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#### **1. Grab A Helpin' of GRITS**

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Check out the latest project from SEIR\*TEC. The Great Resources for Integrating Technology in Schools (GRITS) Project is a major component of the SEIR\*TEC program. It is meant to be a five-year, web-based endeavor for engaging teachers and students in the development, use and assessment of standards-based activities that promote collaborative constructivist learning. The resources will consist of scheduled activities for classes to participate in with others, ongoing collaborative projects among classes, copyright cleared pictures and audio files for use in presentations and publications, and connections to existing web quests and primary resources. For more information, visit the website.

URL: [www.seirtec.org/gritsonline](http://www.seirtec.org/gritsonline) or [www.gritsonline.org](http://www.gritsonline.org)

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#### **2. New Internet Search Tools Guide**

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The Florida Instructional Resource Center (ITRC), in collaboration with SEIR\*TEC, has just completed the fall 2000 update of the "Internet Search Tools Quick Reference Guide." This card has been distributed to over 250,000 teachers and students in the past three years and is updated

throughout the year. The most recent HTML and PDF versions of the card are always available for download at the ITRC website and may be duplicated by any educator for non-profit use. Limited quantities of the printed version of the card may be ordered free of charge to educators.

URL: <http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/iqr>

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### 3. Website for Rural School Resources

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"Navigating Resources for Rural Schools" is a new website developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The website provides links to data and information on current and changing conditions in education in rural America. The new website also has links to other information resources, including relevant department programs, research and promising practices related to rural education. Much of the information is from department-supported regional educational laboratories, the ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools, and the Distance Learning Resource Network.

Related URL: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ruraled>

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### 4. SUNRAY Virtual Library

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SUNRAY and The Florida ITRC are proud to announce the SUNRAY Virtual Library for Pre-service Teacher Educators. A searchable database of annotated links, this project is intended to serve College of Education faculty and their students. Categories include assessment, distance education, educational research, educational support organizations, foundations of education, and more.

Related URL: <http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/other/sunray/links/>

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### 5. Submissions for Technology Excellent Principals

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The Technology Excellence Awards, sponsored by HighWired.com, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, AOL@School, and T.H.E. Journal, recognize principals who have implemented new technologies at their schools. The program is open to secondary schools in the U. S.

Nominations for awards can be made by the principal or any other faculty member. Winners receive an expenses paid trip to the NASSP convention in Phoenix in March and a \$500 technology stipend for their school. Submissions are due November 10. More information can be found at the website.

URL: [www.highwired.com/techleaders](http://www.highwired.com/techleaders)

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## 6. Free Resources Available on Internet

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Educators may register for a free PDF file of the all new Fall 2000 editions of The Big Deal Book for K-8 Educators and The Big Deal Book of Technology for K-12 Educators. Both publications include close to \$1 billion in grant opportunities, thousands of dollars in free materials and equipment, hot websites for research and enrichment and best bets on technology training. Print versions are also available for a nominal amount.

Related URL: <http://www.bigdealbook.com>

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## 7. 21st Century Teacher Network

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This 21st Century Teacher Network website is dedicated to assisting educators in learning and using technology and successfully integrating it into their curriculum. Educators are connected with people and resources that support improved student learning through technology integrated curricula.

URL: <http://www.21ct.org/>

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