

## Lesson Planet Named 2012 CODiE Award Finalist

## Company selected in the Best Education Reference Solution category

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SANTA BARBARA, Calif., March 26, 2012 —Lesson Planet, the leading online curriculum search solution for PreK-12 educators, has been selected as one of four finalists in the Best Education Reference Solution category for the Software & Information Industry Association's (SIIA) 27<sup>th</sup> annual CODiE awards. Lesson Planet provides educators with a convenient way to search 400,000+ teacher-reviewed open educational resources that can be narrowed by grade, subject, rating, and more to address specific student needs.

The prestigious CODiEs are the only peer-reviewed awards program in the software information industry. The category of <u>Best Education Reference Solution</u> honors services that most effectively package reference, library, or research information for educational purposes in K-12 and/or postsecondary markets. This year, for the first time in CODiE awards history, all nominated Education Technology products were reviewed solely by educators.

"As a former educator myself, I wanted to provide a convenient, time-saving way for teachers to find online curriculum resources," said Jim Hurley, Lesson Planet's Founder and CEO. "We are thrilled to be a Finalist in the CODiE awards. It's an honor to be recognized and validated as an innovator."

The next round of votes will be cast by SIIA members, including software, digital content, and other technology companies that address education needs. Winners of the Education Technology CODiE awards will be announced on May 7 at the <a href="Ed Tech Industry Summit">Ed Tech Industry Summit</a> in San Francisco. For a full list of the finalists, visit <a href="http://www.siia.net/codies/2012/finalists.asp">http://www.siia.net/codies/2012/finalists.asp</a>.

## **About Lesson Planet**

Lesson Planet (<a href="www.lessonplanet.com">www.lessonplanet.com</a>) is the leading online curriculum search solution for PreK-12 educators. The award-winning search engine enables teachers to easily search more than 400,000 teacher-reviewed curriculum resources within an online, professional community. Teachers can invigorate their curriculum and save valuable planning time by using search criteria



to narrow by subject, grade, 21st Century Skills, Common Core and state standards, and more. Founded by educators in 1999, the company is committed to helping teachers be great teachers. Every resource is reviewed and rated by Lesson Planet's team of credentialed teachers, providing quality members can trust. In addition to individual teacher memberships, schools and districts can subscribe to Lesson Planet's cost-effective and easy-to-administer <u>School Edition</u>. For more information, email <u>sales@lessonplanet.com</u> or call 888-217-7166.