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**Monarch Teaching Technologies awarded a \$730,000 grant from
National Institutes of Health for VizZle®**

Advancing visual learning, NIH reviewers cite “ideal approach” and “huge potential”

Shaker Heights, Ohio (June 27, 2011) – Monarch Teaching Technologies (MTT) received a \$730,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II grant program to continue development of VizZle®, a web-based authoring tool used to create interactive, visually supported curriculum for children with autism and other learning challenges.

The highly competitive federal grant will provide resources for MTT to evolve the video modeling elements within VizZle from their successful basic prototypes into expanded, more sophisticated tools. Continued development of the VizZle platform based on teacher and school district feedback is transforming the special education classroom to educate students more effectively and efficiently.

“This grant reaffirms our reputation as a leading edge developer of superior educational software for teaching children with autism. More importantly, it allows us to accelerate adding more tools for teachers and kids who need access to supports and special resources to succeed,” said MTT CEO, Terry Murphy. Project collaborators include Easter Seals, Joshua School (Denver), Monarch School (Cleveland), Childrens Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School researcher Howard Shane, PhD.

About VizZle

VizZle, produced by Monarch Teaching Technologies, is an easy-to-use, web-based authoring tool that empowers educators to create fun, interactive, visually-supported curriculum customized to the needs of children with autism and other learning challenges. Using any of the thousands of pre-made lessons from the peer-reviewed shared library or using lessons created with flexible templates and thousands of in-program or imported images, audio and video clips, teachers can track improved outcomes by IEP goals or any state standard.

<http://www.monarchteachtech.com/vizzle>

About Monarch Teaching Technologies

Monarch Teaching Technologies, Inc. ([monarchtt.com](http://www.monarchtt.com)) provides cost-effective, technology-enhanced solutions for more effective instruction for children with special learning needs. After a four-year R&D collaboration with researchers funded in part by NIH grants, the company introduced VizZle for the general market in 2009. For more information on VizZle or Monarch Teaching Technologies, visit <http://www.monarchtt.com>.

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