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### Ecolab Foundation Awards \$1.1 Million to Teachers in 2016 Through Visions for Learning National Educator Grants Program

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, has awarded \$1.1 million in grants to K-12 educators throughout the U.S. through the Ecolab Foundation's 2016 Visions for Learning Educator Grants program. The Visions for Learning program provides K-12 teachers with funds to purchase equipment and materials to enhance the classroom experience for their students. In 2016, more than 680 grants were provided through the Visions for Learning program, benefitting nearly 340 schools and more than 150,000 students nationwide.

"Ecolab Visions for Learning Educator Grants support the incredible work teachers are doing in their classrooms to augment basic skills instruction," said Kris Taylor, vice president of Community Relations at Ecolab. "Teachers submit applications for materials to make their lesson plans more engaging for students, creating richer educational experiences that will better prepare young people for successful futures."

Since the program began in 1986, more than \$13.9 million has been distributed to teachers in classrooms across the U.S. The 2016 Visions for Learning program included the distribution of \$244,000 in grants to educators in St. Paul, Minn., the home of Ecolab's world headquarters.

Projects funded through this year's grants include reading materials for Spanish, Native American Culture and English Language Learner classes, supplies for an underwater robotics class, trigonometry surveillance kits, materials for a multicultural poetry publication class, and resources for an elementary school wind column experiment.

The Ecolab Foundation contributes to the quality of life in the communities where the company operates, supporting organizations and programs focused on youth and education, civic and community development, arts and culture, and the environment and conservation. For more information on the Visions for Learning Educator Grants program, visit <http://www.ecolab.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-involvement>.

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