TECH CORPS® and CyberSmart® Partnership Initiated

Maynard, MA – TECH CORPS and The CyberSmart! School Program have formally agreed to partner through an agreement signed on April 10, 2003. CyberSmart! created and distributes the free CyberSmart! Curriculum, a comprehensive set of lesson plans, student activities and related materials designed for K-8 teachers to teach the skills of safe, responsible and effective computer and Internet use. The CyberSmart! Curriculum is available at www.cybersmartcurriculum.org. TECH CORPS volunteers can assist schools by introducing the curriculum and assisting them with integrating their technology to optimize their investment and support learning.

Through this agreement, TECH CORPS will provide access to the CyberSmart! School Program through their Program Resources web-page. Additionally, CyberSmart! has provided TECH CORPS volunteers with a tool-kit designed to aid volunteers in implementing this program into schools. Complete with sections titled “Learning Materials For Volunteers and Tools For Schools, this tool-kit provides a guided, step-by-step way through the CyberSmart! Program.

Founded by Jim Teicher and Mala Bawer, both information industry executives and parents of school-age children, the CyberSmart! co-publishes its curriculum with MacMillan/McGraw-Hill. The curriculum offers the flexibility of non-sequential standards-based lesson plans and activities which can be implemented by teachers, librarians or media specialists. CyberSmart! has been cited by school districts nationwide, state departments of education, and major education associations. The White House included the CyberSmart! Curriculum as a resource in its National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace because of its positive, empowering messages impacting security, ethics and citizenship

CyberSmart! and TECH CORPS share common objectives for teachers’ technology use to become second nature so they can effectively utilize computers and online resources to have a positive impact on student achievement, and for students to become responsible, technologically literate 21st Century citizens.