

Press Release

8e6 Technologies Adds 165 New Education Customers in 2008

Customers Include over 30 Percent of Top 100 Districts

Extends Position as Leader in Web Filtering for the K-12 Market

8e6 Technologies, the leader in Internet filtering and reporting for the K-12 market, recently announced the company won 165 new K-12 education customers in the first two quarters of 2008. With the addition of Western Ohio Computer Organisation and the State of Connecticut, among others, 8e6 Technologies now boasts nine state-wide contracts; 50 percent or more of the state Internet service provider (ISP) contracts in Iowa, Texas and New York; and the five largest Florida districts as customers.

The company continues to maintain its position as a leader in securing the online learning environment. 8e6 achieved over 80 percent annual growth in new business as compared to the same period in 2007, and today, 8e6 Technologies' filtering technology protects over 10 million students worldwide. In 2008, the company also expanded its partnership with CDW Government, Inc., a leading industry source of technology solutions for government, education and healthcare, positioning 8e6 to further expand its role in providing a safe learning environment for online education.

"Since 8e6 was founded in 1995, school districts, state departments of education and educational service agencies have turned to 8e6 Technologies for the industry's highest level of Web filtering," said Paul Myer, president and COO of 8e6 Technologies. "8e6's appliance-based solutions effectively filter Internet traffic, identify the users who violate Acceptable Use Policies and arm IT administrators with the technology and information needed to maintain a safe learning environment for their students."

As online learning programs became widespread, 8e6 extended its product line beyond their flagship URL-based 8e6 R3000 filter to include reporting and monitoring appliances, and laptop filtering software for both PCs and Macs. Today, 8e6 has the most comprehensive, yet easy to install and manage, online safety product portfolio on the market. The 8e6 Labs team ensures their products are engineered to stay one step ahead of emerging threats to online learning, as evidenced by their built-in pattern-based proxy blocking capabilities and this month's addition of non-browser application pattern blocking, including bandwidth-consuming streaming media and online games.

"Six months ago, Web-based proxy use was becoming a wide-spread problem across our 30+ districts and we knew we needed a filtering solution that could prevent students from accessing blocked sites via the growing number of proxies out there," said Mike Wagner, network administrator at Western Ohio Computer Center, an Information Technology Center (ITC) that provides Internet connectivity and Internet filtering to over 30,000 students in area K-12 school districts. "We evaluated a number of filtering solutions and were pleased to learn that 8e6 had the built-in capability to block proxies, as well as other non-approved sites and applications like games and IM. We've only been using 8e6 for a few months now but are confident that this is the right solution for us."

A winner of the 2007 *Technology and Learning* Award of Excellence and pioneers in establishing safe 1:1 laptop initiatives, 8e6 Technologies offers numerous resources and best practices for securing the online learning environment. A one-stop-shop for information and technology solutions, 8e6 supports districts of all sizes who are struggling with budgetary and resource limitations. Whitepapers and guidelines for enforcing Acceptable Use Policies, implementing safe 1:1 laptop programs, battling proxy use and safeguarding students against the dangers of MySpace and other social networking sites are among the free resources available.

8e6 Technologies offers up to 30 percent off purchases of Web filtering, reporting or monitoring solutions.

About 8e6 Technologies

8e6 Technologies is the leading independent provider of Web filtering and insider threat management solutions for government, education and mid-size to large enterprises, protecting millions of users worldwide. The company's award-winning appliance suite requires no additional infrastructure or software to install, resulting in lower total cost. 8e6 is recognized for its real-time analysis, reporting capabilities and unmatched forensics that helps ensure student safety and reduce security, legal and compliance risk. The company's solutions are customizable to meet individual customer requirements, yet are powerful enough to meet the performance demands of state-wide agencies and large districts.