

Enlightening the Minds that Determine Our Future by Trish Kanagy, Development Manager, SME Foundation

John Christensen, the author of “Global Science-Energy, Resources, Environment” has been successful in securing a pilot program for the seventh edition of the textbook in Charlotte, North Carolina with the International Studies School of Garinger partnering with the Earth Environmental Science teacher, Mary Carroll Alexander. “Global Science” is an integrated textbook combining life, earth and physical science with chemistry and physics to provide students with a complete view of their world.

North Carolina adopted a statewide math curriculum which was implemented this year, but because of the expense, has delayed the adoption of a science textbook. Ms. Alexander’s class will have the opportunity to utilize “Global Science” to see if it meets the state’s requirements. If it does, “Global Science” could be chosen as the textbook statewide.

Ms. Alexander is very interested in “Global Science” because of its emphasis on energy and mineral resources. Her class meets every day for 90 minutes.

The publisher, Kendall/Hunt, is providing the Teacher Edition as well as the Exam View Test Generator.

Ross Bhappu, SME member and Mii Leadership Council Member, and his company, Resource Capital Funds, located in Denver, Colorado has agreed to underwrite the cost of the project which includes 28 Global Science textbooks and \$1,000 for lab equipment, for a total of \$3,000.

As you know, gifts such as these are so important to the industry. By supporting the many facets of the SME Foundation, there is a tremendous opportunity to enlighten the young minds that will determine the future of the mining/mineral/energy industries.

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