stillwater OK 74074-4364



800/654-4502; fax: 405/743-5154



www.okvotech.org/cimc/

Workplace skills, agricultural education, business education, career information, school-to-work, technology education, family and consumer sciences, and health occupations. Software, videotapes, teacher and student guides.



Multistate Academic and Vocational Curriculum Consortium



1500 W Seventh Ave



Stillwater OK 74074



800/654-3988



www.mavcc.org/

Agricultural education, business/marketing, cosmetology, family and consumer science, health occupations, technology education, trade and industrial education, science. CD-ROMs, videotapes, print.



Vocational-Technical Education Consortium of States (V-TECS)



1866 Southern Lane



Decatur GA 30033-4097



800/248-7701 ext. 543



www.mindspring.com/~vtecs/products.htm

Competency-based outcome standards, curriculum materials, and assessment instruments. Print, software.

OTHER CURRICULUM DEVELOPERS



Agency for Instructional Technology



Box A



Bloomington IN 47402-0120



800/457-4509; 812/339-2203



fax: 812/333-4278; www.ait.net/

Math, workplace readiness, communication, technology education, employability skills, school-to-work. Videotapes, videodiscs, software, print.



Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development



1250 N Pitt St



Alexandria VA 22314



800/933-2723; fax: 703/299-8631



www.ascd.org

Problem-based learning, curriculum integration, performance-based assessment, multiple intelligences, educational management. Print, CD-ROMs, videotapes, audiotapes.



Center on Education and Work



University of Wisconsin



964 Educational Sciences Building



1025 W Johnson St



Madison WI 53701-1796



800/446-0399; fax: 608/262-9197



www.cew.wisc.edu

School-to-work, career education, employability skills, integration. Print, videotapes, CD-ROMs.



CORD



PO Box 21206



Waco TX 76702-1206



800/972-2766; www.cord.org

Applied academics, math, automotive service technology, laser/electro-optics, computer technology certification. Print materials.

STATE/REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

Many states have their own vocational/technical resource centers. A complete list of addresses for state departments of education is found at <www.iris.org/~nasdvtec/main.html>, <www.ed.gov/Programs/ERODmap.html>, or <www.ccsso.org/sea menu.html>; contact them directly for information about centers in your state.



Center on Education and Training for Employment



1900 Kenny Rd



Columbus OH 43210-1090



800/848-4815 ext. 26991



fax: 614/292-1260; cete.org/

Houses the Ohio tech prep, sex equity, and work force education libraries. Materials loaned to teachers within Ohio.



Curriculum Materials Library



Mason Library MS 3201



Keene State College



229 Main St



Keene NH 03435-3201



603/358-2750; fax: 603/358-2745



www.keene.edu/library/depts/cml.asp

Agriculture, business education, child care occupations; family and consumer sciences, health occupations, marketing and tourism, technology education, trade and industry. Lends materials to New Hampshire educators.



Illinois State Curriculum Center



Parkway Tech Centre



3430 Constitution Dr Ste 113-114



Springfield IL 62707



800/252-4822; fax: 217/206.6036



otel.uis.edu/iscc/index.htm

Lends task lists, resources on all aspects of vocational/technical/career education to anyone.



Pennsylvania Department of Education



Resource Center



333 Market St, 11th Fl



Harrisburg PA 17126-0333



800/992-2283; TTY: 717/783-8445 fax: 717/783-5420



www.pde.psu.edu/pderecr.html

Provides vocational education and professional development materials to educators in the state.



Virginia Vocational Curriculum Resource Center



2002 Bremo Rd



Richmond VA 23226



804/673-3778; fax: 804/673-3798



sun.vvcrc.tec.va.us/ordering.html

Provides a variety of products and services to vocational-technical education programs in Virginia.



Western Curriculum Coordination Center



University of Hawaii Manoa



1776 University Ave, UA 2-7



Honolulu HI 96844-0001



808/956-7834



www2.hawaii.edu/wccc/wccc.html

A fee-based information service

MISCELLANEOUS

Oklahoma Trade and Industrial Education odvtews1.okvotech.org/ti/links.htm

Links to many websites offering resources.



Putnam Valley Central Schools



putwest.boces.org/standards.html

Provides links to K-12 educational standards and curriculum frameworks.



Vocational Education Resources



pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~sorg/vocation.html

Offers links to many vocational education resources.



Workforce Preparation Curriculum Database



www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/workprep/welcome.html

Sponsored by the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, this database identifies materials developed by a variety of agencies.

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