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EduNeering

ComplianceWire: An Internet-based learning and management platform designed to meet the high security needs of FDA-regulated organizations. A fully validated system, the technology provides full compliance with 21 Food and Drug Administration CFR Part 11 requirements, and supports quality and validation constructs as defined by the government's Good Laboratory Practices (GLPs), Good Clinical Practices (GCPs), Good

Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), and Quality System Regulations.

KnowledgeWire: A technology-enabled platform that streamlines and enhances an organization's learning, compliance, and business performance initiatives. Like ComplianceWire, KnowledgeWire is provided via a supported platform model through EduNeering's company-owned data center. The Internet-based platform supports standardized and customized training; risk identification and mitigation; information distribution and validation; critical document management; and audit-ready recordkeeping.

GeoLearning

GeoLaunch: A new subscription-based learning management system (LMS) designed specifically for organizations with less than 1,000 employees. This on-demand solution delivers LMS capabilities (registration, tracking, and reporting of online training and instructor-led training; classroom scheduling; searchable course catalog; development planning; as well as tools for creating courses, tests, and assessments). A subscription to GeoLaunch includes access to 317 e-learning courses in four core business skill areas: business and professional development, desktop computing and information technology, workplace safety, and human resources compliance.

Cost for GeoLaunch ranges from \$40 to \$48 per user per year depending upon the number of learners. For example, a one-year subscription for 1,000 learners and two administrators (which includes on-demand access to the LMS and all 317 courses) would roughly cost \$40,000.

Illuminate

Illuminate vRoom: A free, three-seat virtual office for both academic and corporate users that features most of the functionality of the vendor's Illuminate Live! products. Users are able to integrate online interaction into their daily activities, such as one-on-one meetings, virtual office hours, mentoring, tutoring, training, interviews, and small group work. vRoom is optimized for low bandwidth connectivity, and works on multiple platforms. The technology also features real-time collaboration tools, including two-way audio, interactive whiteboard, direct messaging, application sharing, file transfer, synchronized Web tour, live Webcam, video, multiple language translation, and breakout rooms for up to three participants. Virtual tools allow moderators to create content, conduct presentations, facilitate meetings, and control participation.

Illuminate vRoom is available now, but requires a 10 MB free disk space, sound card with microphone and speakers (or headset), and a minimum Internet connection of 28.8 kbps.

SumTotal

Toolbook: An authoring tool that enables the creation of training and software simulation content.

ToolBook Instructor: Provides an authoring solution to create Web-based training, computer-based training, software application simulations, kiosks, and highly interactive e-learning content.

ToolBook Translation System (TTS) version 1.0: Allows customers to translate e-learning content for global workforces. It identifies the elements of an online course that need to be translated—and serves up the content for a translator to work on—while preserving the course format and design.

SumTotal Enterprise Suite 7.5: Talent management software that delivers and manages training, and supports succession planning. The suite includes TotalLMS, TotalLCMS (Learning Content Management System), virtual classroom software, and performance and compensation software.

TotalPerformance: Supports business strategy through goal management, develops succession plans, identifies high-performing workers, and automates appraisals.

ResultsOnDemand: SumTotal's ResultsOnDemand suite provides the tools offered in SumTotal Enterprise Suite in a hosted online solution.

SumTotal offers perpetual and term licenses, as well as usage-based pricing. For example, if a company buys SumTotal Enterprise Suite 7.5 for 10,000 users, pricing for licenses only would range from around \$25 per user (term pricing) to approximately \$50 (perpetual license). Maintenance price is generally 20 percent of the license fee. Per user pricing for ResultsOnDemand hovers around \$3; one license for the ToolBook Instructor product is approximately \$2,400; and the TTS product license is approximately \$1,000.

KnowledgePlanet

FireFly Publisher: A Web-based collaborative authoring environment that enables globally dispersed teams of any skill set—author, designer, subject matter expert, business sponsor, and reviewer—to simultaneously create interactive e-learning in real-time. Authoring capabilities are combined with a central repository for storing and reusing all course elements and media.

LearnKey

Learning Windows Vista and Learning Office 2007: Courses that provide a tutorial on Microsoft Windows Vista and Microsoft Office 2007. The Windows Vista training course consists of three sessions, each covering a new functionality of the Vista operating system, and its relevant peripherals. Employees learn how to maintain and utilize the program to maximize personal and organizational benefit. The Office 2007 course includes instruction on using the program's new built-in tools and format options, and how to easily change a document into HTML text.

Learning Office 2007 sells for \$90 for a single user, or \$315 for multi-user formats. Learning Vista starts at \$105 for the six-hour training module.

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