

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

iEARN, the International Education and Resource Network, proposes to utilize its Internet-based educational network to mobilize Belarus and U.S educators and students to collaborate on the second year of the *Clean Communities Through School Partnerships*, an initiative to study and to take action on pressing local and regional waste management issues. The two partnerships are:

- **School-Lyceum #1** in Grodno, Belarus and **Frederick Douglass Academy** in New York, NY
- **Gymnasium #11** in Minsk, Belarus and **The International Preparatory School** in Cleveland, OH

Each school will host one to two educators and four students for three weeks and engage in Internet-supported thematic collaboration. Activities will include academic studies and community service focused on local, regional, and national waste management issues, such as landfills, nuclear, chemical and biological waste disposal, sewage treatment, incineration plants, and recycling. Participants will collaborate in the *Clean Communities* Internet discussion forum throughout the duration of the program, publish multilingual articles in iEARN's environmental magazine, *Planetary Notions*, and present their projects at the *YouthCaN* conference in New York City in April 2002.

The program will directly involve 22 exchange participants, more than 1,000 students, educators, and waste management professionals in each of the countries, and will be accessible via the Internet to 400,000 iEARN teachers and students in 93 countries. iEARN requests \$48,900 from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for the \$75,000 program, which will begin on August 1, 2001 and conclude on July 31, 2002.