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CTC Foundation Announces Grant Awards to Southwestern PA Organizations

Pittsburgh, PA, November 20, 2002 -Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., Chairman of the *CTC Foundation* today presented Regional Development Grant Awards from the *Foundation* totaling \$35,000 to four southwestern Pennsylvania organizations and one eastern Pennsylvania group. The award presentations took place at a special ceremony held at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) facility in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For the second time this year, the *Foundation* has presented such awards.

The organizations selected by the *CTC Foundation* to receive grant awards are: *The Energy Institute at Penn State University* to conduct a preliminary feasibility assessment necessary to design an advanced community energy system; *Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team* to develop and implement an environmental education/public awareness program; *Manchester Bidwell Corporation* to engage experts in the energy field to identify and analyze the technology solutions needed for high-tech greenhouse operations; *The Phoenix Awards* for support materials for the 2002 Brownfields Conference; and the *Urban League of Pittsburgh Charter School, Inc.* for its Charter School to purchase the Saxon Math Series, a proven, research-based series of booklets and information for a grades K-3 mathematics program.

Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*) established the *CTC Foundation* in 1998 to promote the application of innovative, scientific, technological and humanistic principles to enhance economic progress and the quality of life. In presenting the awards, Mr. Sheehan, who also serves as Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of *CTC*, noted, "These innovative projects funded today embrace many of the *CTC Foundation's* primary areas of focus, including education and training, advanced information technology, energy and the environment, and regional development. The success of the *Foundation's* efforts to address the immediate and long-term needs of people can only be realized through our work with grassroots organizations such as those recognized through these grants. We're extremely proud that NETL is serving as our host today. NETL's dedication and commitment to advanced energy technologies, education, environmental stewardship and community service stands as a model for governmental involvement and success."

Also present at the awards ceremony was Daniel R. DeVos, President and CEO of *CTC*. Mr. DeVos stressed, "We at *CTC* feel that it is our responsibility to assume an active, positive role in the communities that we serve. The *CTC Foundation* provides us with a valuable vehicle through which to promote regional development and an enhanced quality of life." In addition to these current grant awards, the *Foundation* has supported numerous other education and technology-based initiatives, including its multiyear contributions to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Science Bowl. Mr. James Ekmann, NETL's Associate Director, Office of Systems and Policy Support added, "These awards that were announced today by the *CTC Foundation* provide much-needed funding assistance to quality organizations that are engaged in programs and projects that will make a difference for residents of western Pennsylvania."

U.S. Representative John P. Murtha (PA-12) congratulated the *CTC Foundation* for its work and noted, "The *Foundation* continues to do a tremendous job identifying effective organizations engaged in meaningful initiatives that provide solutions addressing important needs throughout southwestern Pennsylvania."

CTC, the parent organization of the *CTC Foundation*, is an independent, nonprofit, applied research and development organization that provides management and technology-based solutions to a wide array of clients representing state and federal government as well as the private sector. Established in 1988, *CTC* operates from 18 locations throughout the United States with a staff of over 1,100 employees.