Project Abstract

The South Carolina Department of Education requests [redacted] for South Carolina’s Return to Learn: Delivery Quality Instruction Virtually Anywhere (SCR2L) to provide all South Carolina (SC) students with a high quality, robust digital education ecosystem to support continued learning through digital learning resources that can be accessed via a myriad of platforms. The objectives are

1. Increase availability of remote learning resources to students and teachers in areas of SC that lack broadband access;
2. Improve education resources for specific, identified gaps by developing and curating engaging, high-quality content;
3. Increase teacher experience, confidence, and proficiency with remote learning technology and resources; and
4. Improve communication between families, teachers, and schools to support remote learning.

Key activities include the acquisition and development of quality digital content, deployment of datacasting and subsequent training of teachers and staff, the expansion of the SC Remote Learning Web Portal, and the development of online VirtualED courses. Funds will enable the staff needed to carry out all aspects of the project, the hardware and software necessary for the development of learning objects and online courses, datacasting to reach families lacking internet access, statewide professional development on new resources and digital learning, and informational materials to promote remote learning and the developed resources to parents and students outside of the public school system.

The SCDE will partner with the SC Education Oversight Committee (EOC), SC Educational Television (SCETV), and SpectraRep to carry out activities for the SCR2L.