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Vilcek Foundation funds computer education programs for immigrants

Grant goes to Washington DC-based Language, Education, and Technology Center

New York City, NY (August 30, 2012) — The Vilcek Foundation today named the Language, Education, and Technology Center (Language ETC) as recipient of a \$10,000 grant, earmarked for the purchase of updated software for its technology lab's computers, and to expand its computer literacy education program.

Language ETC is a community-based organization that offers English and literacy training to low-income adult immigrants in the greater DC area, regardless of ability to pay. Serving over 1,300 students annually, during a four-term school year, Language ETC offers courses in English as a Second Language (ESL), Spanish literacy, and computer skills.

“The Vilcek Foundation is thrilled to award this grant to Language ETC for the expansion of its technology education program. By providing learning resources—including a more comprehensive computer skills course, made possible by this grant— Language ETC opens professional doors to low-income adult immigrants, enriching not only the lives of its students, but also the wider community,” said Rick Kinsel, Executive Director of the Vilcek Foundation.

“As an organization that celebrates the accomplishments of foreign-born individuals living in the United States,” he added, “we are proud to support Language ETC’s efforts to foster a multicultural learning environment, as well as ensure future opportunities for student development and growth.”

For more information about Language ETC, please visit www.languageetc.org.

To review the Vilcek Foundation’s full grant history, please visit www.Vilcek.org.

About the Vilcek Foundation:

The Vilcek Foundation was established in 2000 by Jan and Marica Vilcek, immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia. The mission of the Foundation, to honor the contributions of foreign-born scholars and artists living in the United States, was inspired by the couple’s careers in biomedical science and art history, respectively, as well as their personal experiences and appreciation for the opportunities they received as newcomers to this country. The Foundation hosts events to promote the work of immigrants, awards annual prizes to prominent immigrant biomedical scientists, and sponsors cultural programs such as the Hawaii International Film Festival. For more information, please visit www.Vilcek.org.