

# TECH CORPS AT-A-GLANCE

<b><i>Founded:</i></b>	1995, by Gary J. Beach, senior vice president of International Data Group and publisher of <i>CIO</i> magazine
<b><i>Goal:</i></b>	Dedicated to improving K-12 education at the grassroots level by helping educators effectively use technology in their schools. <b>TECH CORPS</b> ® supports the advancement of equal access to technology, technological resources and skills development for students across America.
<b><i>Mode of Operation:</i></b>	<b>TECH CORPS</b> is a national non-profit (501c3) organization that is funded through individual, corporate and foundation contributions and implemented through state chapters. A national staff oversees the <b>TECH CORPS</b> mission and agenda, assists in the formation and maintenance of effective state chapters, provides a national media focus, and ensures quality at all levels. The organization is driven by local technology needs and draws on the expertise and enthusiasm of technology-literate members of the local community.
<b><i>Unique Positioning:</i></b>	<b>TECH CORPS</b> distinguishes itself through its <b>People, Programs and Partnerships</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>TECH CORPS</b> recruits, places, and supports the highest quality volunteers from the technology community to advise and assist schools in the introduction and integration of new technologies into the educational system.</li><li>• <b>TECH CORPS</b> brings new technology resources to schools through national and local programs</li><li>• <b>TECH CORPS</b> brings education and industry leaders together to share a common commitment to helping schools integrate technology effectively into their teaching and learning</li></ul>
<b><i>National Sponsors:</i></b>	Cisco Systems, Inc., Compaq Computer Corporation, Intel Corporation
<b><i>National Headquarters:</i></b>	Maynard, Massachusetts
<b><i>National Programs:</i></b>	<b>CyberEd</b> – A classroom on wheels bringing technology training to educators, parents and community leaders in urban communities nationwide (MCI). <b>webTeacherO</b> – A free, online Web training tool for teachers (National Cable Television Assn.). <b>techs4schools</b> – Online technical support for K-12 schools ( Compaq Computer Corporation). <b>Internet Safety Training</b> – Internet safety guidelines, mousepads, screen savers, and curriculum materials (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Dr. Scholl Foundation). <b>Living Legacy Virtual Community</b> -- A program to encourage high school students across the country to construct Web-based oral histories and digital documents that tell the story of their respective communities (Intel).
<b><i>Representative Local Programs:</i></b>	<b>Wisconsin</b> and <b>Georgia</b> volunteers refurbish donated equipment, then provide the equipment and teacher training to the schools <b>Ohio</b> volunteers partner with teachers and students to train Student Technology Assistants, create Web sites and enhance curriculum with technology tools <b>Washington, DC</b> volunteers hold weekly workshops on Internet and networking basics for area teachers <b>New Jersey</b> volunteers, in collaboration with Prudential, conducted Y2K workshops in the schools
<b><i>Participant Benefits:</i></b>	<b>Students</b> , when they gain the rewards of school achievement and life/workforce skills <b>Schools</b> , when individuals share their technical knowledge and expertise as volunteers <b>Volunteers</b> , when they give of themselves <b>Industry</b> , when it can draw on a well-trained workforce <b>The Nation</b> , when it can successfully compete in a global market