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United States Telecommunications Training Institute Launches New Online Learning Community Based on Enterprise Open-Source Platform

New platform will expand developing nations' access to vital ICT professional training

Baltimore, MD — The United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), a non-profit government-industry joint venture that provides tuition-free training in the area of ICT policy, management, and cyber security, in partnership with the Florida State College of Jacksonville, has launched a new online learning community (www.ustti2.org) for delivering training to key IT regulators, communications professionals, service providers and entrepreneurs in the developing world.

The USTTI curriculum currently offers more than 80 courses spanning a diverse range of subjects in the areas of management, policy and technical training, including e-government, distance learning, telehealth, women's leadership, satellite, broadband and wireless communication.

The new www.ustti2.org learning community is being delivered using joule®, an enterprise e-Learning platform managed and hosted by Moodlerooms, an e-Learning solutions provider. Joule is based on Moodle, the world's most widely-adopted open-source learning software which offers educators and students across the globe easy access to rich teaching and learning tools. The joule platform will also facilitate the seamless expansion of USTTI student offerings to include additional learning resources and tools through its mobile application and collaborative social networking capabilities.

"For decades, the USTTI has provided an invaluable service to the developing world and we're honored to be working with them," said Lou Pugliese, Moodlerooms Chairman and CEO. "The launch of this new online learning community is an important step in ensuring that professionals worldwide are keeping pace with the business and technological practices key to equity and success in the global economy."

In conjunction with the new community launch, the USTTI and FSCJ will be further expanding their already-broad curriculum to offer a new course on cyber security awareness and capacity building. The program will examine identity, financial and intellectual property theft, human exploitation, political espionage, and terrorism and sabotage, with an overview of best practices and adaptable policies.

"As global broadband proliferates, it is imperative that nations take the proper steps to secure their networks in order to fully enjoy the benefits of high-speed Internet," said Ambassador Phil Verveer, U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy. "While the need for cyber security is equally great across the globe, the pressing priorities of developing nations often leave inadequate resources for cyber capacity building. Therefore, USTTI and Florida State College are providing an essential service to cyber security officials in the developing world."

About the United States Telecommunications Training Institute

The USTTI is a non-profit joint venture between leading US based communications and IT corporations and senior federal government officials who provide tuition-free training in the areas of ICT policy, management, and cyber security to ICT professionals and regulators from the developing world. Since 1982, the USTTI has offered a total of 1,732 diverse training courses and graduated 8,493 women and men who are the key IT-communications regulators, managers, and service providers in 170 developing countries.

About Florida State College of Jacksonville

Florida State College at Jacksonville is a values-driven institution of higher education committed to ensuring that every student has an extraordinarily positive overall experience by providing:

- Excellence in teaching
- High quality courses, services and learning environments
- Innovation and flexibility in the delivery of courses and services
- Advanced academic technology
- Significant local scholarship resources
- Responsiveness to student, employer and community needs
- Emphasis on community quality of life and prosperity
- Encouragement and support of lifelong learning

About Moodlerooms (www.moodlerooms.com)

Moodlerooms provides educators and learners across the globe with adaptable, reliable and affordable e-learning. With turnkey software-as-a-service solutions for Moodle, Moodlerooms' customers receive the benefits of the most widely-used learning management system in the world with the comfort and assurance that come from enterprise-level enhancements, services, and value-added support. With an unwavering commitment to creating a more effective and engaging education community, Moodlerooms is the CHANGE you want e-learning to be. For more information on Moodlerooms, please visit www.moodlerooms.com.

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